August 30th 2008 marks the 25th anniversary of the International Day of the Disappeared. Join in with the International Coalition against Enforced Disappearances (ICAED) and take action to fight this serious violation of human rights! Help make the new UN Convention against disappearances a reality. An enforced disappearance of a person is a grave human rights violation that has bedevilled tens of thousands of persons and their families. It creates an abundance of victims still today. To combat this heinous practice, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances was adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 20 in 2006. The Convention serves as a crucial opportunity to eradicate disappearances and to bring down related human rights violations.

On August 30 in 2008 different events are organised by the families of victims all over the world to commemorate the disappeared. On this day, the ICAED calls on governments to sign and ratify the Convention. We will also send an appeal letter signed by renowned personalities to all heads of States, together with a photo publication bearing witness to the emotional effects of disappearances Help us stop disappearances. Visit our website and join the campaign on www.icaed.org, or contact the focal point of the ICAED on d.hardy@aimforhumanrights.org.