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Boston to France: Immigrants Rights Non-negotiable!

What: Human rights advocates to hold candle-light vigil outside French Consulate in solidarity with immigrant youth in France (photo opportunity)

The vigil marks concern with the crackdown on immigrants' rights in France and the anti-immigrant climate in Europe. It also protests the death of 2 immigrant teenagers who were allegedly pursued by French police.

MGA director, Jason Pramas noted that, "it is ironic that just as the French Foreign Ministry was paying tribute to Rosa Parks, observing that her struggle concerns 'mankind as a whole,' the French police and Interior Minister are prosecuting a draconian crackdown on immigrants. Just as we demand Massachusetts does right by immigrants, so too do we expect the French. If France provided moral leadership by rejecting the war in Iraq, it is clearly abandoning it with its treatment of immigrants."

Who: Massachusetts Global Action and allied organizations

Between 25 and 30 activists are expected. Each will be holding candles in memory of the immigrant teenagers who were electrocuted to death after being pursued by French police last Thursday.

Where: 31 Saint James Avenue, Boston, MA 02116

½ Block west of the MBTA Green Line's Arlington stop. Near corner of Arlington and St. James Avenue.

When: Thursday, November 3, 2005, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

About Massachusetts Global Action:

MGA is a statewide grassroots network *and* membership organization, founded in August 2004 to help communities challenge the negative effects of corporate globalization in the Commonwealth.

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