

Members of the European Parliament

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LAUNCH OF THE UNLOCK THE TRUTH IN EUROPE CAMPAIGN

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

I am writing to you about the European Parliament's work on European complicity in the CIA rendition and secret detention programmes. The report on this issue led by H el ene Flautre MEP is being finalised in the LIBE committee and will be put to vote on 10 July. The vote in plenary will be in September.

Today, Amnesty International launches its *Unlock The Truth in Europe* campaign, which calls on EU governments and candidate countries to carry out human rights-compliant investigations into their involvement in the CIA programmes in the context of the new European Parliament report.

We wish to share with you our latest information on this issue, and urge you to support a robust report on accountability for human rights violations.

I attach a copy of a leaflet which gives a snapshot of the most recent information linking EU countries to the CIA programmes, including stories of those who have suffered human rights abuse, including torture, as a result. As you will see, EU complicity in renditions is far from being an issue of merely historic interest. Fresh information has emerged over recent years, particularly since the adoption of the EP's latest report on this issue, reinforcing the need for the EU to take decisive action.

Discovering how far EU countries colluded in human rights violations in the context of these CIA operations is a legal obligation with which no European government has yet complied. Despite the new information almost all European countries have failed to carry out human rights-compliant investigations into the allegations, identify those responsible, or provide effective remedy to victims. This must remain the core message of the new Flautre report.

More information on our campaign and research on the issue is posted on our new website www.unlockthetruth.org. The campaign aims to deliver the signatures we are collecting throughout Europe to the President of the European Parliament, the week before the vote and for a former Guant anamo detainee to speak in Parliament that week.

We remain available for any queries you may have or any further material you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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