



## United Nations Special Procedures

# FACTS AND FIGURES

## 2010

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**Pictures on front cover:**

The Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Ms. Najat Maalla M'jid, addressing the Human Rights Council at the fourteenth Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mr. Githu Muigai, speaking at the Human Rights Council (*UN-Photo / Jean-Marc Ferre*).

The Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation, Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, speaking during a fact-finding mission to a Korean community representative; the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin, with UNAMI staff in Baghdad; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of indigenous peoples, Mr. James Anaya, with the Prefect of the Likouala District, during a visit to Congo (*OHCHR-Photo*).



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The *Special Procedures Facts and Figures 2010* provides a general overview of the main activities of the Special Procedures mandates of the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2010. This tool is produced by the Information, Coordination and Management Unit of the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division of the OHCHR.

For more information about Special Procedures, please visit <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm>.

Information about the work of OHCHR and the support extended to Special Procedures will be available in the forthcoming OHCHR *Report on Activities and Results 2010*.

## INTRODUCTION

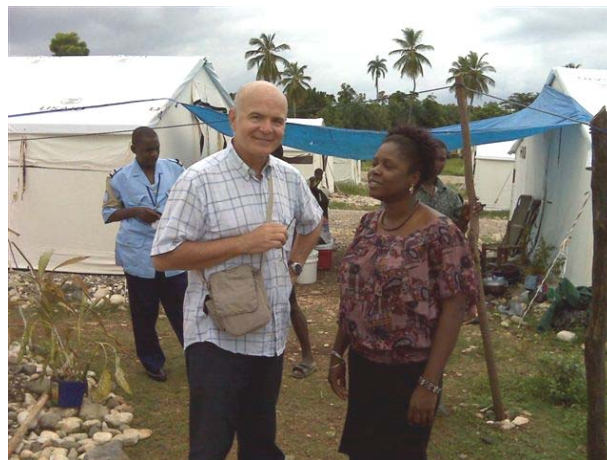
The Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council are independent human rights experts with mandates to report and advise on human rights from a thematic or country-specific perspective. The system of Special Procedures is a central element of the United Nations human rights machinery and covers all sets of rights: civil, cultural, economic, political, and social.

Their independence, impartiality and flexibility enable the Special Procedures to play a critical role in promoting and protecting human rights. The experts deal with situations wherever they may occur in the world, including in the context of crises and emergencies. As the most directly accessible mechanism of the international human rights machinery, they interact regularly with human rights defenders and actual and potential victims of human rights violations.

With the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Special Procedures undertake country visits (fact-finding missions); act on individual cases and concerns of a broader, structural nature by sending communications to States in which they bring alleged violations to their attention; conduct thematic studies and convene expert consultations, develop international human rights standards, engage in advocacy, raise public awareness, and provide advice and support for technical cooperation.

Special Procedures report annually to the Human Rights Council; the majority of the mandates also report to the General Assembly.

Effective follow-up to Special Procedures' recommendations is linked to cooperation and support



*The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Mr. Michel Forst, at Camp Mayard, Haiti*  
OHCHR-Photo

by States. To enhance protection and promotion, and encourage cooperation and follow-up, Special Procedures engage constructively with a wide variety of interlocutors: Governments, other international and regional human rights bodies, United Nations entities, national human rights institutions, and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and academic institutions.

At the end of 2010, there were 41 Special Procedures (33 thematic mandates and eight mandates relating to countries or territories) with currently 55 mandate-holders. Two thematic mandates were established in 2010, with six mandate-holders appointed in March 2011: The Working Group on the issue of discrimination

against women in law and in practice, and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

The Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts, Working Groups and Special Representative of the Secretary-General serve in their personal capacities and undertake to uphold independence, efficiency, competence and integrity through probity, impartiality, honesty and good faith. They are not United Nations staff members and do not receive financial remuneration.

The OHCHR supports all mandates of the system of Special Procedures and its Coordination Committee. The Office provides thematic, fact-finding, policy, legal and methodological expertise, research and analysis, prepares documentation, and assists with logistical and administrative matters.

## LIST OF MANDATES AND MANDATE-HOLDERS

Mandate	Established	Mandate-holder
<b>Country mandates</b>		
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in <b>Burundi</b>	2004	Mr. <b>Fatsah Ougergouz</b> (Algeria) since August 2010 Mr. <b>Akich Okola</b> (Kenya) until July 2010
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in <b>Cambodia</b>	1993	Mr. <b>Surya Prasad Subedi</b> (Nepal) since May 2009
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the <b>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</b>	2004	Mr. <b>Marzuki Darusman</b> (Indonesia) since August 2010 Mr. <b>Vitit Muntarbhorn</b> (Thailand) until July 2010
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in <b>Haiti</b>	1995	Mr. <b>Michel Forst</b> (France) since June 2008
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in <b>Myanmar</b>	1992	Mr. <b>Tomás Ojea Quintana</b> (Argentina) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the <b>Palestinian territories occupied since 1967</b>	1993	Mr. <b>Richard Falk</b> (United States of America) since May 2008
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in <b>Somalia</b>	1993	Mr. <b>Shamsul Bari</b> (Bangladesh) since May 2008
Independent Expert on the situation on human rights in the <b>Sudan</b>	2005 (SR) 2009 (IE)	Mr. <b>Mohamed Chande Othman</b> (Tanzania) since October 2009

