

**LOCAL GROUP CHARTER**  
**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF THE U.S.A., INC.**

**Local Group # \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_**

We, the undersigned, do hereby establish Local Group # \_\_\_\_\_ as a chapter of Amnesty International of the USA, Inc. (AIUSA) and, as members of the Group, pledge to promote Amnesty International's Vision and Mission, which are:

*Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.*

*In pursuit of this vision, Amnesty International's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.*

In order to reach these goals, we pledge to engage in as many of the following areas of work as the group decides, under the general supervision of AIUSA:

Action File casework on behalf of prisoners of conscience or other victims of human rights abuse;

Participation in Regional Action Networks and the Urgent Action Network of AIUSA which focus on short-term detentions, "disappearances," executions, and other human rights issues;

The abolition of the death penalty worldwide;

Participation in campaigns on behalf of the rights of refugees;

Participation in country and issue campaigns, concentrating efforts on individual countries and specific types of human rights violations with attention to and ensuring representation of those populations most at risk, such as women, gay men and lesbians, bisexual and transgendered, and children;

Participation in work on behalf of the human rights of women and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people.

Participation in publicity, community education, and outreach efforts in order to build the human rights movement in \_\_\_\_\_ by mobilizing an ever-larger constituency of activists.

We pledge that, as volunteers with or members of AIUSA, we will not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office as members of the local group.

We pledge that influencing legislation will not be such a substantial part of our activities that our status as an organization exempt from federal tax under I.R.S. 501(c)(3) will be jeopardized.

We pledge to devote all funds raised by our Group to furthering the purposes of AIUSA.

We recognize that we are affiliated with, but separate from, AIUSA, and that pursuant to this relationship, usage of the AIUSA name and logo with respect to items initiated by the local group must be in the form of: Amnesty International Local Group #\_\_\_\_\_.

We recognize that AIUSA has the right to prohibit the use of AIUSA name and revoke this charter if, at any time, the Local Group acts in a manner contrary to this Charter or to the goals and objectives of AIUSA.

We recognize that we are authorized to speak for AIUSA on issues of human rights but are not empowered to enter into contracts or agreements on AIUSA's behalf or act as agents of AIUSA for any other purpose.

We know that our work can mean life and liberty to prisoners of conscience and those threatened with torture and execution all over the world.

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Coordinator

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Please keep one signed copy of the Charter for your records and return one signed copy, with financial information and pledge form, to your Field Office.