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It is my pleasure to express Human Rights Watch's support for Naked Eye Productions in the filming of the documentary "Seeking Refuge."

As legal counsel for Human Rights Watch, I have been working with the victims of Chad's exiled former president Hissène Habré for over thirteen years, in an effort to bring him to justice. While in Dakar, Senegal in February of this year, I attended the inauguration of the Extraordinary African Chambers, which were created to try international crimes committed under Habré's rule.

During my stay in Dakar, I had the opportunity to work with Jane C. Wagner, Tina DiFelicianantonio and their team, who were filming the week's events. It was a great pleasure to witness their efforts first-hand, and to discuss their mission to document the stories of torture survivors.

Souleymane Guengueng, one of the main individuals highlighted in "Seeking Refuge," is a survivor who was imprisoned by Habré's government. Habré is accused of thousands of political killings and systematic torture when he ruled Chad, from 1982 to 1990. After years of seemingly endless legal battles Habré is set to stand trial in late 2014 in Dakar. Without Souleymane, our progress over the years would not have been possible and I am delighted that his quest for justice will be shared across the globe through what will undeniably be an outstanding film.

I am delighted by the work that is being done by Naked Eye Productions to expose the long-term effects of the abuses committed by Habré's government. The documentary's access into Bellevue's Program for Survivors of Torture in New York City will shed light on a number of personal stories like Souleymane's: stories of courage, perseverance and forgiveness in the face of great suffering.

The value and potential impact of this film cannot be overemphasized.

Yours truly,

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