Thematic mandates		
Special Rapporteur on <b>adequate housing</b> as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	2000	Ms. <b>Raquel Rolnik</b> (Brazil) since May 2008
Working Group of experts on people of <b>African descent</b>	2002	Ms. <b>Mirjana Najcevska</b> (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), since November 2008 Ms. <b>Monorama Biswas</b> (Bangladesh), since November 2008 Mr. <b>Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos</b> (Greece) since August 2009 Ms. <b>Maya Sahli</b> (Algeria) since August 2008 Ms. <b>Verene Shepherd</b> (Jamaica) since April 2010 Mr. <b>Ralston Milton Nettleford</b> (Jamaica) until January 2010
Working Group on <b>arbitrary detention</b>	1991	Mr. <b>El Hadji Malick Sow</b> (Senegal), Chair-Rapporteur, since May 2008 Ms. <b>Shaheen Sardar Ali</b> (Pakistan), Vice-Chair, since August 2008 Mr. <b>Vladimir Tochilovsky</b> (Ukraine) since May 2010 Mr. <b>Aslan Abashidze</b> (Russian Federation) until April 2010 Mr. <b>Mads Andenas</b> (Norway) since August 2009 Mr. <b>Roberto Garretón</b> (Chile) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the <b>sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography</b>	1990	Ms. <b>Najat Maalla M'jid</b> (Morocco) since May 2008
Independent Expert in the field of <b>cultural rights</b>	2009	Ms. <b>Farida Shaheed</b> (Pakistan) since November 2009
Special Rapporteur on the right to <b>education</b>	1998	Mr. <b>Kishore Singh</b> (India) since August 2010 Mr. <b>Vernor Munoz Villalobos</b> (Costa Rica) until July 2010
Working Group on <b>enforced or involuntary disappearances</b>	1980	Mr. <b>Jeremy Sarkin</b> (South Africa), Chair-Rapporteur, since May 2008 Mr. <b>Santiago Corcuera Cabezut</b> (Mexico) until July 2010 Mr. <b>Ariel Dulitzky</b> (Argentina/USA) since August 2010 Mr. <b>Olivier de Frouville</b> (France) since November 2008 Ms. <b>Jasminka Dzumhur</b> (Bosnia and Herzegovina) since May 2010, Mr. <b>Darko Götlicher</b> (Croatia) until April 2010 Mr. <b>Osman El-Hajje</b> (Lebanon) since August 2009
Special Rapporteur on <b>extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions</b>	1982	Mr. <b>Christof Heyns</b> (South Africa) since August 2010; Mr. <b>Philip Alston</b> (Australia) until July 2010
Independent Expert on the question of human rights and <b>extreme poverty</b>	1998	Ms. <b>María Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona</b> (Chile) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the right to <b>food</b>	2000	Mr. <b>Olivier De Schutter</b> (Belgium) since May 2008
Independent Expert on <b>foreign debt</b> and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	2000	Mr. <b>Cephas Lumina</b> (Zambia) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to <b>freedom of opinion and expression</b>	1993	Mr. <b>Frank William La Rue Lewy</b> (Guatemala) since August 2008
Special Rapporteur on <b>freedom of religion or belief</b>	1986	Mr. <b>Heiner Bielefeldt</b> (Germany) since August 2010 Ms. <b>Asma Jahangir</b> (Pakistan) until July 2010
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental <b>health</b>	2002	Mr. <b>Anand Grover</b> (India) since August 2008

Special Rapporteur on the situation of <b>human rights defenders</b>	2000	Ms. <b>Margaret Sekaggya</b> (Uganda) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the <b>independence of judges and lawyers</b>	1994	Ms. <b>Gabriela Knaul</b> (Brazil) since June 2009
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of <b>indigenous peoples</b>	2001	Mr. <b>James Anaya</b> (United States of America) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur / Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of <b>internally displaced persons</b>	2004	Mr. <b>Chaloka Beyani</b> (Zambia), since November 2010 Mr. <b>Walter Kälin</b> (Switzerland), until October 2010
Independent Expert on human rights and <b>international solidarity</b>	2005	Mr. <b>Rudi Muhammad Rizki</b> (Indonesia) since July 2006
Working Group on the use of <b>mercenaries</b> as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	2005	Ms. <b>Amada Benavides de Pérez</b> (Colombia) since July 2005 Ms. <b>Shaista Shameem</b> (Fiji) until July 2010 Ms. <b>Faiza Patel</b> (Pakistan) since August 2010 Ms. <b>Najat Al-Hajjaji</b> (Libya) since July 2005 Mr. <b>José Luis Gómez del Prado</b> (Spain) since October 2005 Mr. <b>Alexander Nikitin</b> (Russian Federation) since July 2005
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of <b>migrants</b>	1999	Mr. <b>Jorge A. Bustamante</b> (Mexico) since July 2005
Independent Expert on <b>minority issues</b>	2005	Ms. <b>Gay J. McDougall</b> (United States of America) since July 2005
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of <b>racism</b> , racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	1993	Mr. <b>Githu Muigai</b> (Kenya) since August 2008
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of <b>slavery</b> , including its causes and consequences	2007	Ms. <b>Gulnara Shahinian</b> (Armenia) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering <b>terrorism</b>	2005	Mr. <b>Martin Scheinin</b> (Finland) since July 2005
Special Rapporteur on <b>torture</b> and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	1985	Mr. <b>Juan Ernesto Méndez</b> (Argentina) since November 2010 Mr. <b>Manfred Nowak</b> (Austria) until October 2010
Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of <b>toxic and dangerous products and wastes</b> on the enjoyment of human rights	1995	Mr. <b>Calin Georgescu</b> (Romania) since August 2010 Mr. <b>Okechukwu Ibeanu</b> (Nigeria) until July 2010
Special Rapporteur on <b>trafficking in persons</b> , especially women and children	2004	Ms. <b>Joy Ngozi Ezeilo</b> (Nigeria) since August 2008
Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and <b>transnational corporations and other business enterprises</b>	2005	Mr. <b>John Ruggie</b> (United States of America) since July 2005
Special Rapporteur on <b>violence against women</b> , its causes and consequences	1994	Ms. <b>Rashida Manjoo</b> (South Africa) since August 2009
Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking <b>water</b> and sanitation	2008	Ms. <b>Catarina de Albuquerque</b> (Portugal) since November 2009



For the current list of, and contact information for, Special Procedures mandates, please visit:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/countries.htm>  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/themes.htm>

## DEVELOPMENTS IN 2010

### New thematic mandates

In October 2010, the Human Rights Council established two new thematic mandates: the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. The new Special Rapporteur and the members of the Working Group were appointed at the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2011.



*Meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva  
UN-Foto Jean-Marc Ferre*

The new Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice has been mandated by the Human Rights Council to compile a compendium of best practices related to the elimination of laws that discriminate against women or are discriminatory to women in terms of implementation or impact and to prepare a study on the ways and means in which the mandate-holders can cooperate with States to fulfill their commitments to eliminate discrimination against women in law and practice (see [HRC resolution 15/23](#) for full details).

The new Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association has been mandated to gather all relevant information, relating to the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, and to study trends, developments and challenges in relation to the exercise of these rights, and to make recommendations on ways and means to ensure the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in all their manifestation as well as to report on violations of these rights (see [HRC resolution 15/21](#) for full details).

### Country Visits and Standing Invitations

In 2010, Special Procedures conducted 67 country visits to 48 States. Andorra, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, El Salvador, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Iraq,

Kuwait, Qatar and the Republic of Moldova extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures, bringing the total of such invitations to 78 by the end of December 2010. Further States have announced, mostly in the context of the universal periodical review (UPR), that they are considering extending a standing invitation. Confirmations are expected in 2011. More details are provided in a separate section below.

### Standard-setting

Special Procedures continued to contribute to the development of international human rights law.

For example, the Working Group on Mercenaries submitted a proposal for a possible draft convention on private military and security companies to the Human Rights Council in September 2010. The Council established an open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework, including, inter alia, the option of elaborating a legally binding instrument on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies, including their accountability (see [A/HRC/RES/15/26](#)). The intergovernmental working group will convene its first meeting in 2011.

The work of the Independent Expert on water and sanitation in clarifying the legal content of the human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation contributed to the recognition of this right by the General Assembly ([A/RES/64/292](#)) and the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/RES/15/9](#)).

The Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances adopted a general comment on [enforced disappearance as a continuous crime](#) and a general comment on the [right to the truth in relation to enforced disappearance](#).

### Thematic Reports and Studies

Special Procedures submitted 156 reports to the Human Rights Council, including 58 country visit reports, and 26 reports to the General Assembly. Some reports and thematic studies received considerable attention from States, civil society and the media.

As an example, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women developed a thematic report on the topic of reparations for women who have been subjected to violence. This report filled a gap as current research on reparations has not focused on the specific needs and demands of women ([A/HRC/14/22](#)). The report attracted the interest of a number of entities, including

UN agencies that have used it as reference guide for their own work at the national level. The Special Rapporteur on the right to food submitted a report to the Human Rights Council entitled “Large-scale land acquisitions and leases: A set of minimum principles and measures to address the human rights challenge” ([A/HRC/13/33/Add.2](#)).

The joint study on global practices in relation to secret detention in the context of countering terrorism submitted to the Human Rights Council by four thematic mandates provided an overview of the use of secret detention; addressed the use of secret detention in the context of the so-called global war on terror in the post 11 September 2001 era and highlighted examples in 66 States, from all geographical regions, which appear to have been implicated in instances of secret detention in the context of counter-terrorism. The Special Procedures involved called on States to launch independent inquiries into allegations contained in the study ([A/HRC/13/42](#)).

A listing of all reports and studies submitted by Special Procedures to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly is included in a separate section below.

## *Special procedures & Universal Periodic Review*

The universal periodic review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council continued to give visibility to the Special Procedures. Several States under review have invited mandates to visit and have addressed other issues of concern to Special Procedures before, during and as follow-up to the review.



For further information on UPR:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRmain.aspx>

## Seventeenth Annual Meeting of Special Procedures mandate-holders

Special Procedures mandate-holders met in Geneva from 28 June to 2 July 2010 for their seventeenth Annual Meeting. Mandate-holders held exchanges of views with States, the Deputy High Commissioner, the President of the Council and members of the Bureau, and with the former President of the Council. Participants held discussions with participants in the eleventh Inter-Committee Meeting of treaty bodies, as well as with representatives of United Nations entities, field presences, representatives of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions.

Discussions focused on the independence and effectiveness of the Special Procedures, harmonization of working methods, and the approach of the system of

Special Procedures to the Human Rights Council review. Participants stressed the importance of strengthening the Special Procedures system through the review and emphasized the need to accord them the possibility to participate in the process as equal partners. They agreed on a proactive role to be assumed by the Coordination Committee and mandate-holders in the review process. They also discussed the role of Special Procedures in early warning and natural disasters and coordinated follow-up to the work of human rights mechanisms, including Special Procedures, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review.

Mandate-holders confirmed their decision taken in 2009 to prepare a joint communications report containing all communications, including urgent appeals and allegation letters to States, and the full responses of States. Given the significant percentage of joint communications (66%), the decision was taken with a view to avoiding duplication of communications being published in individual mandate-holders’ reports. The report will reduce considerably the number of individual reports presented to the Council and reduce related printing costs, as well as document processing costs by about 75%.

Ms. Najat Maalla M’jid was elected as Chair of the meeting and new Chair of the Coordination Committee. Mr. Shamsul Bari was elected Rapporteur of the meeting and a member of the Coordination Committee. Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Mr. Githu Muigai, Ms. Mirjana Najcevska and Ms. Raquel Rolnik were also confirmed as members.

The report of the seventeenth Annual Meeting was submitted to the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2010 ([A/HRC/15/44](#)).



