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NEWS SERVICE ITEMS: INTERNAL - INFORMATION ABOUT BRAZIL SECTION LEVEL   ACTION
                    INTERNAL/EXTERNAL - GREENNET SYSTEM (If you have any contacts with computer journalists or computer publications they may be interested to see this item)

PLEASE NOTE: The news release on Haiti referred to in the urgent note to press officers sent out on Friday 5 August is currently going through approvals and should be ready by tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES

** India - 16 August ** - Please note this is now back on the news schedule, there will be a news release dealing with the report and the response from the Indian government to the report.

Kosovo - 19 September - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

Algeria - first week of October - SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

France - 12 October - SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

TARGETED AND LIMITED NEWS RELEASES

Bhutan/Nepal - 25 August - See news service 168/94

Brazil - 14 September - SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

Togo - 15 September - See news service 168/94

Indonesia - 28 September - LAUNCH OF CAMPAIGN

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Brazil : 14 September 1994

The international launch of **Beyond Despair : An Agenda for Human Rights in Brazil** will take place on 14 September with a press conference in Brasília.   Details of the press conference will follow for forwarding to the media.

A press release will be sent to Sections on 25 August.

The **Section Level Action Circular AMR 19/14/94** sent to Sections in the Weekly Mailing of 3 August provides a number of suggestions for press work including trying to interest TV & print media in AI's concerns and human rights stories in the run up to Brazilian presidential elections.

The External Document **Beyond Despair : An Agenda for Human Rights in Brazil AMR 19/14/94** should be going out in the 10 August Weekly Mailing.

A circular with **10 Appeals Cases AMR 19/16/94** will follow, as will copies of the short story, **The Bones of Hope** by Lídia Santos in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Arabic. a;sp useful for press work.

An 8 minute **Electronic News Release** is being prepared which can be offered to TV stations for broadcast.   Material will be in English and Spanish. The ENR will include an interview with researcher Francisco Panizza, an interview with some of the mothers of Acari whose children "disappeared" in 1990, footage of death squad victims' bodies in Rio de Janeiro, and possibly of a lynching in Matupá, Mato Grosso.

For reasons of budget and timing, **the ENR will not be sent automatically to Sections.   Therefore if your Section believes it can use the material please order a copy from Anne Jenkins in Information Services Unit by 12 AUGUST by fax or e-mail. (No e-mail messages after 12 August as Anne will be away; faxes can still be dealt with).**   The ENR will be available in Broadcast Quality and VHS for viewing.   If you make your order, the tapes will be sent to you in line with the video standards your Section normally uses.   Please advise of any changes to these standards if relevant.

International press coverage has an important impact on public debate in Brazil.   International coverage of AI's Focus on Killings and Cruelty against Children September 1990 - is credited in one recent academic study with firmly placing the issue of killings of street children on the political policy agenda in Brazil.   Therefore media coverage will be an important element in this Section Level Action.

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The following is principally for your information.   However, if you have contacts in NGOs please let them know about our database on the GreenNet system and if you can think of other ways of advertising our database it would be most useful.   GreenNet is widely used by other NGOs.   If anyone needs to find out more about GreenNet, the contact address is:

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EXTERNAL

<u>AI DATABASE ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS GOES PUBLIC</u>

The International Secretariat of Amnesty International has made its database of external materials available on the networks of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC).

        The database, AIDOC, is posted on GreenNet and is available to other networks of the APC.

        GreenNet is a non-profit communication and information system based in London, England. It is part of a network called the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), a worldwide partnership of networks dedicated to providing low-cost computer communications services to improve networking and information sharing among organizations and individuals working for environmental sustainability, social and economic justice, universal human rights and peace. The APC has networks in over 25 countries, as well as links to the Internet and other public networks.

        To carry out searches on Amnesty International's database, GreenNet users log into the host system using their personal computer and a telephone link, and then they have access to a full list of Amnesty International's external documents from 1988 onwards. Use of the database is free.

        The AIDOC database includes the index number, title, keywords and, in many cases, short summaries of all documents published by the International Secretariat of Amnesty International. The documents listed are AI publications, circulars, news releases and Urgent Actions, along with articles from the Amnesty International Newsletter and Amnesty International Annual Report entries. AIDOC is in English but includes French and Spanish titles.

        Copies of the full text of all documents described on the AIDOC database can be obtained from the offices of the Amnesty International Sections, and a current address list of all Sections is included on the database.