

# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE CIA TORTURE PROGRAM: ENSURING TRUTH, JUSTICE AND REPARATIONS FOR VICTIMS

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Last May several countries called on the United States to hold accountable officials who were responsible for acts of torture committed in the name of national security. In response to the UPR Working Group recommendations addressing accountability for torture and providing justice to victims and survivors, the United States has declined to accept the recommendations calling for an independent investigation and has not made any commitments to provide a public apology or compensation to victims of torture, many of whom were officially determined to have been “wrongfully detained.” What does U.S. failure to act in the face of these crimes mean to global human rights and what are the consequences for endorsing impunity? What are the lessons that could be learned from the Latin American experience in the search for truth and justice and ensuring non-repetition of torture and enforced disappearances?

## Speakers:

- **Mr. Pablo de Greiff**, Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- **Ms. Estela Barnes de Carlotto**, President of Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo
- **Mr. Jamil Dakwar**, Director of the Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- **Video testimony by former CIA prisoner and torture survivor, Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed al-Shoroeiya**