For further information on the annual meeting of Special Procedures:  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/meeting.htm>

## Coordination Committee

The Coordination Committee of Special Procedures continued its work to harmonize Special Procedures working methods and advocated on behalf of the system in the context of the Human Rights Council review. It continued to make itself available, through its [internal advisory procedure on practices and working methods](#), as well as informally, to all those who might wish to bring issues to its attention in relation to working methods and the implementation of the Code of Conduct. The Coordination Committee and the OHCHR also provided induction and orientation sessions to new mandate holders in 2010.



For further information on the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures:  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/ccspecialprocedures.htm>



## Human Rights Council Review

Special Procedures mandate-holders presented a contribution to the Inter-Governmental Working Group on the Review of the Work and Functioning of the Human Rights Council. They called for better use of their expertise and outcomes by the Council, provided suggestions to enhance the dialogue and cooperation with States during and outside Council sessions, and submitted proposals to enhance the visibility of Special Procedures in the context of the UPR and the selection process of mandate-holders.



The contribution can be accessed at:  
[http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/docs/HRCreview-ContributionSPPP\\_en.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/docs/HRCreview-ContributionSPPP_en.pdf)

## Partnerships and collaboration

Special Procedures continued to strengthen linkages with other expert human rights mechanisms at the international and regional levels as well as with the OHCHR's field presences and other United Nations entities. Several mandates cooperated with human rights treaty bodies to ensure that references to recommendations made by Special Procedures are included in treaty bodies' concluding observations where appropriate, and that Special Procedures take the treaty bodies' and UPR outcomes into account.

## Minority Forum

The third session of the Forum on Minority Issues, from 14 to 15 December 2010 focused on effective participation of minorities in economic life. The Forum is organized under the guidance of the Independent Expert on minority issues. More than 500 participants attended. The Forum is widely considered to be a model for achieving significant participation of individuals and concerned communities in the work of the Human Rights Council. The Forum made thematic recommendations to Governments, national human rights institutions, civil society, trade unions, the private business sector, international financial institutions, United Nations agencies and other bilateral and multilateral development agencies, and human rights mechanisms of the United Nations to enable them to make informed choices when designing legislation and policies aimed at combating the economic exclusion of minority communities. The report of the Forum containing the recommendations was submitted to the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2011 ([A/HRC/16/46](#)).

## Protection of journalists in armed conflict (HRC panel)

A panel discussion was organized during the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council in June on the protection of journalists in armed conflict. The event brought to light the perils encountered by journalists in armed conflict. Panelists included the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Mr. Frank La Rue, and representatives from media institutions. The recommendations formulated by the panel will serve as guidance in devising concrete action, including an appropriate response by the Human Rights Council.

## Human rights in humanitarian emergency response (ECOSOC panel)

A panel discussion in New York on the margins of ECOSOC's Humanitarian Affairs Segment on 15 July 2010 entitled "Human rights in humanitarian emergency response: the contribution of the Special Procedures mechanisms" addressed the importance of integrating human rights considerations in humanitarian responses and explored ways in which the Special Procedures mechanisms support humanitarian emergency responses with a view to contributing to durable solutions grounded in human rights. The panel also explored ways to create stronger institutional links between human rights mechanisms and humanitarian actors, and addressed the importance of ensuring attention to the specific protection needs of groups in vulnerable situations in relief efforts, as well as in recovery and reconstruction planning efforts. Panelists included the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Mr. Michel Forst, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Rashida Manjoo, as well as representatives from United Nations agencies and humanitarian organizations.

## MDGs and human rights (GA panel)

In the wake of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Summit of 2010, a panel discussion in New York on the margins of the General Assembly on 22 October 2010 entitled "Can the MDGs do without Human rights?" addressed the nexus between human rights and the MDGs and explored ways to advance the integration of human rights in the MDG agenda, with particular reference to the outcome of the MDG Summit. The panel was opened by the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Panelists included the Independent Expert on the human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation, Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, and the Independent Expert on minority issues, Ms. Gay McDougall, as well as representatives from States, United Nations agencies and NGOs.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 2010 Basic Figures

**604** Total number of communications  
**66%** Joint communications by two or more mandates  
**1407** Individuals covered (19.2% women)  
**110** Countries received communications  
 By 31 December 2010, States had replied to **35 %** of communications.

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 N.B. These statistics do not include data from the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) which uses different statistics and working methods. According to the 2010 annual report of the WGEID covering the period 14 November 2009 to 12 November 2010, the WGEID transmitted 105 new cases of enforced disappearance to 22 Governments. For further information about WGEID activities, please see the WGEID webpage: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/disappear/index.htm>

Most Special Procedures intervene directly with Governments through communications on specific allegations of human rights violations that fall within their mandates. These communications can relate to a human rights violation that has already occurred, is ongoing, or which has a high risk of taking place. Communications may be sent in relation to individuals or groups of individuals, or focus on domestic legislation, policies, programmes or other measures affecting individuals or groups in a particular country or territory. In general, a letter is sent to the concerned State, or in some cases to third parties, such as international organizations or multinational companies, requesting information on the allegation and calling for preventive or investigative action.

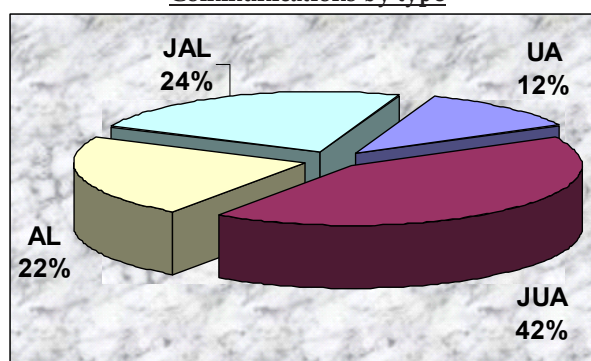
The decision to intervene is at the discretion of the special procedure mandate-holder and depends on criteria established by the mandate, as well as criteria laid out in the Code of Conduct adopted by the Human Rights Council (Resolution 5/2). These criteria address the reliability of the source and the credibility of information; the details provided; and the scope of the mandate. Communications must not be politically motivated, abusive or based solely on media reports. Further information is frequently requested from sources, i.e. individuals, groups or organizations that submit information to the Special Procedures. Mandates may send joint communications when the case falls within the scope of more than one mandate.

