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The Geneva Press Club - Club suisse de la Presse, has the pleasure to invite the international, the Swiss press and its members to a **press meeting** on the topic

### Torture in Colombia in the spotlight of the United Nations

with

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« At la Pastorale » [Route de Ferney 106](#), Geneva

In November 2009, the United Nations (UN) Committee against Torture (CAT) will examine Colombia at its 43rd session. In light of this, the Colombian Coalition against Torture (*Coalición Colombiana contra la Tortura*)<sup>1</sup>, an entity that seeks to foster the work of Colombian human rights NGOs, submitted an alternative report on the situation of torture and other forms of ill-treatment in Colombia since November 2003, date of the last examination of Colombia by the CAT.

The report submitted by the Coalition entails information that shows that the use of torture and other forms of ill-treatment in Colombia is widespread and systematic. Furthermore, it confirms that Colombia has still not implemented the recommendations issued by the CAT in 2003. The report proposes a number of recommendations to Colombia to redress the situation and ensure compliance with the provisions of the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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<sup>1</sup>The Colombian Coalition against Torture is composed of the following NGOs : Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos-Desaparecidos - ASFADDES, Asociación MINGA, Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo, Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, Corporación AVRE-Acompañamiento Psicosocial y Atención en Salud Mental a víctimas de violencia política, Corporación REINICIAR, Fundación Comité de Solidaridad con Presos Políticos, Organización Mundial Contra la Tortura and Terre des hommes Italia.

The press meeting will be followed by a drink.  
I look forward to seeing you at this occasion.

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