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Statement by Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis on US Supreme Court ruling against Guantanamo military tribunals

Strasbourg, 29.06.2006 – "This is a victory for justice in the campaign against error, ineptitude and hypocrisy. The fallacious choice between security and the rule of law and the deliberate decision of the United States government to betray fundamental human rights and liberties have weakened American defences, alienated its allies and galvanised its enemies in the war against terrorism. The US administration should seize this opportunity to revise its policies, close Guantanamo and give up the practices of extraordinary renditions, ill-treatment of detainees, outsourcing of torture and other measures which do not comply with international standards of human rights. This would make the world a safer place because a really effective fight against terrorism is one which stops more terrorists than it helps to recruit.

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