Communications will usually take the form of either urgent appeals (UA) or letters of allegation (AL). **Urgent appeals** are used to communicate information about time-sensitive violations that involve loss of life, life-threatening situations or imminent or on-going damage of a grave nature. The intention is to ensure that the appropriate State authorities are informed as quickly as possible of the circumstances so that they can intervene to end or prevent an alleged human rights violation. **Letters of allegation** are used to communicate

information about violations that are alleged to have occurred or are not urgent, and whose impact on the alleged victim(s) can no longer be changed through immediate intervention.

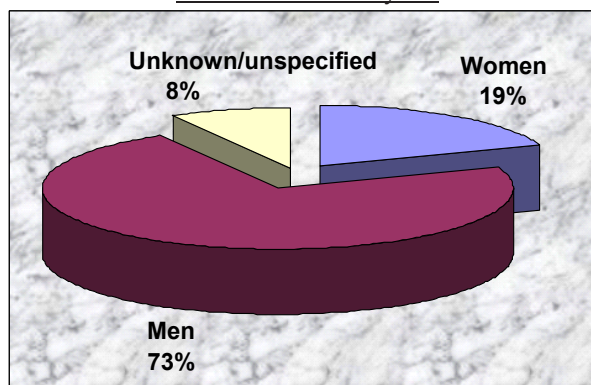
At present, Special Procedures mandates submit to the Human Rights Council, on an annual basis, individual reports on their communications with States. As of September 2011, joint communications reports will be submitted by all concerned mandates to the Council at each of its sessions.

Communications by type



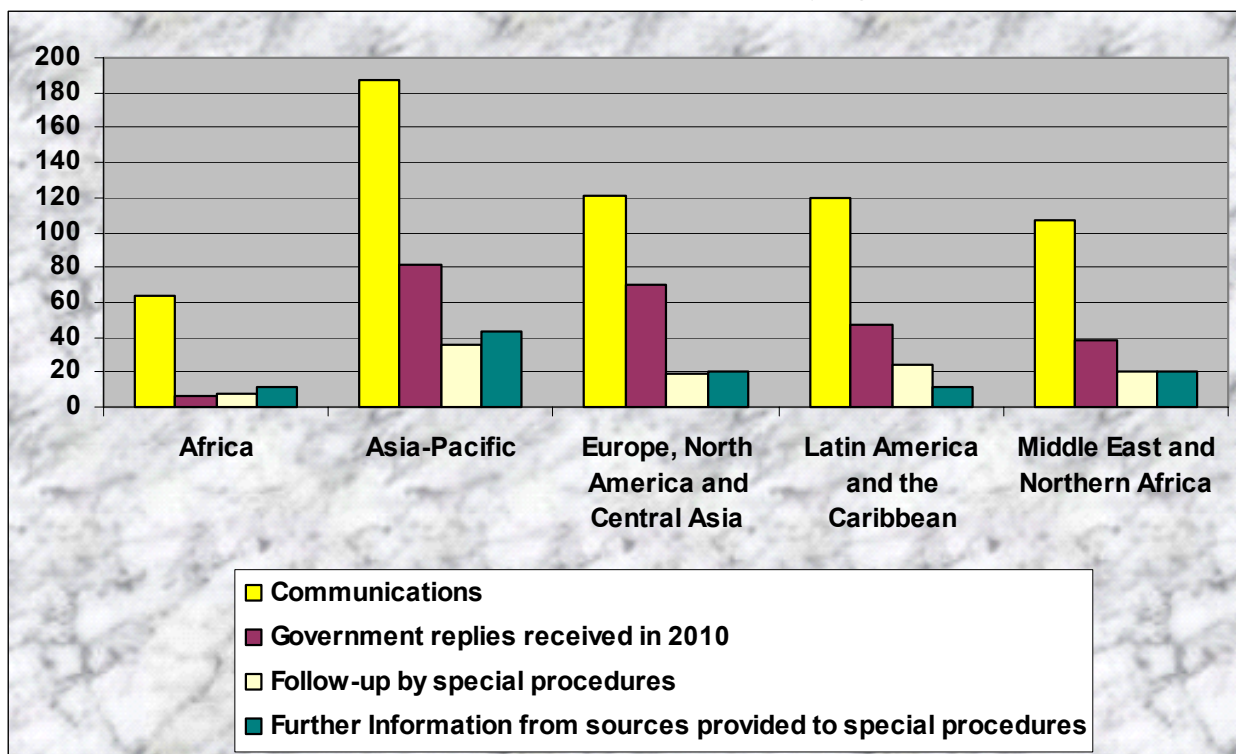
In 2010, 604 Communications were sent to 110 States. Sixty-six percent of all communications were sent jointly by more than one mandate. Communications covered at least 1407 individuals, 19 % of whom were women. Governments replied to 35 percent of communications sent between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2010, and 18 % of communications were followed-up by mandate-holders. Positive developments are reported regularly to the OHCHR, and a selection is reproduced in the Special Procedures' [Quarterly Bulletin](#). The OHCHR's Special Procedures Branch Quick Response Desk coordinates communications and keeps relevant databases updated.

