

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Distinguished Delegates and Representatives of Member States of the Human Rights Council,

The enforced disappearance of people is one of the most heinous human rights violations and constitutes a crime under international law. The victim, deprived of all of his or her rights and placed thereby outside the protection of the law, is relegated to a situation of total vulnerability at the hands of the perpetrators of the crime. Enforced disappearance constitutes a grave offence to human dignity. Its practice inflicts severe suffering on the relatives and friends of the disappeared person. Eternal waiting and total uncertainty about his or her return, fate and whereabouts constantly torture their loved ones. The abduction of children of parents subjected to enforced disappearance, or born during the captivity of their mothers is most shameful, and constitutes a flagrant denial of human dignity. The practice of enforced disappearance violates the basic principles of the rule of law and the very concept of humanity itself.

Since 1981, associations of relatives of disappeared persons, non-governmental organizations, governments and international organizations have undertaken continuing and indefatigable efforts for the adoption by the United Nations of an international treaty against enforced disappearances in order to tackle this heinous and inhuman affliction,. The first successful step forward was the adoption in 1992 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance*. In September 2005, an Open-Ended Working Group, mandated by the Commission on Human Rights to draft an international legally binding instrument against disappearances, successfully concluded its negotiations and approved, by *consensus*, the draft of the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances*. This project will now be under consideration by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

This Convention fills an immense gap in the international legal framework which is the lack of an international treaty to prevent and suppress this international crime and most serious violation of human rights. The Convention will not only become an effective legal tool of the international community in its struggle against enforced disappearances, but also represents a basically political message that this odious practice will no longer be tolerated and must be suppressed.

We therefore call on all Member States of the Human Rights Council to give the highest priority to the approval of the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* during the first session of the Human Rights Council in June 2006 so that it can be forwarded to the General Assembly for final adoption. The Human Rights Council will, thereby, not only greatly contribute to the struggle against enforced disappearances, but also enhance its own mandate and show its firm determination to promote and protect human rights.

Signatures

CARTA ABIERTA A LOS ESTADOS MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Señores Delegados de los Estados miembros del Consejo de Derechos Humanos

La desaparición forzada de personas es una de las más odiosas violaciones de derechos humanos y constituye un crimen bajo el derecho internacional. El desaparecido es despojado de todos sus derechos y colocado en situación de total indefensión a la merced de sus victimarios, sin ninguna protección de la ley. La desaparición forzada constituye en sí misma la negación del ser humano. Su práctica causa hondos sufrimientos en los familiares y amigos del desaparecido: la eterna espera de su regreso y la total incertidumbre de su suerte y paradero torturan constantemente a padres, esposos e hijos del desaparecido. El robo de niños nacido durante el cautiverio de sus padres desaparecidos es una de las prácticas más repugnantes y contraria a toda idea de humanidad. La práctica de la desaparición forzada vulnera los dictados más elementales de humanidad y los principios básicos del estado de derecho.

Frente a esta práctica odiosa e inhumana, un inmenso y sostenido esfuerzo ha sido desplegado desde 1981 por asociaciones de familiares de desaparecidos, organizaciones no gubernamentales, gobiernos e instancias internacionales para lograr que un tratado contra la desaparición forzada sea adoptado por las Naciones Unidas. Una primera etapa fue la adopción por la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, en 1992, de la *Declaración para la protección de todas las personas contra las desapariciones forzadas*. En septiembre de 2005, el Grupo de trabajo de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas encargado de redactar un tratado contra las desapariciones forzadas terminó sus labores adoptando por consenso el proyecto *Convención Internacional para la Protección de Todas las Personas contra las Desapariciones Forzadas*. Este proyecto está ahora a consideración del Consejo de Derechos Humanos. Este proyecto de Convención viene a llenar un vacío inmenso e intolerable: la ausencia de un tratado internacional para luchar contra de este crimen internacional y grave violación de los derechos humanos. Esta Convención no solamente dotará a la comunidad internacional de una herramienta jurídica para luchar efectivamente contra la desaparición forzada, sino que constituye un mensaje político fundamental de que esta práctica odiosa no puede ser tolerada y debe ser erradicada.

