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# END ABUSES COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF SECURITY

The attacks in the USA on 11 September 2001 were a crime against humanity. Since then, US authorities have committed grave human rights violations in the name of countering terrorism.

Amnesty International has long campaigned for the closure of the Guantánamo detention facility and against the practices and policies it embodies – unfair trials, torture and other ill-treatment, rendition and unlawful detention.

In November 2008 Amnesty International issued recommendations to US President-elect Barack Obama urging him to Counter Terror with Justice.

Within his first two days in office, President Barack Obama signed executive orders to close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay within a year; suspend trials by military commission; close long-term CIA secret detention facilities; and ban the use of “enhanced” interrogation techniques that amount to torture and other ill-treatment.

**President Obama has signalled a break with the past. Speed and specifics are now of the essence.**

## PRESIDENT OBAMA MUST TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO END THE ASSAULT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Sign this postcard and send it to the new US President

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### Dear Mr President

We welcome the actions you took in your first two days in office to begin to address the USA's seven-year assault on human rights. We urge you now to ensure speedy and lawful resolution of the cases of those detained by US authorities in the context of counter-terrorism, as well as accountability for past abuses.

### WE CALL ON YOU TO FOLLOW UP YOUR EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF 22 JANUARY 2009 WITH THE FOLLOWING STEPS IN YOUR FIRST 100 DAYS:

- Ensure that the Guantánamo detainees are promptly charged with recognizably criminal offences or are immediately released;
- Ensure that those detainees who are to be charged receive fair trials in US federal courts;
- Ensure that an independent inquiry into the USA's counter-terrorism detention and interrogation practices since 11 September 2001 is set up.

These steps form part of a checklist of actions that Amnesty International has issued for your first 100 days in office.

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