Communications by sex

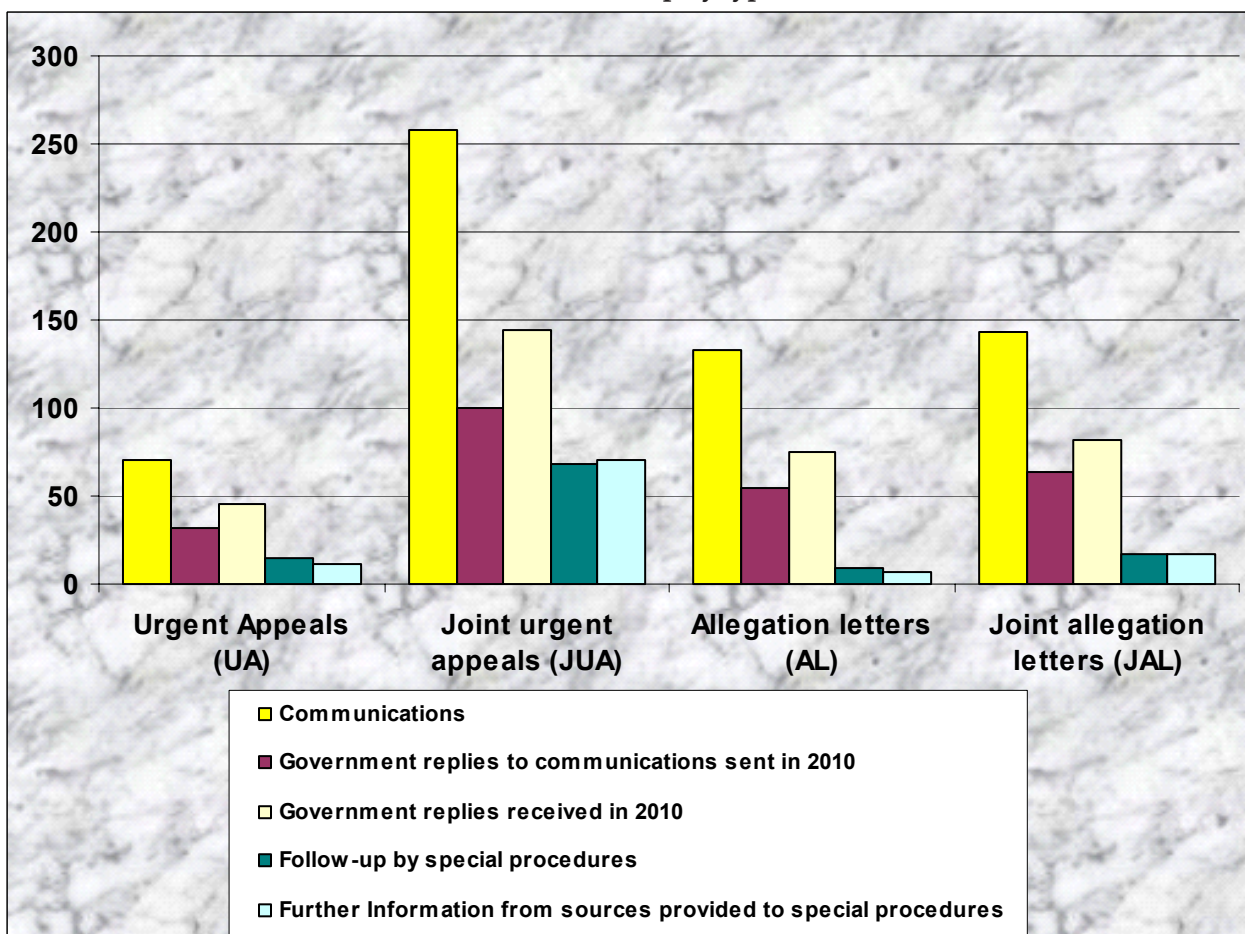


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Communications and follow-up by region

