



**“No one shall be
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or degrading
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punishment”**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Dear Mr. Reinfeldt,

Freedom from torture, or any cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, is a basic right guaranteed to all under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As a citizen of the European Union (EU), I am outraged that torture continues to be practised by governments and non-state actors worldwide. Anyone, anywhere who has authorized, committed, is complicit or has participated in, torture must be brought to justice.

I call on the Swedish government to use their presidency from July to December 2009 to show strong, decisive and consistent leadership in ending torture, throughout the EU and the wider world.

In particular, the Swedish Presidency should:

- adopt a strong EU position calling for full reparation to victims and accountability for anyone responsible for human rights violations in the context of EU complicity in the US led renditions and secret detention programme;
- show leadership to EU member states that do not currently provide national reports against EC regulation 1236/2005 on Trade in the Tools of Torture, by compiling a public national annual activity report to the European Commission in line with Article 13 of this regulation;
- actively carry out demarches under the EU Guidelines on Torture on at least two torture cases a month.

Yours sincerely,

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