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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ADVISORY

Many journalists have been asking about this organization's future activities at the NGO Forum. In response, we are issuing this tentative list of Amnesty International's activities in conjunction with women's NGOs. This preliminary schedule is, of course, only a small fraction of the many activities taking place each day. Journalists should consult the official Schedule of Activities for other activities of interest. Also, please note that this list is still tentative and subject to change. Additional actions and activities are likely to take place during the Forum that are not listed here. Please check and confirm events with the various contacts listed below.

Saturday 2 September

Activity: "Women's Circus and Human Rights" -- a cultural event

Sponsor: AI-Australia

Contact: Katherine Davey, Huadu Hotel, tel. 5001166

Time: 13:00

Location: 4-M10

AI involvement: The circus will depict individual cases of human rights violations against women based on Urgent Actions issued by AI

Activity: Tibetan Women's Delegation Press Conference

Sponsor: Tibetan Women's Delegation

Contact: Tenzin Jimpa, Carol Samdup at 962-7049/4050 Fule Estates Room 4324

Time: 14:00pm

Location: Nordic Room 15-M70, in the Economic and Trade Area of Huairou

AI involvement: Members of AI will be present to show their support for free and full discussion.

Activity: Birthday celebration of Dr Ma Thida's birthday

Time: 16:30pm

Sponsor: Amnesty International

Location: In front of the Global Tent

AI involvement: Hosting a birthday party for Burmese prisoner of conscience Dr Ma Thida, a friend and colleague of Aung San Suu Kyi. She has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for her pro-democracy work. Pierre Sané will speak. Multi-cultural birthday games and events are planned.

Monday 4 September

Activity: A series of workshops about Amnesty International's work on women's human rights

Sponsor: Amnesty International

Time: 9:00 to 13:00

Location: 9-M22a

AI Involvement: AI-USA Legal Advisor Pat Rengel, Leslie Watson-Davis and others facilitate a series of workshops on human rights.

Activity: Celebration of the Campaigning around the Global Petition

Sponsor: Centre for Women's Global Leadership

Contact: Mallika Dutt; Niamh Reilly at Holiday Inn Lido tel. 4376688

AI involvement: AI Campaign Coordinator Edna Aquino will share her experiences in campaigning and collecting signatures for the petition that calls on the UN to report back to women during the Fourth World Conference on Women on the implementation of the Vienna Declaration, which takes its name from the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993.

Activity: Opening Ceremony of the Fourth UN World Conference on Women

Sponsor: United Nations

Location: Great Hall of the People, Beijing

AI involvement: AI will ask delegation members to wear black lapel ribbons in remembrance of those women whose human rights have been violated in China and worldwide.

Activity: International Symposium on Violence Against Women

Sponsor: Asian Women's Human Rights Council

Time: 14:00 to 16:00

Location: 11-M54

AI involvement: Mary Lawlor, director of AI-Ireland, will participate as a panel discussant.

Activity: Women in Black Symbolic Event to Highlight Women's Movement for Peace

Sponsor: Women in Black groups (a worldwide network)

Time: 18:00

Location: Art & Culture Tent/March to statue of woman in central Huairou

AI involvement: AI members supporting this action with placards, lamps/lanterns and wearing black.

Thursday 6 September

Activity: International Day of Action Culminating the worldwide campaign "180 Days, 180 Ways"

Sponsor: Women's Environment and Development Organization

Contact: Jean Freedberg, Hotel Minzu 601-4466 Room 2412, mobile phone 90590725

Time: 8:00 to 10:00

Location: Kumba Stage

AI involvement: AI representatives will support actions in China and around the world.

Friday 8 September

Activity: Workshop on "Legal Strategies in Defense of Women in Wars and Conflict Situations"

Sponsor: Women Living under Muslim and Asian Women's Human Rights Council

Time: To Be Announced

Location: To Be Announced

AI involvement: Jane Connors, Women's Network Coordinator for AI-United Kingdom, and Pat Rengel, Legal Advisor for AI-USA, will participate as resource persons.

Activity: Workshop on "Violence Against Women in Conflict Situations: Conflict and Human Rights"

Sponsor: ISIS and Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange

Time: 13:00 to 17:00

Location: 10-M33

AI Involvement: Tracy Ulltveit-Moe, AI researcher, will give a presentation on how AI documents violence against women and campaigns to end these violations.

Activity: Submission of the Global Petition

Sponsor: Centre for Women's Global Leadership

Contact: Phoebe Eng, The Grace Hotel, Room 927 Tel. 436-2288

Time: 10:00 - 1:00

Location: Huairou Cinema

AI involvement: Pierre Sané may participate in the submitting the petitions to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Sunday 10 September

Activity: Amnesty International Lantern Festival

Sponsor: Amnesty International

Time: To Be Announced

Location: To Be Announced

AI involvement: This traditional Chinese mid-Autumn festival will be celebrated with hundreds of lanterns in an Amnesty International-style action

For further information about Amnesty International activities and reactions to events, please call:

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