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## ORAL STATEMENT

Item 3: Inter-active dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

### **RENEWED CALL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY FOR US RENDITION AND SECRET DETENTION PROGRAMME**

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Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes the Follow-up report on the Joint Study on Global Practices in Relation to Secret Detention by the Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism.

Amnesty has documented cases of arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance, torture and other ill-treatment that occurred in the aftermath of the 2001 attacks in the US and the creation of the rendition programme. We have also documented complicity by states, with as many as 50 countries having facilitated the US secret renditions program and seen the proliferation of diplomatic assurances against torture between states, assurances that are considered to be 'inherently unreliable' by the UN.

We fully support your conclusion that the failure to hold those responsible for the rendition and secret detention programmes to account has created an environment where states can violate international human rights law with virtually no consequences- and we remind the Council that today, 38 individuals remain in arbitrary detention at Guantanamo Bay.

Madam Rapporteur,

Your report highlights two countries, namely Syria and China, where you found "contemporary concerns about systematic and mass use of secret detention". What further actions are needed from this Council and the international community, to once and for all outlaw secret detention and renditions?

Thank you.