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**TAKE A STEP TO STAMP OUT TORTURE**

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Abbreviations:

V/O - Voice-over / narration

B-roll - Raw footage

GV - General view

I/V - Interview

C/U - Close Up

**A ROLL**

Duration: 8'46"

**SPLIT TRACK**

*FOOTAGE AND SYNC*

*COMMENTARY*

A1: Music and Effects

A2: Voice-over

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GV of prison in USA

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man being bitten by dog in USA

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Despite official world wide condemnation, torture is still used every day to and extract confessions, interrogate, punish or intimidate people.

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GVs of stills and of torture victims in Egypt and Burundi.

Amnesty International's research shows that torture and ill-treatment occur in over 150 countries. In more than 80 of these countries, people have died as a result.

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Pull-out from chained hands poster.

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Shot of AI poster with Pierre Sané in foreground.

For 40 years, Amnesty International has worked to stop the torture of men, women and children throughout the world. The organization is now targeting governments, opposition groups and torturers everywhere.

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Introductory shots of Pierre Sané, Secretary General, Amnesty International.

Pierre Sané, Secretary General:

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I/V Pierre Sané,

Secretary General, Amnesty International:

"In October 2000 Amnesty International will be launching another major campaign. Activists in over 100 countries will stand up and take a step to stamp out torture."

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Gvs of Istanbul and introductory shots of Done Talun.

In Turkey, 12 year-old Done Talun, was arrested on suspicion of stealing a loaf of bread. She was beaten and subjected to electric shocks using homemade equipment .

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I/V Done Talun (Turkish):

"After the electric shocks stopped they hit me in my waist with the elbow. Another man said, 'Don't hit her' when they hit me there. They also pulled me up to the ceiling by my hair and let me drop and hit me in the belly again."

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Man demonstrating electro-shock

More sophisticated electro-shock technology, used by torturers, was first manufactured in the

technology and pan across documents and world map.

United States. Amnesty International says that in the last ten years over 22 countries have been involved in its manufacture, advertising, sale or purchase.

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Introductory shots of Michael Crowley.

Michael Crowley is a campaigner for Amnesty International:

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I/V Michael Crowley, Campaigner, Amnesty International:

"This industry is shrouded in secrecy. We want Amnesty members and the public around the world to write to their governments, to lobby their parliamentarians, to press for transparency in this trade to ensure that companies never manufacture such devastating weapons as electro-shock belts, gangchains, shackles, leg irons - to end this technology of torture."

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GVs Sierra Leone and shot of sign of amputee camp.

Many kinds of torture continue to be used by governments and opposition groups around the world.

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Shot of child amputee.

Those who survive bear scars that last a lifetime.

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Shots of mutilated victims.

The conflict in Sierra Leone, West Africa, has killed thousands of civilians, and left countless victims deliberately maimed and mutilated. Children especially have suffered.

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Introductory shots of Tessa Kordeczka.

Tessa Kordeczka is an Amnesty researcher on Sierra Leone:

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I/V Tessa Kordeczka, Amnesty International Researcher, Sierra Leone:

"This has always been a conflict where the civilians have been the targets, the rebel forces have had a systematic campaign of terrorization against civilians and that has been marked by

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killings, amputations, systematic rape and abductions."

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GVs of demonstration against illicit diamond trade.

Amnesty International has highlighted the role of the illicit diamond trade in financing arms and ammunition used by the rebel forces in Sierra Leone.

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Stills of torture equipment.

The organization continues to target businesses which profit from the trade in arms and those who trade in security equipment used by torturers all over the world.

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GVs violence on streets in Kenya.

From city streets to prison cells, torture is widespread.

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Cell door slamming shut.

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I/V Mark Schindler, Lawyer, USA:  
Overlaid with images of cell.

"They are saying this is a juvenile cell block in Arlington, Ohio, where our client, a 15 year-old girl, was placed after having run away from home. She was raped on the fourth night of being held in this jail by a deputy jailer."

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Candle demonstration in Kosovo with C/U of woman's face.

But horrific acts of violence against women, which amount to torture, are committed by individuals in the home and community.

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GVs of Mexican girl talking about her rape to AI researchers.

The campaign is underlining governments' responsibility to protect citizens in all areas.

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GVs of India.

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Introductory shots of Ruth Manorama.

In India, violence against women is widespread in the home and community, sometimes ending in death. Ruth Manorama is a women's activist:

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I/V Ruth Manorama, Human Rights Defender, India:

"It is the duty of the state to bear in mind what the non-state actors do, a husband or an employer or a private employer so I think when it comes to the realm of private, the government doesn't like to enter but we say no no no, you have to enter, because a citizen is a citizen whether she is at home or outside so you'd better protect her."

