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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

### Chile: Amnesty International Secretary General visits Memorial of the "Disappeared"

when: **11 a m (local time) Thursday 5 October 2000**

where: **Memorial of the "Disappeared", Cementerio General, Santiago de Chile**

Amnesty International's Secretary General, Pierre Sané, will be visiting the Memorial of the "Disappeared" at 11 a.m. on Thursday 5 October.

The memorial visit will be an important and symbolic event within Amnesty International's Chile mission agenda (1 - 6 October). Pierre Sané will pay tribute to the "disappeared" through words and a floral tribute.

"We are in Chile to reiterate our solidarity with the victims of human rights violations," said Pierre Sané. "In the past months we have witnessed important advances in the search for truth and justice in the serious cases of human rights violations committed under the Chilean military government."

"However, much remains to be done to uncover the truth about the thousands of men and women who were "disappeared", killed or tortured during the military government, and to bring those responsible to justice," Mr Sané added. "Obtaining truth and justice is a duty owed to the victims and their families, and it is a vital element towards reaching meaningful reconciliation and preventing similar tragedies from ever happening again."

This week in Santiago, Secretary General Pierre Sané has been calling for the formulation of a national plan of action on human rights. The agenda for the visit has included meetings with President Lagos, the Interior and Defence Ministers, the Deputy Foreign Minister, the President of the Human Rights Commission of the House of Deputies, as well as members of the Church, human rights organisations and the business community.

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