



PRIME MINISTER

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: PARIS CONFERENCE ON ABOLITION
OF TORTURE.

The Prime Minister, Mr E.G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P., sent the following message to the Secretary-General, Amnesty International:

"The Australian Government strongly supports the objectives of Amnesty International in its campaign seeking the abolition of torture and the observance of International Humanitarian Law.

The Government regards acts of torture as breaches of basic human rights and infringements of personal dignity that should be condemned in all circumstances. The development and observance of international law which abolishes all forms of torture is an objective which should be supported by all States in the interests of humanity.

The Government is determined to take action at every practicable opportunity to promote the development of all aspects of International Humanitarian Law."

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