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GVs inside Romanian prison.

Wherever people are repressed, impoverished or discriminated against, they fall victim to acts of brutality and violence.

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Introductory shots of Mariana Cetiner.

Mariana Cetiner from Romania is a former prisoner of conscience. She felt that her treatment while in detention was a result of her sexuality:

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I/V Mariana Cetiner, Romania:

"The guards took me to beat me and insult me; criminals are better regarded than someone who has same sex relations; thieves are better regarded by the guards."

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I/V Pierre Sané, Secretary General,  
Amnesty International:

"The right not to be tortured is an absolute right, irrespective of the identity of the person."

10:06:05:18  
GVs Khiam Detention Centre.

All over the world, people are detained and tortured. Over the past 15 years, hundreds of people were imprisoned in Khiam Detention Centre in South Lebanon. In May 2000, the last 144 prisoners were freed.

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GVs of prisoners in Centre.

These ex-detainees returned to Khiam six days after their release to show the world the anguish and torture they had been through.

Some were hung by their wrists from iron wall racks. Others were forced to kneel for hours holding chairs above their heads. Many were hooded and tied to posts. Some men and women were sexually assaulted.

It was an experience they'll never forget.

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I/V Ex-prisoner:

"When we entered the Detention Centre, we were stripped of our humanity. We were just hoods, handcuffs and a number to the guards."

10:07:09:13  
GVs of Khiam.

The newly-liberated Khiam Detention Centre is just one example of how torture is used to destroy people's minds, bodies and souls.

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Amnesty International website.

Amnesty International is urging individuals to get involved with their campaign by registering online, and declaring the world a torture-free zone by helping the tortured, and targeting the torturers.

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Shots of anti-Pinochet demonstrations.

In Chile, relatives of thousands of victims of arbitrary detention "disappearances", torture and exile during the military government of General Augusto Pinochet, are still awaiting justice.

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I/V Woman protester:

"We want the people who have been tortured, who 'disappeared' in Chile to somehow have our tribute that we will never give up."

10:08:05:23  
Night shots of demonstration against Pinochet.

Now that Augusto Pinochet has been stripped of parliamentary immunity in Chile, those who suffered under his rule may be one step closer to justice and truth.

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Shots of candles being lit against banner reading "Remember victims of Torture - Please light a candle".

Amnesty International is urging individuals everywhere to take a step to stamp out torture.

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[www.stoptorture.org](http://www.stoptorture.org) strap.

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B roll contents:

- 1. Saudi Arabia
- 2. South Lebanon
- 3. Bahrain
- 4. Tunisia
- 5. China/Tibet
- 6. East Timor
- 7. Indonesia
- 8. Turkey continued...

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B roll contents:

- 9. Togo
- 10. Sierra Leone
- 11. Kenya
- 12. Burundi
- 13. Mexico
- 14. USA
- 15. Pierre Sané

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B-roll: Saudi Arabia  
 Location: London  
 Source: Beta SP  
 Duration: 42"  
 Shot: 2000

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GV of press conference.

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I/V Ijaz Ahmad explaining to a press conference in London how Saudi Arabian Intelligence held his family hostage:

"My wife and children had been mentally tortured. They had always been telling me that she will never be able to be allowed to leave the prison of Saudi Arabia. They told her that her children will grow to the ages of 20 but she will still be in prison together with her children."

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I/V Mervat Rishmawi:

"Unfortunately confession is routinely taken under torture and duress in Saudi Arabia. According to

international standards these confessions are illegal and should not be admissible in courts."

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B-roll: South Lebanon  
Location: London  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 1 '51"  
Shot: 2000

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GVs of Sohb Charat talking at an AI staff meeting  
Sohb was jailed in Khiam Detention Centre in South Lebanon from 7 November 1988 until 3 September 1998.

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I/V Sohb Charat (in Arabic):

"At the beginning of my detention, I was questioned for 3 months. During that time, we were tortured in different ways, which were usually psychological or physical. The psychological torture lasted from this time of questioning until my release. As to the physical torture, it was regular and lasted till the end of questioning. We were beaten up even for a glass of water. The methods could be varied: electricity, whips, very hot water or very cold, standing up, sleeping on the floor, in quarantine, walking on the most sensitive parts of women, thorax or others. Electricity could be used on any part of the body: thorax, nerves in the neck and more frequently on your fingers."

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B-roll: Bahrain  
Location: Bahrain  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 48"  
Shot: 1995

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Photograph of 16 year-old Sa'id Abd al-rasul al-Iskafi.

