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This is a summary of the recommendations for specific improvements in the protection of human rights that Amnesty International is presenting to the US authorities, as a first step towards **RIGHTS FOR ALL** in the USA.

Amnesty International is calling on the US authorities to :

- Establish independent and effective monitoring bodies to investigate allegations of **abuses by police** and of **abuses in prisons and jails**.
- Ban inherently dangerous and cruel **restraint procedures**, including hogtying and the use of electro-shock stun-belts.
- Ban the routine use of restraints on **pregnant women** prisoners and all restraints during labour.
- Act to prevent **sexual abuse**, including rape, in prisons and jails by restricting and regulating the role of male staff with regard to female inmates.
- Ensure that **asylum-seekers** are detained only as a last resort and are never held in jails.
- Ban the **death penalty** for juvenile offenders as a first step towards total abolition.
- Ratify, without reservations, the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** and the **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**.
- Adopt and rigorously enforce a binding code of conduct, based on human rights, covering all **transfers of military, security and police equipment, services and expertise**.

Amnesty International is seeking the broadest possible mobilization of individuals, groups and community organizations to achieve these changes.

Amnesty International's full recommendations to the US authorities are contained in the report, *United States of America: Rights for all* (AI Index AMR 51/35/98) and on the campaign website, at:

<http://www.rightsforall-usa.org>

## **CAMPAIGNING FOR RIGHTS FOR ALL IN THE USA**

### **Amnesty International**

Amnesty International is a worldwide voluntary activist movement that works to prevent some of the gravest violations by governments of people's fundamental human rights.

AI is an international democratic, self-governing movement with around a million members and supporters in more than 150 countries spread over all regions of the world.

AI bases its work on internationally recognized human rights standards. Guided by its core principles of independence and impartiality AI, with its worldwide membership, monitors and acts on human rights concerns in all countries of the world.

AI has monitored human rights in the USA since the early 1960s. It published its first report on the USA in 1965: Justice in the American South. Since then AI has published hundreds of reports on human rights concerns in the USA.

AI has launched a major campaign against human rights violations in the USA. The 1998-1999 campaign is part of the continuing work of AI's members around the world to promote the rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The aim of the campaign is to increase public awareness of human rights violations in the USA, to strengthen cooperation with the human rights constituency in the USA and to achieve

specific improvements in the protection of human rights in the USA.

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