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PRESS RELEASE

Mónica Feria Tinta granted the INGE GENEFKE AWARD 2006

The international lawyer Mónica Feria Tinta has been granted the INGE GENEFKE AWARD 2006 for her remarkable and persistent work in the field of human rights and specifically for her tireless struggle for reparation for the victims of the Castro Castro massacre in Peru in 1992.

The INGE GENEFKE AWARD is granted every second year by the Inge Genefke and Bent Sørensen Anti-Torture Support Foundation to a person who has carried out particularly admirable work against torture.

At the prize award ceremony, held on 8 December 2006 in connection with the General Assembly of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) in Berlin, professor Bent Sørensen, chairman of the Foundation, said:

“Mónica Feria has shown a seldom persistency in her effort to help victims of human rights abuses and above all victims of torture. For the entire international community she has proven that the continuous struggle against injustice has rendered reparation to those most in need. She is thereby an example for all of us to follow and an outstanding representative of the INGE GENEFKE AWARD 2006.”

Mónica Feria Tinta graduated from the Law Faculty in Peru in 1991 and was awarded a Master of Law at the London School of Economics in 1996 after she received refugee status in the United Kingdom. She has further qualified as an international lawyer in Strasbourg (1998) (Institute de Droits de l’Homme),

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Finland (under the auspices of the Human Rights Institute, Abo Academy (2001), Geneva (2000) (under a fellowship conferred to her by the International Law Commission of the UN) and the Hague (2000) at the Hague Academy of International Law.

Mónica Feria Tinta has widely published in international law journals. She worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia and represented the victims in the Brothers Gomez Paquiyauri case before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2002-2004), a work that secured the victims nearly 1 million US dollars in compensation.

Most recently, in June 2006, Monica Feria Tinta took the final steps to gain reparation on behalf of more than 300 victims of torture or relatives to the victims of the Castro Castro massacre, which occurred at the Castro Catro prison in Lima, Peru in May 1992. Through her persistent work she has gathered more than 200 testimonies and compiled a 700-page analysis of the event and thus documented the systematic torture perpetrated by the Peruvian security forces.

The Inge Genefke and Bent Sørensen Anti-Torture Support Foundation is a non-profit foundation and its purpose is to support the work against torture.

The foundation has been established in recognition of the vital importance of the fight against torture and also with respect of the significant work by IRCT founder Inge Genefke, MD, DMSc. h.c. and professor Bent Sørensen, MD, DMSc.

The INGE GENEFKE AWARD comes with prize money of 10,000 US dollars.

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