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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL MAKES FIRST VISIT TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Mr Pierre Sané, Secretary General of Amnesty International (AI) -- the world's foremost human rights organization -- is making his first official visit to the Republic of Korea from 9-12 September. Mr Sané will be meeting with President Kim Dae-jung, who was adopted as a prisoner of conscience by AI. He will also meet the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Justice, and address members of the National Assembly, students at Seoul National University and human rights defenders, as well as other leaders of civil society.

During his visit, Mr Sané will raise the issue of human rights in the Republic of Korea, Korea's role in promoting human rights internationally. He will also highlight AI Korea's ongoing campaign to celebrate 50 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Also in the AI delegation visiting the country are: Rory Mungoven, Director of the Asia-Pacific Program; and Clare McVey, Researcher on Korea.

PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

Members of the delegation will be available for interview throughout the visit and will give a press conference:

•10.00 hrs on 10 September, Mok-ryon room, 19th Floor, PRESS CENTRE in Seoul

To arrange an interview or receive a media pack, please contact:

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Schedule of meetings open to media for photograph opportunity:

- 9 September, 11.00: Meeting with President Kim Dae-Jung, Presidential Office
- 9 September, 12.30: Meeting with parliamentarians, National Assembly, Seoul
- 10 September, 14.00: Minkahyop Rally, Pagoda Park
- 10 September, 19.00 UDHR Reception, 19th Floor, Press Centre, Seoul
- 11 September, 15.00 Address at Seoul University

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