

dous progress that we've made in improving our relations.

We've worked very hard, and our teams have worked very hard, over the last 18 months to build a relationship of trust and mutual confidence. And it is my belief that we have accomplished many things as a consequence of that hard work.

We recently had a successful second round of our strategic and economic dialogue and the first round of our human rights dialogue. Larry Summers and Tom Donilon will be traveling

to China in early August at my request to talk to your top economic and foreign policy advisers, and we're also looking forward to an invitation for a visit by Defense Secretary Gates in the coming months.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:45 p.m. at the InterContinental Toronto Centre. President Hu spoke in Chinese, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Statement on the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

June 26, 2010

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the United Nations Convention against Torture, one of the foremost international human rights documents. The United States was a leader in the document's drafting and remains dedicated to supporting its principles at home and abroad.

I continue to believe that brutal methods of interrogation are inconsistent with our values, undermine the rule of law, and are not effective means of obtaining information. They alienate the United States from the world and serve as a recruitment and propaganda tool for terrorists. They increase the will of our enemies to fight against us and endanger our troops when they are captured. The United States will not use or support these methods.

Over the past year, the Department of State has, at my request, gathered information from our Embassies around the world about effective

mechanisms to stop torture and assist its victims. I have asked the Department of State to share this information with interested international and nongovernmental organizations and to develop a system of advice and tools to share with governments and other relevant actors in addressing this problem.

The United States will continue to support the efforts of other nations and international and nongovernmental organizations, to eradicate torture through human rights training for security forces, capacity building, and encouraging robust legislation against such practices. We will also continue our close collaboration with international and domestic groups working to rehabilitate and reintegrate torture victims and offenders. I am sincerely grateful for the efforts of all the men and women around the world who are working to end the scourge of torture.

## Remarks Prior to a Meeting With President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia in Toronto

June 27, 2010

*President Obama.* Good morning, everybody. *Selamat pagi.*

It is wonderful once again to see my good friend, the President of Indonesia, and members of his delegation. I obviously have enjoyed our interactions here, although my hope and wish was that I was going to be seeing him

in Jakarta. Because of the crisis that we've had in the Gulf, I've had to delay the trip. But graciously, for a second time now, the President has reextended the invitation, and I am confident that we are going to get there.

We're having breakfast this morning because the friendship between Indonesia and