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**LOBBYING REPORT**

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1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization ☐ Individual

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

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Address2

City NEW YORK

State NY

Zip Code 10118

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## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007

Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☒

Year End (July 1-December 31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☒

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date

11. No Lobbying Activities ☐

## INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

### 12. Lobbying

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000 ☐

\$10,000 or more ☐

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Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

### 13. Organizations

EXPENSE relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000 ☐

\$10,000 or more ☒

\$ 80,000.00

### 14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for descriptive

☐ Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition

☒ Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 of Internal Revenue Code

☐ Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of Internal Revenue Code

Signature ☒ Digitally Signed By: Dinah PoKempner

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Printed Name and Title Dinah PoKempner, General Counsel



Registrant HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Client Name HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code **HOM** **Homeland Security** (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Homeland Security

Treaties/Legislation

-Extraordinary rendition legislation (S. 1876)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None ☒ House ☒ Senate ☒

Department of State

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

| Name  |      |        | Covered Official Position (if applicable) |
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

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## ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area: HOM - Homeland Security

## Treaties/Legislation (continued):

- Department of Defense Authorization Bill (S. 1548)
- Guantanamo closure bills (S. 1469 and S. 1249)
- Habeas restoration bills (H.R. 2826 and S. 185)
- Material support legislation (H.R. 2764)
- Iraqi refugees legislation (H.R. 2265)
- Comprehensive immigration reform legislation (S. 1348)

## Policies/Issues:

- Detention of and access to courts for enemy combatants held at Guantanamo Bay and other locations
- Torture and ill-treatment and interrogation policies of terrorism suspects
- Detention and treatment of aliens suspected of terrorism
- Use of military commissions and combatant status review tribunals
- Extraordinary renditions and use of diplomatic assurances
- Terrorism-related bars on admission jeopardizing resettlement and asylum status of vulnerable refugees
- Immigration policies: indefinite and mandatory detention, criminalization of low-level offenses, access to courts and due process, mandatory deportation policies
- Admission of Iraqi refugees into the US

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15. General issue area code

CIV

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Legislation/Treaties:

-Department of Defense Authorization Bill: amendments on detainee status, interrogation and rendition (S. 1548)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None☒ House☒ Senate☒

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## ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area: CIV - Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

## Legislation/Treaties (continued):

- Comprehensive immigration legislation (S. 1348)
- Second Chance Act (H.R. 1593)
- Material support legislation (H.R. 2764)
- Amendments to the Military Commissions Act (S. 4060 and H.R. 1416)
- Habeas Restoration Bills (H.R. 2826 and S. 185)
- Close Guantanamo legislation (S. 1469 and S. 1249)
- National Security with Justice Legislation (S. 1876)
- Taping of Interrogations (H.R. 4951)

## Policies/Issues:

- Detention of and access to courts for enemy combatants held at Guantanamo Bay and other locations
- Torture and ill-treatment and interrogation policies of terrorist suspects
- Detention and treatment of aliens suspected of terrorism
- Use of military commissions, combatant status review tribunals, and applicable fair trial procedures
- Extraordinary renditions and use of diplomatic assurances
- Applicability and definition of fair trial/humane treatment standards in the Geneva Conventions
- Death penalty: advocacy in favor of abolition and against expansion.
- Access to courts for vulnerable populations: advocated against restrictions on court access for immigrants, criminal defendants, prisoners and enemy combatant detainees
- Mandatory minimum sentences: advocated against inclusion of such sentences in crime bills
- Immigration reform: advocated for fair recognition of homosexual couples under new immigration laws
- Material witness warrants: advocated in favor of legislation to ensure that suspects are not detained as material witnesses
- Immigration reform: advocated for reasoned enforcement policies that respect and incorporate due process and human rights protections
- Vulnerable refugees and material support restrictions: protecting victims of terrorism from being defined as "supporters" of terrorism and barred entry into US



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15. General issue area code FOR Foreign Relations (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Foreign Relations

Legislation/Treaties:

-Advance Democracy Act (H.R. 1133)17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None ☒ House ☒ Senate ☒Department of State

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## ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area:

FOR - Foreign Relations

## Legislation/Treaties (continued):

- Global Online Freedom Act (H.R. 4780)
- Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act (H.R. 1)
- Andijan Accountability Act (S. 2770)
- Child Soldiers Prevention Act (S. 1175 and H.R. 3028)
- Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2764)
- UN Human Rights Council legislation (S. 1698)

