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SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Summary

Attached is an updated edition of the bibliography for medical groups which replaces those of 27 April 1984 (ORG 44/02/84) and 1 April 1987 (ORG 44/01/87). This version contains nearly all the references contained in the earlier bibliographies plus those added since 1987. In future, supplements will be issued to update the main document. New entries are marked with an asterisk [*].

Distribution

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Recommended Actions

1. Medical groups should make this bibliography available to group members interested in the medical and human rights literature and to anyone seeking bibliographic information from the medical group.

2. Groups should notify the Medical Office of any significant omissions in this bibliography and, if possible, forward copies of relevant articles to the International Secretariat.
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The attached bibliography lists articles and books on aspects of medicine and human rights. Publications are in English unless indicated otherwise. Where a publication has more than three authors, only the first is named. (This replaces earlier AI medical bibliographies ORG 44/01/87, 1 April 1987; ORG 44/02/84, 27 April 1984; and ORG 44/15/81, 29 October 1981.)

Publications are arranged in seven categories:

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To avoid duplication, publications are usually listed only once under the most appropriate heading but can, of course, be relevant in more than one subject area. In some cases, only the latest article in a series by the same author has been included.

The bibliography is not a definitive one and for further references groups are referred to some of the items listed here which themselves have extensive bibliographies, notably:

The fullest biographical details available have been given to allow individuals to obtain copies via normal medical library services. If you do have difficulty in obtaining any of the publications listed here, please contact the Medical Office at the International Secretariat.

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1. TORTURE AND EXILE
1.1 TORTURE - GENERAL


[Includes chapter on psychological effects of disappearance.]


[Summaries of papers presented at an AI meeting in San José, Costa Rica in January, 1980.]


[Outlines abuses committed against members of health professions and the response of South African medical bodies to human rights violations.]


[Comprehensive country-by-country survey of torture since 1980.]


[*] Entries added since the last version of the AI bibliography (1987).


[Originally published in the 18th century, this is a classic argument against the use of torture by the state.]


[Brings together writings on torture by the C19th English utilitarian philosopher Jeremy Bentham.]


[Includes discussion of the psychology of the Nazi concentration camp.]


[Account of the experiences in Chile of a British doctor who was arrested and tortured by Chilean security.]


[Nineteen papers divided into four sections (repressive society; torture; exile-return; assistance and therapy) reflecting the experiences of the Chilean human rights organization, CODEPU, from the time of the 1973 military coup until 1989.]


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[Includes discussion of effects of isolation and reduced sensory stimulation.]


[Outlines the elements of the European torture convention which allow both systematic and unannounced prison visits.]


[Account of detention and torture by a man arrested by agents of the Greek military government of 1967-74.]


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[Discusses the case of an Indian woman who was subjected to torture in 1974 and who is still seeking legal redress.]


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