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The World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), the principal global coalition of anti-torture organizations, has elected Swiss Senator Dick Marty as one of its Vice Presidents of the Organisation.

"We are delighted to have Dick Marty joining the Executive Council of the OMCT. His expertise, credibility and courage in the fight against torture and impunity have been truly exemplary and will be a great asset not only for the OMCT but for the global movement against torture," said Yves Berthelot, OMCT President in a comment released today.

Dick Marty, a former public prosecutor is a member of the Swiss Parliament, and is a member and former president of the legal and human rights committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, in which capacity he conducted key inquiries on human rights violations in Kosovo, the Russian Federation and a groundbreaking investigation into torture and disappearances through the US led extra-ordinary rendition and secret detention policies.

"I am convinced that it is time for renewed global efforts to restore the absolute prohibition of torture, cruel and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. We need to put in place effective safeguards and have to stop the scourge of impunity persisting in many parts of the world. Without accountability we cannot prevent torture in the future", said Dick Marty at the occasion of his nomination as Vice President of the World Organisation Against Torture.

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