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EMERGENCY PRESS CONFERENCE

When : on Tuesday, July, 8 th, 2008 - at 2 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Where : CLUB SUISSE DE LA PRESSE - 106, Route de Ferney - 1202 - GENEVA
(close to the Intercontinental Hotel - Tel : 022 918 50 40)

IRANIAN MINORS UNDER IMMINENT THREAT OF EXECUTION

According to various sources, and, in particular, with the work of information provided by Amnesty International, FOUR minors sentenced for criminal acts are likely to be executed from July 10, 2008.

Approximately 20 minors have been executed by hanging in Iran in recent years (according to latest information), and we are aware of many other juvenile delinquents awaiting execution in the weeks and month to come. Many NGO's are expressing their revolt and demanding the immediate halt of these executions, which are in serious and obvious violation of the international prohibition on the use of death penalty for crimes committed by persons under the age of 18.

We are calling for the Islamic Republic of Iran to halt with immediate effect all such executions and commute sentencing to custodial terms, and we seek no less than the abolition of capital punishment for the minors.

Speakers:

- **Bernard BOETON** (Terre des hommes) : Reception and introduction - 5 minutes (fr./eng.)
- **Drewery DYKE** - Iran office - Amnesty International (London) - 10 minutes (fr./eng.)
- **Jean ZERMATTEN**, International institute of the Rights of the child : Analyses and requests of NGO vis-a-vis capital punishment - 10 minutes (fr./eng./esp.)

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Other NGO will be present as a support on this issue and relevant documents with factual information will be available.

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