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Call to parliamentarians: end US illegal detention

Summary for torture homepage
The campaign to Counter Terror With Justice is asking parliamentarians around the world to sign up to Amnesty International’s framework to end illegal detention in the “war on terror”. The signatures will be delivered to the US Congress.

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<p>Parliamentary representatives can support the struggle to end illegal detention by the US government in the name of counter-terrorism, the first step of which is the closure of the detention facility at Guantánamo in a way that respects human rights.</p> <p>Amnesty International’s campaign to Counter Terror With Justice is asking parliamentarians around the world to add their voices to the organization’s framework for ending illegal detentions in the “war on terror”.</p> <p>In its “war on terror”, the US government has resorted to practices that have been long prohibited by international law, including secretly transferring terror suspects to locations where they may face torture and other ill-treatment, resorting to enforced disappearances and holding detainees indefinitely without charge.</p> <p>Despite international condemnation and the US government’s own stated wish to close the detention centre at Guantánamo, some 300 detainees languish there, most of them in cruel, inhuman and degrading conditions, including some who have been cleared for release from the base.</p> <p>Please sign up to our framework for bringing the USA’s detention policies and practices into line with international human rights standards.</p> <p><b>How?</b></p> <p><b>If you are a parliamentarian:</b> To add your name to Amnesty International’s framework for ending illegal detention in the “war on terror”, please e-mail <a href="mailto:counter-terror-with-justice@amnesty.org">counter-terror-with-justice@amnesty.org</a>, telling us your name and title, country and region/constituency.</p> <p><b>If you are not a parliamentarian but you believe that unlawful detention must end,</b> please urge your elected representatives to sign this petition. Use your own words or <a href="#">download our model letter</a>. [link to the model letter ] Contact <a href="#">your nearest Amnesty International office</a> [link to: <a href="http://web.amnesty.org/contacts/engindex">http://web.amnesty.org/contacts/engindex</a>] for more information</p>

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### Model Letter

Dear (name of representative),

I am writing to ask for your support to end US illegal detention by signing up to a framework formulated by Amnesty International.

In its "war on terror", the US government has resorted to policies and practices which run counter to the USA's international treaty obligations. Holding detainees in Guantánamo Bay indefinitely, secretly transferring terror suspects to countries where they may face torture and other ill-treatment, resorting to enforced disappearance, and setting up a sub standard and discriminatory system of justice for those accused of terrorist offences are some of them.

Amnesty International is calling on the US government to end illegal detention in a manner which fully respects the human rights of detainees and bring to fair trial all those who are accused of crimes. In particular Amnesty International is calling on the US government to close Guantánamo and abandon its practices of rendition, enforced disappearance and secret detention. Closing Guantánamo and ending these practices must not be an excuse for transferring violations elsewhere.

Real security from terrorist attacks can only be achieved through strengthening the human rights framework, not through undermining it by resorting to unlawful practices. I therefore respectfully request that you, as my elected representative, add your voice to Amnesty International's framework for ending illegal detention.

Yours sincerely,

### Images:

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More than 300 protesters gathered outside the US embassy for a hour-long demonstration.