

Resolution for Closure of Torture Facilities

WHEREAS intelligence agents and covert special military forces of the United States have apprehended individuals in foreign countries and transported them to other countries for the purpose of torturing them to extract evidence or other information to be used against them or against persons believed to be associated with them; and

WHEREAS the foregoing transfers, known as extraordinary renditions, and the consequent acts of torture, are in clear violation of treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party, and which are the law of the land in the United States and U.S. Territories.

WHEREAS individuals held in special prison facilities of the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been denied the right of habeas corpus and subjected to acts of torture by U.S. military personnel and/or intelligence agents or contractors acting on behalf of the United States, during or incident to interrogation sessions to extract evidence or other information to be used against those individuals or their associates, in clear violation of the above-mentioned treaties and international agreements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we demand closure and/or abandonment of all foreign facilities, known or secret, used for imprisonment and torture of individuals by the Central Intelligence Agency or by any other officer or agent, military or civilian, acting for or on behalf of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call specifically for (1) closure of the prison facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and (2) transfer of the individuals now imprisoned there to detention facilities in the United States where they will be given access to legal representation and an opportunity to confront evidence against them in a legitimate court of law, according to internationally recognized standards of due process.

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