

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### ANOTHER BLOW FOR TRUTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Senate Committee approves Haspel nomination to CIA Director

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On the morning of 16 May 2018 in Washington, DC, the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence voted ten to five in support of Gina Haspel's nomination to the post of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The nomination will now go to the full Senate, which could happen as early as this week.

When President Trump nominated Gina Haspel to become CIA Director, Amnesty International called for the nomination to be withdrawn pending a proper investigation into her alleged role in the CIA secret detention program in which more than 100 individuals were held between 2002 and 2008.

The crimes under international law of torture and enforced disappearance were committed in the program. The USA's failure to ensure truth, accountability and access to remedy in relation to these crimes has left it squarely on the wrong side of its international human rights obligations.

Amnesty International made clear that a confirmation hearing in the Senate could be no substitute for a proper investigation and necessary declassification, and that in the absence of such an investigation, Senators should block the nomination from proceeding any further.

Sure enough, after the hearing, the public remained in the dark about the extent to which Gina Haspel was involved in the secret detention program and what her activities in it were.

Today's vote in the SSCI entrenches the USA's utter failure to address the crimes under international law committed in the CIA program and to meet its obligations on truth and accountability.

The full Senate should vote against Gina Haspel's confirmation.

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#### For further information see:

- Amnesty International's position on the nomination of Gina Haspel to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr51/8082/2018/en/>
- Truth be told, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr51/8146/2018/en/>
- No investigation, no confirmation. Senators should block Haspel nomination, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/05/no-investigation-no-confirmation-senators-should-block-haspel-nomination/>
- The truth is out there. But not at the Haspel hearing, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/05/the-truth-is-out-there-but-not-at-the-haspel-hearing/>

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