

MEDIA ALERT: Monday 29th May, 2006

Humanitarians Unite to Support the Million Faces Petition

WHO:

- Tim Costello, Chief Executive, World Vision
- Jay and The Doctor, Triple J morning hosts
- Mara Moustafine, National Director, Amnesty International Australia
- Brendan Ross, Humanitarian Advocacy Coordinator, OXFAM
- Sam Lee, Co-Chair, National Coalition for Gun Control
- Philip Alpers, School of Public Health, University of Sydney
- Nicholas Cowdery, AM QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, NSW
- Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees, Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of the Sydney Peace Foundation, University of Sydney
- The Hon. Dr Meredith Burgmann, President of Legislative Council of NSW

WHERE: Saatchi & Saatchi, 70 George St, Sydney NSW

WHEN: 11.30am, Tuesday 30th May

WHY: To encourage people to sign up to the **Million Faces Petition** to be presented at the upcoming UN Conference on the proliferation of small arms and light weapons on June 26th – July 7th at the UN Head Quarters in New York.

WHAT: The **Million Faces Petition** is a global campaign highlighting the proliferation of small arms and light weapons. To view the petition, please log on to www.controlarms.org

The campaign is run jointly by Amnesty International, OXFAM and IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms). The National Coalition for Gun Control is a member of IANSA.

Over 960 000 people have already added their face to the campaign globally. A number of celebrities have already signed up to the petition including Ralph Fiennes, Emma Thompson and Rachel Ward.

The aim is to reach a million faces before the UN Conference. Sam Lee, the Co-Chair of the National Coalition for Gun Control will be attending the conference. The Australian Government will also be sending representatives from DFAT to attend the UN Conference.

**1.8 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD SINCE THE LAST UN REVIEW IN 2001
THE ANNUAL VALUE OF THE GUN TRADE IS \$4 BILLION
To add your face to the petition visit www.controlarms.org now!**

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