



REPORTING ON TORTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "WAR ON TERRORISM"

**International conference for journalists
Brussels, April 4th, 2008**

Moderator: Ms Brita Sydhoff, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

9:00-9:05 Welcome by Ms Brita Sydhoff, IRCT Secretary-General

9:00-9:20 Introduction: Torture and Terrorism post-9/11 2001

Torture and other human rights violations in the context of the so-called "War on Terror"

Mr Steven Everts, Adviser to Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the CFSP, Council of the European Union

9:20-10:10 Panel 1: The changing nature of torture in democratic societies

The "outsourcing" of torture and the complicity of European states

Mr Carlos Coelho MEP, Chairman of the EP Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners (TDIP)

Mr Dick Marty Council of Europe, President of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Rapporteur on alleged secret detentions in CoE member states

Changing public perceptions of torture

Prof. Geraldine van Bueren, Professor of International Human Rights Law, Queen Mary University of London

Implications of the use of torture in the 'war on terror' for Rehabilitation Work

Prof. Christian Pross, Council member of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

10:10-10:50 Discussion

11:00-11:45 Panel 2: Reporting on torture – persecution and other challenges

Mr Hollman Morris, Journalist and Director of CONTRAVIA, Columbia

Mr Jørgen Flindt Pedersen, Journalist and Documentarist, Denmark

Mr Grigoriy Shvedov, Chief Editor, Caucasian Knot, Russia

Mr Wael Abbas, Blogger and Human Rights Activist, Egypt

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11:45-12:20 Discussion

12:20-12:30 Summary of debate and concluding remarks: Ms Brita Sydhoff

12:30-13:30 Informal Discussion A light snack will be served