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Diary Note: Beijing +10 -- Commission on the Status of Women, New York

Organizations from around the world will gather at the United Nations in New York for the 10th anniversary of the Beijing Conference on Women. They will assess how well governments are holding to the commitments they made to protect the equal rights of women -- the Beijing Declaration and Beijing Platform for Action.

Amnesty International will be lobbying those governments who have not implemented legislation or who have gone back on their commitment to secure women's human rights, particularly for women who live under the threat of violence.

Where: United Nations, New York, USA

When: 28 February to 11 March, 2005

What: Amnesty International will be lobbying governments and also organising events for NGOs. These include:

a workshop on the impact of guns on women's lives, on 7 March
a workshop launching an activist's toolkit on holding states to account, on 5 March
Amnesty International will also join the panel meeting organized by Equality Now highlighting the impact of discriminatory laws, on 2 March.

Why: Amnesty International launched its Stop Violence against Women campaign in March 2004. The organisation's lobbying and work at the conference is part of the ongoing campaign to encourage people at all levels of society to help end the scandal of violence against women.

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