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The pro-democracy graffiti: Sa'id was arrested and tortured for spraying on walls near his home.

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Shots of his grave.

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Photographs of Sa'id's tortured dead body.



- 10:12:09:00 Painting of Sa'id.
- 10:12:09:00 I/V with Sa'id's father 'Abd al-rasul al-Iskafi:  
"His body was burned with an ordinary iron for ironing. It was pierced with drills. They had smoked cigarettes and stubbed them out on him. They did a shameful thing to him. It was clear he had been sexually interfered with. An officer had molested him. What a criminal act. Would you molest someone who is tied up, a prisoner?"
- 10:12:34:00 (BOARD)  
B-roll: Tunisia  
Location: Tunis  
Source: Mini DV  
Duration: 1'07"  
Shot: 1999
- 10:12:39:00 General shots of traffic in Tunis.
- 10:12:41:00 GVs of people walking through the streets of Tunis with pictures of president Ben Ali displayed in some shops.
- 10:12:52:00 Imen Derouiche sitting down with fellow students. Imen was detained without charge or trial for 18 months.
- 10:12:57:00 I/V Imen Derouiche (French):  
"When I was there, I was badly beaten by the police. They struck blows to my head, kicked me in the face and all that until they took me to the hospital. The next day they took me to the police department in the Ministry of Interior building. They are technical experts in torture at that place. These are people who learn how to torture others. They injected me a second time and when I woke up I found a doctor then I got hold of him like this. I took his hand and said to him, 'Save me, you're a doctor, you're a noble person. Kill me and don't let them torture me.' He said, 'Find another torture method. Her heart won't stand any more medical torture.'"
- 10:13:46:00 (BOARD)  
B-roll: China/Tibet  
Location: London  
Source: Beta SP

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Duration: 33"

Shot: 1995

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Introductory shots of Palden Gyatso.

Palden Gyatso is a Tibetan monk who was imprisoned for twenty-four years by the Chinese on suspicion of being a 'counter revolutionary'. While detained, Palden was tortured with implements like these.

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I/V Palden Gyatso, Tibet:

"One thing they do is tie you up like this behind your back, hang you from a loop from the ceiling and pour hot water from a thermos flask on your naked body, which hurts a lot."

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B-roll: East Timor

Location: East Timor / Australia

Source: Beta SP

Duration: 52"

Shot: 1999

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G/Vs of people running and shooting.

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I/V Nilton Tilman, student:

"It was a terrible situation because the militia shoot everywhere and the kids screamed everywhere and were very very scared. Psychologically it was very terrible. Three of my brothers were killed, two of my uncles were killed too, my aunt was raped and my cousin were tortured and then....I try to contact them every day but I don't know where they are now."

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B-roll: Indonesia

Location: Aceh

Source: Beta SP

Duration: 24"

Shot: 1999

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Introductory shots of Teungku Abas Mahdi who was tortured whilst in detention.

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I/V with Teungku Abas Mahdi:

"So they beat me again and put me in a room 3 by 4, and the walls were covered in blood."

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B-roll: Turkey  
Location: Istanbul  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 1'13"  
Shot: 1996

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GVs of Istanbul, Turkey.

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GVs of police brutality.

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I/V Mensure Erdohan, editor in chief of a pro-Kurdish newspaper in Turkey who was arrested and tortured:

"They stripped me naked, they poured cold water over me from a bucket. They pulled me up by my breasts, abused me sexually, pulled me by the hair and banged me against the wall, punching me constantly in the head."

"Even now some nights I have nightmares and I feel the same terror. I remember that cell and the sound of footsteps. When the key turns in the lock my hair stands on end. It means the torture is about to begin again and then I'm terrified."

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B-roll: Togo  
Location: Togo / Germany  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 1'24"  
Shot: 1999/2000

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People demonstrating at the Togolese border against Amnesty International and particularly Pierre Sané who is there with an AI delegation.

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GVs of Ameen Ayodele from AI Nigeria in Amsterdam with an AI Netherlands delegation.

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I/V Ameen Ayodele from AI Nigeria who was detained and tortured in Togo:

"And immediately that he saw the ID card, he said, 'You, Amnesty, you come with me.'"

"And I went to the toilet and when I came back I was attacked by two policemen and I was beaten severely. I had to fall on the floor to protect my face from injuries."

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I/V Pierre Sané, Secretary General of Amnesty International:

"In a country like Togo, human rights defenders have been arrested, harassed, some of them had to leave the country, some have been tortured. That contradicts the stated public commitment of the government to ensure that the rights of all Togolese will be respected."

