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Launch of Amnesty International report on Egypt slums Cairo 23 August

What: On 23 August 2011, Amnesty International will hold a press in Cairo to launch a new report on conditions in slums, *'We are not dirt': Forced evictions in Egypt's informal settlements*.

The 123-page report, released ahead of the country's first elections since the fall of former President Mubarak, documents cases of forced evictions affecting hundreds of families in the country's vast slums. The report describes how people are forcibly evicted from so-called "unsafe areas" where residents' lives or health are said to be at risk.

The vast majority of the victims killed or injured during the 'January 25 revolution' came from underprivileged backgrounds. The report argues that the toppling of President Hosni Mubarak and the other dramatic political changes that have happened in Egypt, give the new Egyptian authorities an historic opportunity to address one of the key demands of protesters – to ensure that the needs of millions of slum residents are prioritised.

When: The press conference will be held at **13:00hrs** EET time on 23 August and last approximately one hour.

The report will be released at 14:00 hrs EET time on 23 August.

Where: The press conference will be held at the Press Syndicate.

Who: Speaking at the event and available for interview afterwards will be:

- Mohamed Lotfy, Amnesty International Egypt researcher (Arabic, English, French).
- Kate Allen, Director of Amnesty International UK
- Residents of Manshiyet Nasr featured in the report will be attending the launch and will be available for interview.

Audio-Visual materials: Amnesty International can make available high-quality footage of Manshiyet Nasr and other slums to illustrate key themes of the report.

Contact: To obtain an embargoed copy of the report in advance or to arrange an interview,

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