

**WEB ACTION UPDATE – CLOSING TEXT**  
**TACTICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORTURE**

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**Action works!**

**Many thanks to those who participated in the successful action around the EU-US Summit in June 2006!**

For the first time the EU Council Presidency called for the immediate closure of the-detention facilities at the US Naval Base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. At a press conference at the EU-US Summit of 21 June, US President George W. Bush emphasized that he would "like to end Guantánamo ... [and] send these people back to their home countries".

Amnesty international also welcomes the declaration adopted at the Summit, which states that "Consistent with our common values, we will ensure that measures taken to combat terrorism comply fully with our international obligations, including human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law".

However, President Bush did not indicate any date for the closure of Guantánamo, and many related issues, such as the safety of detainees once transferred from Guantánamo Bay, abductions and "renditions" as well as enforced disappearances and secret detention were not publicly addressed.

Amnesty International will build upon the statements made by the EU and US leadership and continue to call for independent investigations into past and current human rights violations by the US authorities. Furthermore, we will continue to campaign against ongoing abuses in the US led "war on terror".