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Colour and black & white photographs showing gross human rights violations committed in Togo.

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Refugees from Togo living in Germany at a human rights demonstration.

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B-roll: Sierra Leone  
Location: Freetown  
Source: mini DV  
Duration: 47"  
Shot: 2000

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GVs of Freetown.

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GVs outside AI office in Freetown.

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I/V Isaac Lappia, AI Sierra Leone section Director, on atrocities committed in January 1999:

"We had an Amnesty member whose arm was amputated, one was shot in the leg in Port Loka and some others were wounded. Another journalist who belongs to an Amnesty journalist group was wounded and had his eye gouged out."

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Shot of poster.

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"A lot of people who suffered from amputations had both arms chopped off. Some had their feet chopped off."

- 10:19:29:00 (BOARD)
- B-roll: Kenya  
 Location: Nairobi  
 Source: Beta SP  
 Duration: 57"  
 Shot: 1997
- 10:19:34:00 General shots of military violence towards civilians on streets in Kenya.
- 10:19:58:00 I/V Josephine Nyawira Ngengi:
- "They beat me and one of them got furious and stepped on my stomach, and another one put something cold in my private parts. Because of the pain I screamed and they took it out. Immediately I started bleeding."
- 10:20:21:00 (BOARD)
- B-roll: Burundi  
 Location: Bujumbura  
 Source: mini DV  
 Duration: 2'05"  
 Shot: 2000
- 10:20:26:00 General shots of Human Rights Defenders examining photographs of a man, called Diomedé Buyoya, who died under torture after being arrested, accused of slandering his boss. The man who killed Diomedé was detained for one month and released without charge. He is now back at work though in a different brigade.
- 10:20:42:00 C/U of pictures of tortured body.
- 10:20:49:00 I/V Human Rights Defender Laurent Gahungu, ABDP (Association Burundaise Pour La Défense Des Droits Des Prisonniers) (in French):
- "This case is about a person who was accused of slandering his boss. We knew this ourselves when we took on the case. And after that we followed the case. He was going to be buried by the police corps where he had been tortured. The person who came to inform us of this was opposed to the burial by the very same police corps. This is how ABDP did everything, made sure that this person was first taken to the morgue so that his

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relatives could bury him with dignity. This is how it happened."

"The practise of torture is prohibited, whether by national law, or by certain international treaties for the promotion, the defence of human rights that Burundi has ratified. There are among others, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Convention against Torture and all these treaties have been ratified by Burundi."

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I/V Human Rights Defender Joseph Mujji, ITEKA (Ligue Burundaise Des Droits de L'Homme), (in French):

"I believe that one of the causes of death in places of detention - the big cause - is torture. They are tied up, they are hit, they are electrocuted and prevented from eating."

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B-roll: USA  
Location: USA  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 25"  
Shot: 1998

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GVs outside a prison.

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I/V William F. Schulz , AI USA, Executive Director:

"Americans like to think that there aren't serious human rights violations here in this country, but there certainly are: police brutality, prison conditions, the treatment of asylum seekers, the death penalty - these are critically important issues."

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B-roll: Mexico  
Location: Mexico  
Source: Beta SP  
Duration: 1'30  
Shot: 1999

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Cutaways of Aurora Nazario Arrieta.

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I/V Fourteen year-old Aurora Nazario Arrieta explains to an AI delegation in Mexico how she was raped by three policemen:

"I was taken out. He told me to take my blouse off, only the blouse. He told me to go somewhere else because we could be seen there. He took me to a cell, where the prisoners sleep, his name is Roque. He stood up and opened the door to let his partners in. They took me and sat me on a stool and then they opened my legs."

I/V Miguel Nazario Arrieta, Aurora's father:

"They told her to open her legs and then they penetrated her, they were three."

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Cutaways of Aurora Nazario Arrieta.

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I/V Consuelo Morales, Human Rights Worker (in Spanish):

"They dunk their heads in dirty water or in dirty toilets repeatedly. Unfortunately, some people have even died during such torture."

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I/V Consuelo Morales, Human Rights Worker (in Spanish):

"Torture exists because sometimes we allow ourselves to be influenced and to believe that there are more important things than people and human dignity, such as economic, political or ideological interests. But that's a fallacy which should be exposed."

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(BOARD)

B-roll: Pierre Sané, Secretary General

Location: London

Duration: 48"

Source: Beta SP

Shot: 2000

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I/V Pierre Sané (French):

"En octobre deux milles AI va lancer une campagne global contre la torture. Des militants dans plus de 100 pays vont se mobiliser afin de s'attaquer à la persistance de la torture. Et nôtre action va être organisé autour de