



WORLD COALITION AGAINST TORTURERS

- TO PUNISH, DETER AND PREVENT FUTURE TORTURERS

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To whom it may concern

The action group „World Coalition against Torturers” (WCAT), working in collaboration with the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), kindly requests you to support the “Justice heals” project. WCAT is a coalition of 9 recipients of the Right Livelihood Award, the so-called Alternative Nobel Prize, who intends to strengthen the international fight against the impunity of serious human rights violations, especially of torture.

In the summer 2006 WCAT started cooperation with the “Medizinische Flüchtlingshilfe Bochum” (MFH) who runs the campaign “Justice heals – The international fight against impunity” since 2001.

Our expertise tells us how important it could be to bring the perpetrators of human rights violations to court. Since more than 25 years our member organizations work with torture survivors and each of them confirm the destroying impact of impunity on survivors’ mental health. The IRCT in its 9th international symposium in December 2006 will focus on reparation, treatment and prevention of impunity at the same time - as MFH does in its “Justice heals” campaign.

The application presented by MFH describes a collaboration project with WCAT aiming, as a first step, at strengthening international exchange of experience via a worldwide network. Later on it intends to expand the project to include also punishing, deterring and preventing future human rights violations by prosecuting the most responsible persons for torture, war crimes and crimes against humanity at the international level.

MFH is internationally recognized as a medical and psychosocial human rights organization and has, during its ten years of existence and experience gathering, established numerous contacts worldwide. Given the fact that there is a high need for an international office against impunity, like the one MFH intends to establish in Bochum, we strongly recommend funding the project of the “Medizinische Flüchtlingshilfe Bochum”.

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