# TEMPLATE PRESS RELEASE

**Amnesty International [GROUP]**

PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: [DATE]**

# ‘CLEAN UP AND PAY UP’ - [TOWN/AREA] AMNESTY GROUP DRAW ATTENTION TO SHELL’S HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE NIGER DELTA

**Include the below lines as appropriate for your group/activities:**

**Amnesty International [group] has joined a global campaign demanding Shell be held accountable for decades of destruction in the Niger Delta**

**[Town] locals will [add a line about the event]**

**‘Shell is finally being held to account in UK courts – and now more than ever, we must amplify the call to clean up and pay up’ - Amnesty group chair [name]**

 [Add details below on any activities that your group is organising. Include details about media opportunities at the event, including photo/interview opportunities]

Amnesty International [group] is organising an event in [area], calling on Shell to clean up and pay up - amplifying the voices of Niger Delta communities demanding justice for human rights abuses caused by devastating oil spills in the region.

The event is [add details about the event and include time, date and location.]

Residents of [Town] are invited to take part in this event and stand in solidarity with the wider movement calling for justice for people in the Niger Delta.

For decades, Amnesty has demanded justice for the people of Niger Delta impacted by Shell’s operations. Now, Amnesty UK has joined the Justice 4 Nigeria – a network uniting people from Nigeria, the UK, the Netherlands, and beyond to hold Shell(a UK-based corporate) accountable. Every individual and organisation that joins this movement – by raising awareness, organising events, or standing in solidarity - makes a huge difference to people in the Niger Delta on the frontline of environmental destruction and human rights abuses every day.

[Optional quote – amend and tweak as you wish]:

Amnesty International [GROUP] spokesperson, [NAME] said:

“This year is a pivotal moment for people to unite in support of communities in Niger Delta. Shell is finally being held to account in UK courts – and now more than ever, we must amplify the call to clean up and pay up.

“It’s been 30 years since the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and the Ogoni 9, who bravely spoke out against Shell’s destruction and human rights abuses. They risked everything to demand justice and today, we must continue their call with the same urgency and determination. “That is why people around the world are joining this movement to bring support and friendship, build solidarity, and hold Shell accountable both in courtrooms and the public eye. We hope that many [town] residents will take part in this powerful event of solidarity.”

[Amnesty International’s](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/niger-delta) campaign

Amnesty International has been documenting and exposing human rights abuses in the Niger Delta since the 1990s - including investigating the human rights impact caused by Shell’s operations in the region. Over the decades, Amnesty UK activists have consistently taken action and raised awareness to support the affected communities. This year, we’ve joined the Justice 4 Nigeria network - a powerful coalition bringing together organisations and activists across countries for global solidarity and coordinate joint action for lasting change.

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**Background information**

For more information on this campaign and for pictures, illustrations and further detail please contact [GROUP NAME].

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