Por estas razones, instamos a todos los Estados miembros del Consejo de Derechos Humanos a que, de manera prioritaria y durante su primera sesión en junio 2006, el Consejo de Derechos Humanos adopte el proyecto de *Convención Internacional para la Protección de Todas las Personas contra las Desapariciones Forzadas* y lo transmita a la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas para su adopción final. Con ello, el Consejo de Derechos Humanos no solamente hará una invaluable contribución a la lucha contra las desapariciones forzadas, sino que también afirmará su mandato y voluntad de proteger y promover los derechos humanos.

Firmas,

**LETTRE OUVERTE AUX ETATS MEMBRES
DU CONSEIL DES DROITS DE L'HOMME DES NATIONS UNIES**

Messieurs les Délégués des Etats membres du Conseil des droits de l'homme,

La disparition forcée de personnes est l'une des violations des droits de l'homme les plus odieuses et constitue un crime en droit international. Le disparu est privé de l'ensemble de ses droits et se retrouve sans défense et sans protection de la loi. La disparition forcée constitue en elle-même la négation de l'être humain. Sa pratique entraîne de profondes souffrances pour les parents et les proches du disparu : l'attente infinie du retour et l'incertitude totale quant au sort et à la localisation de la personne disparue sont une torture constante pour ses parents, son conjoint et ses enfants. Le vol d'enfants nés pendant la captivité de leurs parents disparus est l'une des pratiques les plus répugnantes, contraires à toute idée d'humanité. La pratique de la disparition forcée bafoue les concepts les plus élémentaires d'humanité et les principes fondateurs de l'état de droit.

Face à cette pratique odieuse et inhumaine, des efforts immenses et soutenus ont été déployés depuis 1981 par les associations de familles de disparus, les organisations non gouvernementales, les gouvernements et les instances internationales pour parvenir à l'adoption par les Nations Unies d'un traité contre la disparition forcée. En 1992, l'adoption par l'Assemblée générale de la Déclaration pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées fut une première étape. En septembre 2005, le Groupe de travail de la Commission des droits de l'homme des Nations Unies chargé d'élaborer un traité contre les disparitions forcées a achevé son travail avec l'adoption par consensus du projet de Convention internationale pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées. Ce projet est à présent devant le Conseil des droits de l'homme pour considération. Ce projet vient combler un vide juridique immense et intolérable : l'absence d'un traité international pour lutter contre ce crime international et cette violation des droits de l'homme. Cette Convention non seulement dotera la communauté internationale d'un instrument juridique pour lutter effectivement contre la disparition forcée, mais constitue également un message politique fondamental pour exprimer que cette pratique odieuse ne saurait être tolérée et doit être éradiquée.

Ce sont les raisons pour lesquelles nous prions instamment tous les Etats membres du Conseil des droits de l'homme de faire en sorte que, de manière prioritaire pendant sa première session en juin 2006, le Conseil des droits de l'homme adopte le projet de Convention internationale pour la protection de toutes les personnes contre les disparitions forcées et le transmette à l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies pour son adoption finale. Ce faisant, le Conseil des droits de l'homme apportera une contribution essentielle à la lutte contre les disparitions forcées et affirmera également son mandat et sa volonté de protéger et de promouvoir les droits de l'homme.

Signatures :

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Adolfo Pérez Esquivel	Argentina	Nobel Peace Prize 1980
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Bernard Henry-Lévy	France	Philosophe
Pierre Daix	France	Writer
Elisabeth Badinter	France	Writer
Pascal Bruckner	France	Writer
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Ulricke Ackermann	Germany	Writer
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Adam Gopnick	United States of America	Journalist for the New Yorker
Franco Debenetti	Italy	Senator
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Valery Pavlov	Russian Federation	Russian-Belarusian Human Rights Commission
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Hossein Bagher Zadeh	United Kingdom	Human Rights Defender
Zuzana Szatmary	Slovakia	Woman of Europe 1993
Andrej Sabik	Slovakia	Lawyer
Martin Giertl	Slovakia	Lawyer
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Julio Víctor Reborado,	Argentina	Judge of the Federal Appeal Court in La Plata, creator of the "truth trials" (juicios de la verdad)
Alejandro Incháuregui	Argentina	Forensic anthropologist; Director of the Registry of Dissapeared Persons of the Ministry of Security of Buenos Aires Province; founder of the Forensic Anthropology Team (Equipo de Antropología Forense)
José Bengoa	Chile	Professor of Anthropology, Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano, Santiago, Member of the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