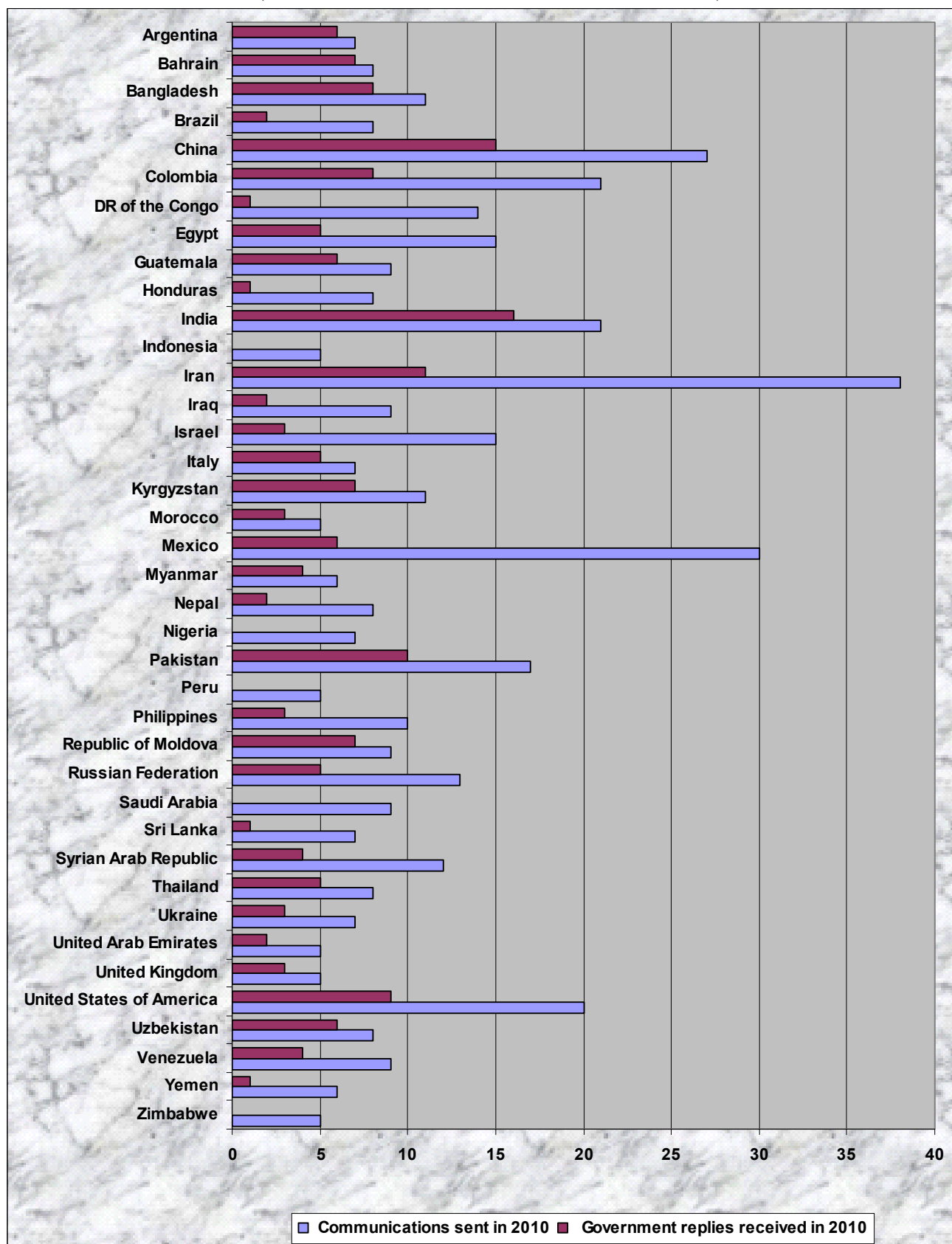


Communications and follow-up by type of communications



**Communications and Government replies received in 2010**

(States to which more than five communications were sent)



## COUNTRY VISITS

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Mandate-holders carry out country visits to investigate the situation of human rights on the ground. Visit requests are communicated to Governments and, if the Government agrees, an invitation is extended and dates are agreed. Standing invitations facilitate country visits.

The number of country visits has increased significantly over the last years, from 48 visits to 38 States and territories in 2006, to 73 visits to 51 States and territories in 2009. In 2010, 67 country visits to 48 States and territories were conducted. Fifty-eight percent of all visits were undertaken to States that had not issued standing invitation, and 42 percent of all visits were to States that had issued standing invitations.



*The Iraqi Minister of Human Rights and the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin*  
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During missions, the experts assess, from the point of view of their mandates, the general human rights situation in the country, as well as the specific institutional, legal, judicial, policy and administrative

framework and *de facto* conditions. They meet with national and local authorities, including members of the judiciary and parliamentarians; members of national human rights institutions, if applicable; non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and victims of human rights violations; the United Nations and other inter-governmental agencies; and the media when giving a press conference at the end of the mission. After their visits, mandate-holders submit a report to the Human Rights Council containing their findings and recommendations.

The visit of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while Countering Terrorism to Peru (1 to 8 September 2010) provides an example of the impact Special Procedures visits can have on improving the protection of human rights in a country. On the first day of his visit, the Government adopted Legislative Decree No. 1097 on the basis of powers delegated by Congress to legislate on procedural and penitentiary norms relating exclusively to military and police personnel who are subject to criminal proceedings or convicted for crimes that involve human rights violations. The Decree, in its article 6, stipulated that discontinuation of criminal proceedings relating to human rights violations would be ordered by the courts in cases where the time allowed for investigation has expired. Legislative Decree No. 1097 also established that the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity would only apply as of 9 November 2003. During his visit, the Special Rapporteur voiced serious concern about the Decree. On 15 September 2010, the Government addressed a letter to the Special Rapporteur informing him about the fact that Legislative Decree No. 1097 had, at the request of the Government, been repealed by Congress by an overwhelming majority of 97 votes in favor to one against. The Government explicitly stated that it had taken into consideration the Special Rapporteur's concern as well as the requests by public and civil society institutions in taking the decision to repeal the Decree.



Alphabetical tables of country visits by Special Procedures mandate-holders since 1998 and a list of all countries having extended standing invitations to all thematic procedures are available at the following link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/visits.htm>

## Standing Invitations

The following 78 countries had extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures as of 31 December 2010. Further States have announced, mostly in the context of the universal periodical review (UPR), that they are considering extending a standing invitation, and confirmation is expected in 2011. Countries that extended standing invitations during 2010 are marked with an asterisk (\*).

ALBANIA	ECUADOR	KAZAKHSTAN	QATAR*
ARGENTINA	EL SALVADOR*	KUWAIT*	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AUSTRALIA	ESTONIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA*
AUSTRIA	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA
ANDORRA*	FRANCE	LUXEMBOURG	SAN MARINO
ARMENIA	GEORGIA*	MALDIVES	SERBIA
BELGIUM	GERMANY	MALTA	SIERRA LEONE
BOLIVIA*	GHANA	MEXICO	SLOVAKIA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA*	GREECE	MONACO	SLOVENIA
BRAZIL	GUATEMALA	MONGOLIA	SOUTH AFRICA
BULGARIA	GUINEA-BISSAU*	MONTENEGRO	SPAIN
CANADA	HONDURAS*	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
CHILE	HUNGARY	NEW ZEALAND	SWITZERLAND
COLOMBIA	ICELAND	NICARAGUA	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
COSTA RICA	IRELAND	NORWAY	TURKEY
CROATIA	IRAN	PARAGUAY	UKRAINE
CYPRUS	IRAQ*	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM
CZECH REPUBLIC	ITALY	POLAND	URUGUAY
DENMARK	LATVIA	PORTUGAL	VANUATU
	JORDAN		ZAMBIA

### Follow-up to Special Procedures recommendations

- Follow-up visits to countries: The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions conducted follow-up visits to Brazil and the Central African Republic, and the Special Rapporteur in violence against women, its causes and consequences visited El Salvador to assess inter alia progress made in the implementation of recommendations issued during earlier country visits.
- Follow-up reports: The Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and the Special Rapporteur on torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment have

published follow-up information on the implementation of their recommendations on their respective webpages or in official reports.

