

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Zeid al-Hussein Condemns U.S. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump



Geneva, October 21 (RHC)-- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein says if GOP nominee Donald Trump wins the U.S. 2016 presidential election, it will pose a threat to the world "on the basis of what he has said."

The UN high-ranking official made the remarks during a news briefing at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva. He said: "If Donald Trump is elected on the basis of what he has said already - and unless that changes - I think it is without any doubt that he would be dangerous from an international point of view."

The UN official further suggested that the human rights situation will be worse if Trump's policies are pursued in the White House. "Torture works," Trump has said, vowing to reauthorize waterboarding, which was banned by along with other forms of torture, officially called enhanced interrogation techniques, upon taking office in January 2009.

Zeid pointed out that Trump's victory on November 8 could lead to "an increase... or the use of torture." Apart from an inclination for torture, Trump has also insulted Muslims, African Americans, Latinos, women and disabled people.

The top UN official noted that the New York billionaire's "focus on vulnerable communities [is] in a way that suggests that they may be well deprived of their human rights."

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