NGO's

Family member organisations

Organisation	Country/region	Name signatory	Function
FEDEFAM	Latin America		
Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD)	Asia	Mary Aileen D. Bacalso	Secretary-General
Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo	Guatemala	Mario Polanco	
We Remember	Belarus	Irina Krazovskaya	President
Committee of Parents of Disappeared People in Lebanon	Lebanon	Wadad halwani	President
Forum Asia	Thailand	Mr. Anselmo Lee	Executive Director
APDP	Kashmir, India	Parvez Imroz	Patron
Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance (FIND)	Philippines	Nilda L. Sevilla,	Director
Asociación Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo	Argentina	Estela de Carlotto	President
Collective of families of the disappeared in Algeria (CFDA)	France- Algeria	Nassera Dutour	Co-Chairperson
Truth and Justice Commission	Pakistan	Farooq Niazi	Coordinator
The Commission for The Disappeared and Victims of Violence (KONTRAS)	Indonesia	Sri Suparyati	President
Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos y Victimas de Violaciones a los Derechos Humanos en México (AFADEM).	México	Tita Radilla Martínez	Vicepresident
Breaking the Walls of Silence	Namibia	Pauline Dempers	Director
IKOHI	Indonesia	Mugiyanto	Chairperson

Association of the Children of the Disappeared	Philippines	Celia Sevilla	Coordinator
Organization of Parents and Family Members of the Disappeared	Sri Lanka	Shantha Pathirana	
Asociación de familiares de niñas y niños desaparecidos, Pro-Búsqueda	El Salvador	Gladis Dalessandro de Labolita	
Comisión de Familiares y Amigos de los Desaparecidos y Víctimas del terrorismo de Estado de Las Flores	Argentina		
Comité de Madres Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero (COMADRES)	El Salvador		
Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos (COFADEH)	Honduras		
Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos Héctor Gallegos (COFADEHG)	Panama		
Grupo Tortura Nunca Más	Brazil		
Zhian Organization for Anfal Women	Iraq	Juan Hassan	
Gongadse Foundation	Ukraine	Miroslava Gogadze	President
Victims of War	Chechnya	Zainap Jambekava	

International NGOs

Organisation	Name signatory	Function
International Commission of Jurists	Nicholas Howen	Secretary-General
Human Rights Watch	Wilder Tayler	Legal and Policy Director
Amnesty International	Peter Splinter	Representative to the United Nations in Geneva
International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)	Sidiki Kaba	President
Association for the Prevention of Torture	Mark Thomson	Secretary General
Franciscans International	John Quigley	Executive Director
Dominicans for Justice and	Philippe Le Blanc	Director

Peace International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights	Aaron Rhodes	Director
Human Rights Watch	Wilder Tayler	Legal and Policy Director
International Service for Human Rights	Chris Sidoti	Director
International Association Against Torture (AICT)	Fernando Ruiz	Permanent representative for UN
Forum Asia	Anselmo Lee	Executive Director
World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)	Eric Sottas	Director
Geneva for Human Rights	Adrien-Claude Zoller	President

Regional and National organisations

Organisations	Country/region	Name signatory	Function
Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris	France		
Association "Jardin des Disparus" de Meyrin	Switzerland	Christian Viret	President
Humanist Committee on Human Rights (HOM)	Netherlands	Martha Meijer	Director
Réseau mondial de solidarité des mères, épouses, soeurs, filles, proches de personnes enlevées et disparues	Belgique	Brigitte Kaquet	
Initiative d'entraide aux libertés	France	Stéphane Michot	President
Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)	America	Viviana Krsticevic	Director
Colombian Commission of Jurists	Colombia	Gustavo Gallón	Director
La Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos,	Mexico	Fabián Sánchez Matus	Director General

