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To whom it may concern

## Re: support for documentary film Seeking Refuge

Since torture survivors usually suffer from long-term posttraumatic stress disorder they are in particular need of medical psychological, social and other forms of rehabilitation. Usually, in countries that routinely practise torture, such professional treatment in torture rehabilitation centres does not exist. Often survivors of torture have no other choice than to flee their country and seek refuge in another country in the hope of finding protection, security and rehabilitation for the harm suffered. In a world governed by xenophobic fears the chances of being recognised as refugee are however on the decline.

For these reasons I strongly support the initiative by NakedEyeProductions of producing a documentary film on this issue entitled *Seeking Refuge* and I am willing to serve in its advisory board.

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