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Are U.S. Counter-Terrorism Measures Undermining Women's Rights?
Regional Experts Meet to Uncover Gender Impacts of U.S. Counter-Terrorism in Africa

(New York, August 25, 2010)—As the Obama administration puts women's rights at the center of its policies to combat extremism and terrorism, a meeting to uncover the gender impacts of U.S. counter-terrorism measures will be held in Nairobi, Kenya on August 26-27, 2010 announced the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) at NYU School of Law today. The consultation—being held with the Open Society Initiative for East Africa—will be the first in Africa to determine whether U.S. diplomatic, military and development assistance to counter terrorism helps or hurts gender equality in the region.

From AFRICOM's training of local militaries and "hearts and minds" campaigns, to U.S. rendition and detention, this meeting will examine U.S. policies and also generate recommendations for how the U.S. can ensure that its counter-terrorism presence in Africa advances—rather than undermines—gender equality.

If you are a member of the media and would like to set up an interview or arrange to meet with participants attending the workshop, please contact one of the press coordinators above. For more examples of how U.S. counter-terrorism impacts gender in Africa, please visit the Center's website at: <http://www.chrgj.org/projects/gct.html>.

About the CHRGJ

The Center for Human Rights and Global Justice launched the United States and Gender, National Security, and Counter-Terrorism Project to build upon the U.S. government's increasing emphasis on gender and women's rights in its strategies to combat extremism and radicalization. This 18-month project examines the gendered impacts of U.S. counter-terrorism measures in the United States and abroad, and how such measures can promote, rather than hinder, gender equality. The core of the project consists of a series of regional workshops being held in: New York (April 27, 2010), Nairobi (August 26-27, 2010), Bangkok (September 13-14, 2010), Istanbul (October 15-16, 2010) and the United States (Fall 2010).