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Human Rights Day: Secretary General Irene Khan to address The Elders' event in Cape Town

Amnesty International's Secretary General, Irene Khan, will be launching the organization's year-long activities to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) at an event with The Elders in Cape Town, South Africa, on 10th December 2007.

"As the countdown towards this significant anniversary approaches, the world has to face the challenge of moving from *rights* to *realisation* and to bridge the gap between *promise* and *performance*," said Irene Khan.

Irene Khan will be available for interview on Sunday 9th and Monday 10th December in Cape Town. She will also be discussing the initial findings of the latest Amnesty International research on the human rights situation in Zimbabwe. An Amnesty International team will have just come out of Zimbabwe days before, having spent time looking into police brutality and torture there.

Zimbabwe is a prime example of the need for continued work promoting the UDHR's vision and implementation.

If you would like to attend the event in Cape Town on 10th December please contact: pippa@visuali.co.za or Jesse +27 (0) 84 608 6600

WHEN: Monday, December 10, 2007 at 9:30am

WHERE: The Bo-Kaap Museum, 71 Wale Street, Cape Town, South Africa.

To arrange an interview with Irene Khan during her visit, please contact Judit Arenas on +44 7778 472 188 or Eliane Drakopoulos on +44 7778 472 109

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