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Blacklisted: Targeted sanctions, pre-emptive security and fundamental rights

**Meeting: Monday, 21 February 2011 at 6:30pm
Garden Court Chambers, 57-60 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ**

In December 2010, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) published a detailed critique of the terrorist blacklisting regimes operated by the United Nations and the European Union.

The Report, written by Gavin Sullivan (ECCHR) and Ben Hayes (Statewatch), with a foreword by the UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights, Martin Scheinin, provides a comprehensive review of the development and implementation of the 'terrorism list' regimes over the last decade. The Report endorses the growing body of expert legal opinion that these regimes are fundamentally incompatible with the most basic standards of due process. Moving beyond the frame of human rights, the Report goes on to examine how the listing regimes, have criminalised self-determination movements, institutionalised suspicion of diaspora communities and undermined initiatives for development and conflict resolution around the world. In conclusion, it is argued that the policy of blacklisting now faces a crisis of legitimacy such that the UN Security Council Resolutions underpinning these regimes should be annulled.

The authors of the report will present their findings and, together along with legal experts from the UK engage in a critical discussion on the blacklisting regimes and the ways they can be challenged and changed. The report is available online at: www.ecchr.eu/publications.html and www.societiesofcontrol.cc.

Chaired by:

Prof Bill Bowring, Executive Committee member of the Bar Human Rights Committee, International Secretary of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, and Chair of EHRAC

Addresses by:

Gavin Sullivan and Ben Hayes, co-authors of the ECCHR report "*Blacklisted: Target Sanctions, Preemptive Security and Fundamental Rights*"

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