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President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
USA

**PETITION  
2019**

## **DONALD TRUMP, CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO!**

Dear Mr President,

It is high time for you to finally close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay.

Not only since the release of the Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program in 2014, it is obvious that **secret and arbitrary detention , torture and ill-treatment** were systematically used by officials of the United States of America. Some of those reportedly detained and tortured still remain at Guantánamo Bay, and none of the US officials has ever been brought to justice for those severe violations of human rights.

In keeping with the United States of America's claim to be a stronghold of democracy and civil rights, the US Government declared in January 2009 its intention to close the detention center in Guantánamo Bay within a year. This declaration was welcomed by countries throughout the world but until now, this symbol of torture is still open.

Seventeen years after opening **40 detainees remain at Guantánamo Bay**, many have been held without charge for a decade or more and face indefinite detention without a trial. Those who have charged face trials by military commissions that do not meet international standards for fair trials, and some may even face the death penalty. Human rights concerns in Guantánamo Bay remain an unfinished story. How long until the US government closes the book on Guantánamo and finally meets its human rights obligations?

### **Therefore, we call on you**

- Close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay by ending, not relocating, indefinite detention without charge, without any pursuit of the death penalty;
- Each detainee must either be charged and face trial in a federal court, or be released to countries that will respect their human rights, including the USA if that is the only available option;
- Former or current US officials responsible for human rights violations must be held to account, including in respect of crimes under international law such as torture and enforced disappearance. Victims of human rights violations must be provided genuine access to effective remedy.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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