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A.C. (CMDPDH)			
Sallam center for awarness and civil society	Iraq	Mohammad Showkat Kowthar	
Volunteer, Tiananmen Mothers Campaign Group	Hong Kong	Virginia Lai	
Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos	Argentina	Horacio Ravenna	
Sindicato de Servicios publicos	Switzerland	David Andenmatten	
Red Nacional por La Identidad, de Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo	Argentina	Judit Casco	
Union of political prisoners and Martyrs in Iraq (UPPI)	Iraq	Dr Ahmed al- attar	
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The Arab Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (ACIJLP)		Nasser Amin	Director General
IFFAMPAC	USA	Jane E. Durgom-Powers	President & Founder
CODACOP	Colombia	Janneth Lozano	Director
Coordinadora de Ex Presas y Presos Políticos de Santiago	Chile	Fernando Esteban	
Task Force Detainees of the Philippines	Philippines	Sr. Cres Lucero	Executive Director
Fundación para la Educación y el Desarrollo -FEDES-	Colombia		
Al Fatihah Foundation	Philippines	Jolly S. Lais	Deputy Executive Director
Roger Bouka Owoko	Congo	Observatoire congolais des droits de l'Homme (OCDH)	Executive Director

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Asociación Civil Mision de Paz	Argentina	Lic. Víctor Martínez -	President
Grupo Tortura Nunca Mais	Brazil	Silveira e Silva	President
Foro Social Catamarca	Argentina	Gabriela Velasco	
OMI, General Directorate for Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation	Philippines	Eliseo "Jun" Mercado,	Director
La Fundación Servicios Integrales para la Mujer SI MUJER	Colombia		
India Committee of The Netherlands	Netherlands	Gerard Oonk	Director
Coalition Against Involuntary Disappearance	Philippines	Raquel Santos	Lead Convenor
Comité Chileno por los derechos humanos	Chile	Eliana Cielo	
Comité Latinoamericano con la Revolución Bolivariana	Spain	Ramón Martínez	General Coordinator
Corporación Compromiso	Colombia	Jorge Catellanos Pulido	Executive Director
Centro de Estudios y Talleres Laborales	México	Higinio Barrios	
Centro de Investigación y Documentación Chile-América Latina (FDCL)	Germany	Jan Dunkhorst	Director
Coalition for the International Criminal Court Asia	Philippines	Evelyn Serrano	Asia Coordinator
Por Asociación Civil "El Periscopio" de Ex Presos Políticos de la Cárcel de Coronda, Argentina, 1974-79	Argentina	Luis Ortolani	President
Fundacion Tierrpatria	Colombia	Ofelia Castillo Perez	Director

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Asociación Ciudadana por los Derechos Humanos	Argentina	Sebastian Florindo	
La Corporación Opción Legal	Colombia	Raul Hernandez R	Director
Mouvement SOLIDA	France	Wadih AL-ASMAR	Director
International Bureau for the Respect of Human Rights in Sahara Occidental (BIRDHSO)	Western Sahara	Christian Viret	President
Nunca Mas Organization	Argentina		
ASADHO	Congo	Golden Misabiko	Honorary President
Solidarian Network for Human Rights (REDH)	Argentina	Carlos D. Perez	Director
Secretaria de derechos humanos de CTA Nacional	Argentina	Ricardo Peidro	Secretary
Philrights	Philippines	Prof. Nymia Simbulan	Exec. Director
Abogados defensores de derechos humanos de Mendoza	Argentina	Carlos Varela Alvarez	University Profesor, specialised in international law
Moluccan Human Rights Organization "Maluku Masa Depan "	Netherlands	Nel Pattinama	Supervisor
Kaalagad	Philippines	Fr. Ben Moraleda	Convenor and National Spokesperson
Festival Voix de Femmes	Belgique	Brigitte Kaquet	Director
Corporación para la Vida Mujeres que Crean	Colombia	Leonor Esguerra	Director
La Liga Internacional de Mujeres por la Paz y la Libertad (LIMPAL)	Colombia		
La Fundación Dos Mundos	Colombia		

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Prensa Derecho al la verdad	Peru		
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Women's Institute of Judicial and Social Studies	Argentina		
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Center for Peace Education	Phillipines	Loreta N. Castro	Director
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