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Torture today has become a tool that predators use to control rivals and remain in power against the rules of Democracy. The Victims of Torture are common citizens and political opposition members that stand for transparency and justice by speaking out against fraud and irregularities within their native lands. By doing so, they are subjected to all kinds of inhuman, degrading treatment that leads to moral and psychological breakdown. These include humiliation, whipping, electrical shocks, deprivation, starvation, rape, suffocation, being burnt alive, and even physical elimination. Perpetrators successfully use these techniques to cause fear and intimidation in their people.

Today, we stand united as survivors to oppose any practice of torture anywhere for any reason around the world. We support those who are currently suppressed and tortured. We salute all courageous individuals, governments, and non-profit organizations that speak out openly against this increasingly cruel treatment and human abuse around the World.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Prevention is better than curing. We all believe this. More people and more voices can bring about change regarding the idea of torture. Perpetrators forget that they need us as much as we deserve good, competent leaders. They degrade us, separate us from our families, rape our women to spread AIDS, secretly detain us, invade our lands, arbitrarily arrest us, and disrupt us from our loved ones just to secure their greed of power.

We thought the memory of millions of Jews killed would commit the world to never again, but instead these predators just change their weapons and strategies of oppressing the voiceless and the non-violent. They used unimaginable cruel treatment to force many Rwandese to flee. They scattered families in African countries where freedom is held with a ransom of life. These methods of intimidation have been used to give no choice to populations such as in Afghanistan, Iraq and Darfur, and the world simply says Enough.

Perpetrators, Rebels and their militias ignore that today their practice is creating a generation of suicides, murderers and grieved future leaders. The world will never achieve an absolute peace.

We gratefully want to acknowledge individuals, the United Nations, Amnesty International, all responsible governments and non-profit organizations throughout the world that support victims of torture. We want to thank them for denouncing openly this barbaric inhuman treatment and offering accommodation, medical help, legal assistance and most importantly therapy to survivors. We salute them.

We should all remember that torture, trauma, marginalization, human abuse, rape, and even physical elimination are still on the rise day by day.

To those of us who survived, don't forget our past and ambition to live in a free world and our scattered friends and family that were mistreated and left behind.

To those who didn't make it, we will never forget your efforts, at least you gave your best.

For those still going through torture and this degrading treatment, we reaffirm you today with our commitment to denounce this practice by all means. We seek justice from all responsible governments to consider our plea and abolish this degrading system, promote human dignity and tolerance and punish the perpetrators. Life is precious.

We thank you.