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## LETTER OF INVITATION

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We hereby have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the ninth IRCT International Symposium on Torture, which is devoted to outlining and discussing the achievements and future challenges of the global movement against torture.

Addressing a wide array of topics the symposium offers a unique opportunity for its participants to familiarise themselves with the latest developments in the field and provides an outstanding occasion for exchanging knowledge and experiences.

The symposium will bring together a remarkable range of the world's leading experts on reparation for torture survivors and the prevention of torture. The speakers will address a variety of subjects, such as combating impunity for torturers, new treatment approaches, and the impact of recent counterterrorism measures on the prohibition of torture (please refer to the attached preliminary programme for further details).

We believe that the symposium will provide an important contribution to the invaluable efforts of those devoted individuals and organisations across the world who work to end torture and to ensure torture survivors' inalienable right to rehabilitation and redress.

Hoping to see you in Berlin we remain,

Yours faithfully,

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