

“BEATINGS WITH FISTS, PLASTIC BOTTLES FULL OF WATER, BOOKS, TRUNCHEONS AND POLES; A SPECIAL ROOM FITTED WITH A METAL TABLE WITH WRIST AND LEG RESTRAINTS USED FOR

STOP TORTURE NOW

Russia fails to protect its citizens

IN THESE POSITIONS TO EFFECTUALLY TORTURE OR OTHER ILL-TREATMENT REPORTEDLY USED BY THE POLICE IN ORDER TO EXTRACT CONFESSIONS FROM DETAINED SUSPECTS.”

Torture and inhuman or degrading treatment of detainees is used in Russia by law enforcement personnel to obtain confessions. Is this an effective method to bring those guilty of crimes to justice? Would you admit to a crime you didn't commit if you were being beaten with a truncheon?

As a state party to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Russian Federation has an obligation to outlaw torture or other ill-treatment of detainees, and to fully investigate and prosecute perpetrators of such violations. Amnesty International calls on the Russian authorities to:

- **Sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and introduce an independent monitoring mechanism to make unannounced visits to all places of detention, including police custody;**
- **Develop and issue guidelines to ensure that investigations into allegations of torture are prompt, thorough, independent and impartial.**

Yours sincerely,

Name

Country

Signature

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