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## INTERNAL

**PLEASE NOTE:** Further to my note in news service 210/94 only three sections have so far returned the accomodation forms enclosed in the information sheet sent out by the Dutch section for the European Press Officers meeting. Please would those sections who have not replied get back to Maud Bredero as soon as possible so she can go ahead with booking the accomodation. Many thanks - Dina S.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS RELEASES**

Indonesia - 0400 hrs GMT 28 September - SEE NEWS SERVICE 215 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PANEL AT PRESS CONFERENCE LAUNCH

France - 12 October - SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

Algeria - 25 October - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE. SEE NEWS SERVICE 137/94

APEC - 3 November -SEE NEWS SERVICE 212/94

## **TARGETED AND LIMITED NEWS RELEASES**

Turkey - 14 October - SEE NEWS SERVICE 181/94

Iraq - 29 November - SEE NEWS SERVICE 212/94

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**HAITI: INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION NEEDED INTO KILLINGS**

In the wake of the killing of up to 10 Haitian policemen and paramilitaries by United States forces, Amnesty International called for a full, impartial and independent investigation into the incident to determine if international standards on the use of lethal force were violated.

"If the only investigation that takes place is conducted by US and/or Haitian military authorities in Haiti, such an investigation will be considered inadequate because it will not be carried out by an independent body," Amnesty International said.

"A full, independent and impartial investigation is needed to clear up any questions about whether excessive force was used in the incident," the human rights organization said. "The findings of any investigations into this weekend's incident should be published promptly."

Military forces acting in Haiti under United Nations authority are bound by international human rights standards and international humanitarian law, Amnesty International said.

When US forces are carrying out law enforcement activities, such as crowd control, arrests and detentions, they should abide by the international principles that cover the conduct of law enforcement, the use of force and firearms and the treatment of prisoners, the organization said.

Amnesty International called for the expedited arrival of the UN monitoring presence, as foreseen in the Security Council's Resolution 940 that authorized the multi-national intervention in Haiti, which would observe and report on the revised US military operation.

The organization also repeated its call for a monitoring presence to be provided by the Organization of American States/UN civilian human rights mission (MICIVIH) that was expelled in July, but only if the security of its members is assured and all authorities in Haiti give their cooperation to the mission.

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