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Statement on the anniversary of 11 September

One year on, the heinous attacks of 11 September in the USA continue to shock people around the world.

These attacks are crimes against Humanity. The victims included US citizen, as well as Asians, African, Latin American and Europeans, Muslims as well as Christians and Jews, a microcosm of humanity.

Today the survivors and the bereaved in more than 60 countries are commemorating the victims of these outrageous attacks. On this remembrance day Amnesty International reiterates its deepest sympathy to the victims and their bereaved families scattered all over the world. Those involved in perpetrating these attacks must be brought to justice.

The suffering of the victims, the grief of the survivors and the bereaved demand compassion and justice not revenge. We think of them, and we think of the continuing toll of victims of human rights abuses around the world-of those who are killed, maimed or tortured: those who "disappear", those who are imprisoned for what they say, or whom they are.

Today we must remember our common humanity. We must be compassionate in our support for the victims, determined in our quest for justice, and the right of all people.

From their pain and sorrow hope may rise again for the establishment of a more peaceful and safer world which can only be achieved by ensuring human rights and the rule of law. When human rights are respected, hatred that leads to violence is far less likely to flourish

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