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MEDIA ADVISORY

The Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR) in partnership with Montreal’s Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (MIGS), Amnesty International Francophone Canada, the Canadian International Council and the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies are convening the #RightsCity conference at an important historical moment – a resurgent global authoritarianism, massive assaults on human rights and the retreat of democracies. The conference will bring together international thinkers and human rights champions to address these challenges and highlight the leadership role that Montreal and Canada can play in advancing the cause of human rights. Speakers include, among others:

- Omar Abdulaziz, Saudi activist and friend of murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi;
- Irwin Cotler, Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- Roméo Dallaire, Canadian retired Lieutenant-General and Senator, humanitarian advocate, founder of the Child Soldiers Initiative and MIGS Distinguished Senior Fellow;
- Adama Dieng, Special Advisor to the UN Security General on the Prevention of Genocide, former Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, legal and human rights expert;
- Jared Genser, International human rights lawyer, Managing Director of Perseus Strategies and Founder of Freedom Now;
- Yang Jianli, Chinese dissident and former political prisoner who was involved in the Tiananmen Square democracy movement;
- Rebiya Kadeer, Leader of the Uyghur National Movement and Former President of the World Uyghur Congress;
- Jennifer Welsh, Canada 150 Research Chair in Global Governance and Security at McGill University.

** On the occasion of the #RightsCity conference, the RWCHR in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa will launch a **groundbreaking report** on the crisis in Cameroon, exposing the human rights catastrophe and concluding that reasonable grounds exist to believe that crimes against humanity have been committed.

Date: Monday, June 3, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM with the launch of our groundbreaking report on Cameroon at 4:20 PM
Location: De Seve Cinema, J.W. McConnell Building, Concordia University,
1400 Maisonneuve Blvd West, Montreal

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