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**55th UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING WITH THE PRESS

**2 pm, Monday 22 March
Room No. XXII, Palais de Nations, Geneva**

Amnesty International will be meeting with the press to discuss its agenda for the 55th Commission on Human Rights. The meeting will be led by the organization's Secretary General, Mr Pierre Sané.

Amnesty International will this year highlight the human rights situation in Algeria, Cambodia, the Great Lakes Region of Africa (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda), Turkey, and the USA -- a country where a persistent and widespread pattern of human rights violations appears to disproportionately affect people of racial or ethnic minority backgrounds.

The organization is bringing detailed recommendation to the Commission, and asking governments to stop putting political and economic interests above their obligation to protect and promote human rights.

Amnesty International will also call on the Commission to take decisive action on the issues of child soldiers, "disappearance", torture, human rights defenders and the death penalty.

Speakers at the press briefing

Pierre Sané, Amnesty International Secretary General

Isabelle Scherer, AI Representative at the UN

Both speakers will be available for individual interviews in English and French.

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