



In conjunction with the OSCE Human Dimension Meeting, Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union cordially invite you to a roundtable discussion on:

## **The end of the “war on terror”?**

### **The Future of Counterterrorism and Human Rights in the OSCE area**

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Hotel Sofitel Victoria Warsaw, Meeting Room 2**

7 years after the devastating attacks on the USA on 11 September 2001, ending human rights violations in the context of terrorism and counter terrorism remains one of the key challenges of our times.

Real security can only be achieved through strengthening the human rights framework. Governments have a clear duty to protect their civilian population from violent attacks, but resorting to unlawful practices – such as torture, rendition, illegal detention and unfair trials – has been a strategic and political failure, as well as a disaster for international human rights.

Discussants at the event will address the vital role that OSCE governments must play in placing human rights back on the agenda in the context of political changes on both sides of the Atlantic. The conversation will focus on how the detention and treatment of terrorism suspects should be handled in the event that the U.S. detention facility at Guantánamo Bay is shut down.

Additionally, the panel will examine accountability mechanisms for past abuses, specifically considering measures that have been or should be taken against officials who ordered torture and secret detention and ensuring that these grave violations do not occur again.

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