## Policies/Issues:

- Afghanistan: Advocated for greater support for security in Afghanistan, particularly for women; advocated for US to support vetting of Afghan officials potentially involved in war crimes; advocated for allowing access by the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission to detainees in US custody.
- Bangladesh: Urged US to raise with Bangladesh concerns about the extra-judicial activities of Bangladesh's Rapid Action Battalion.
- Burma: Called for increased US pressure for democratic change in Burma and renewed sanctions in Burma; advocated for increased pressure on other countries to support the inclusion of Burma on the agenda of the UN Security Council; urged US to pressure UN to establish a commission of inquiry into war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma.
- China: Advocated for the US to press for access to justice for Chinese citizens attempting to file class action lawsuits.
- Colombia: Urged effective enforcement of human rights conditions on US military and demobilization aid to Colombia.
- Egypt: Urged US to raise with Egypt concerns about arbitrary and mass arrests of suspects in counterterrorism operations and torture in detention.
- Ethiopia: Urged US to call for release of political detainees and deny assistance to abusive military units.
- Global: Urged US to take a stronger stance on the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights in the extractive industries; advocated for a cut-off of certain categories of US military aid to countries that recruit and use child soldiers in violation of international law or support militias that recruit children.
- India: Urged US to push for accountability for those responsible for human rights abuses in India-administered Kashmir.
- Indonesia: Supported the continued prohibition by the US on International Military Education and Training (IMET) and International Military Financing (FMF) to Indonesia given continued abuses by the Indonesian military; urged US to raise the issue of abuse against child domestic workers with Indonesia and to press for amending the labor law to grant core labor rights to workers in the informal sector, including domestic workers; urged US to raise with Indonesia concerns about human rights abuses by Indonesian military that are exacerbated by the lack of oversight over legal and illicit business practices.
- Iran: Urged US to refrain from tying allocation of funds to activists and reform programs with programs of regime change.
- Iraq: Urged US to investigate allegations of torture and ill-treatment of detainees by Iraqi security forces; urged US to ensure that assistance to Iraq will not contribute to human rights violations; urged US military to prevent and prohibit mistreatment of Iraqis in US custody; urged US to accept a higher number of Iraqi refugees and to support other countries in the region who accept Iraqi refugees; urged US to press Iraq to release 5 Iranian diplomats in Iraq or to provide adequate due process rights for detained diplomats.
- Israel/Palestinian Authority: Urged US to ensure that political agreements between the two parties be consistent with human rights norms; urged US to inform Israel that continued US military assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt human rights violations and to inform the Palestinian Authority that any US security assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt serious rights violations by its security forces and by Palestinian armed groups.
- Jordan: Urged US to make clear to Jordan that its counterterrorism measures should comply with international human rights guarantees; urged US to support Iraqi refugees in Jordan.
- Lebanon: Urged US to raise with Lebanon concerns that the Lebanese government avoid civilian casualties in clashes with armed groups; called on US to ensure that US counterterrorism assistance is not used in the commission of human rights violations.
- Libya: Urged US to push for improvements in human rights practices in Libya.
- Malaysia: Urged US to raise concerns about human rights abuses in the application of the Internal Security Act.
- Morocco: Called on US to ensure US counterterrorism assistance is not used in the commission of human rights violations.
- Nepal: Urged US to encourage Nepal to end "disappearances" and torture; urged US to prioritize human rights, particularly impunity of the Nepal Army.



## ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area:

## FOR - Foreign Relations

- North Korea: Urged US to raise with North Korea concerns about workers' rights issues at Kaesong Industrial Complex and include human rights issues in any dialogue with North Korea.
- Pakistan: Urged US to condition military aid on democratic reform; urged US to advocate for women's rights issues in Pakistan; urged US to support free expression for journalists and human rights activists in Pakistan; urged US to push for accountability for those responsible for human rights abuses in Pakistan administered Kashmir.
- Philippines: Advocated for greater security in the Philippines, particularly for civilians targeted by radical armed groups; US to condition military aid on progress in the prosecution of members of the Philippine Armed Forces who have participated in human rights violations.
- Russia: Urged US to pressure Russia to amend their NGO law to conform to international standards.
- Saudi Arabia: Urged US to protest Saudi restrictions on the freedom of religion and the freedom of expression and association; urged US to discuss with Saudi Arabia the nature of diplomatic assurances for detainees who have been transferred from the detention center in Guantanamo Bay to Saudi Arabia.
- Sri Lanka: Called on US to push for an international human rights monitoring mission in Sri Lanka to investigate issues brought about by increasing violence in the country; urged US to address with Sri Lanka issues of child recruitment by armed forces, Sri Lankan government complicity and by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.
- Sudan: Urged US to press for action in Darfur by asking the UN Security Council to urge the Sudanese government to end human rights abuses and hold violators accountable.
- Thailand: Urged US to protest Thai restrictions on civil liberties; sought US pressure on Thailand not to return Cambodian refugees to Cambodia and to find durable solutions for Burmese refugees in Thailand; urged US to condemn rights abuses by both sides in the conflict in southern Thailand.
- Tunisia: Advocated for fair treatment of Guantanamo detainees returned to Tunisia.
- Uganda: Urged US to push for human rights improvements in northern Uganda and to press for an end to torture in Uganda.
- United Arab Emirates: Urged US to pressure the UAE to abide by international labor standards.
- Uzbekistan: Urged US to condition its relationship with Uzbekistan on an independent, international inquiry into the May massacre in Andijan and to impose sanctions targeting President Karimov and government officials responsible for the At-Tashkent massacre and ensuing repression; urged US to help ensure protection from forced return and urgent resettlement of Uzbek refugees in Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine.
- Vietnam: Advocated for US to support the rights of Montagnards who have faced violent reprisals by the government in Vietnam; advocated for continuation of Vietnam's status as a Country of Particular Concern for its restrictions on religious freedom.