- OHCHR field presences and United Nations country teams have worked in collaboration with States and mandate holders to support the activities of Special Procedures and the implementation of their recommendations. For example, the OHCHR Office for Central Asia provided support to the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing. With support from NGOs and the Regional Office for South America of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples gave a video conference that was broadcast simultaneously in five Chilean cities.



For annual compilations of recommendations of Special Procedures by country:  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm>

## POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS

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**Chile:** On 24 September 2010, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples issued a news release calling upon Chile to initiate a good faith dialogue with representatives of the Mapuche prisoners who had been on hunger strike for some 80 days in the Concepción, Temuco, Lebu and Valdivia prisons, and to enact reforms to the Anti-Terrorism Law and Military Justice Law. On 1 October 2010, the Government of Chile agreed to desist from pursuing charges of terrorism against Mapuche protestors and to reconsider those charges under ordinary criminal law.

**Congo:** On 30 December 2010, the Republic of the Congo adopted a law on indigenous peoples, marking a significant step in recognizing their rights. During his visit to the Congo in November 2010 the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of indigenous peoples had highlighted that this law was the first of its kind on the African Continent, and that it provides an example of a good practice in the region for the recognition and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples. The Special Rapporteur's visit to the country was an essential contribution in the last stages of the adoption.

**India:** Human rights defender Mr. Jiten Yumnam and seven other persons were released early in January 2010, and charges against them were dropped. They had been arrested in September 2009 during demonstrations condemning the extrajudicial execution of two persons in Manipur state. A Joint Urgent Appeal was sent by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment on 24 September 2009.

**Iran:** On 13 January 2010, Dr. Nooshin Ebadi, sister of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Shirin Ebadi, was released after 17 days of incommunicado detention. A Joint Urgent Appeal by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, had been sent on 5 January 2010. After spending 23 days in detention, Ms. Nasrin Vasiri, a journalist for the ILNA news agency, was released on 21 January 2010. A Joint Urgent Appeal had been issued by the Working group on arbitrary detention, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right

to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences on 7 January 2010.

**Israel:** On 13 January 2010, human rights defenders Mohammad Othman and Jamal Juma were released from detention without charge. They had coordinated several initiatives regarding Palestinian rights. Mr. Othman was arrested returning from Norway in September 2009, while his colleague was arrested at his home in mid-December. During their confinement, they were subjected to long interrogation and prevented from having regular contact with their legal representatives. Joint Urgent Appeals were sent by the Working Group on arbitrary detention, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, regarding Mr. Othman on 13 November 2009 and regarding Mr. Juma on 23 December 2009.

**Myanmar:** On 13 November 2010, Daw Aung Sung Suu Kyi was released after 21 years of house arrest and considerable international pressure by numerous actors, including Special Procedures. The Working Group on arbitrary detention had adopted six Opinions pronouncing her detention as arbitrary.

**Oman:** In early January 2010, the authorities halted the judicial prosecution of Mr. A'sem Al-Sheedi. On 7 December 2009, he had been accused of denouncing the police after an article on corruption was published in a newspaper. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression had sent an Urgent Appeal on 31 December 2009.

**Republic of Korea:** After the conclusion of his visit to the country in May 2010, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression recommended the repeal of article 47(1) of the Framework Act on Telecommunications, which stipulated that any person who has publicly made a false communication over the telecommunications facilities and equipment for the purpose of harming the public interest shall be punished by imprisonment for up to five years or by a fine of up to 50 million won. The Special Rapporteur stated that terms such as "false communication" and "public interest" were not clearly defined and subject to undue limitations on the exercise of the right to freedom of expression. On 28 December 2010, the Constitutional Court ruled that this provision was unconstitutional due to the vagueness of terms, and declared it void. The Special Rapporteur also expressed concerns regarding

the case of Mr. Park Dae-sung, a blogger known as "Minerva", who was arrested on 10 January 2009 for violating this provision after he posted articles on the internet predicting the economic crisis and criticizing the Government's economic policy. On 24 April 2009, Mr. Park was acquitted, but the Prosecutor's Office appealed the decision. On 30 December 2010, as a result of the Constitutional Court's decision, the Prosecutor's Office withdrew the appeal against Mr. Park.

**Russian Federation:** On 31 March 2010, the Public Prosecutor withdrew a case against human rights defender Ms. Anastasia Denisova, acknowledging serious discrepancies in the investigation and the evidence against her. A member of several human rights NGOs and of a youth organization, she had been summoned to the Krasnodar Police Department on 12 January 2010 and informed that criminal proceedings had been initiated against her in December 2009 for possessing unlicensed computer software confiscated during a police raid on her house two months earlier. Before this incident, she had been harassed by customs officials. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders sent an Urgent Appeal on 22 October 2009 and a follow-up Appeal on 15 January 2010.

**Sri Lanka:** A Tamil journalist, columnist and editor who had been given a 20-year prison sentence for supporting terrorism and inciting communal harm in August 2009, was pardoned by the President. In January 2010, Mr. Tissainayagam was released from prison on bail pending appeal. He was the first journalist to be charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, in connection with articles criticizing Government action in the assault on the Tamil Tigers. In relation to the arrest of Mr. Tissainayagam and several other journalists, a Joint Urgent Appeal was sent by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers and the Special Rapporteur on the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism on 14 March 2008. A follow-up Joint Allegation Letter was sent by the same mandates and the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment on 9 September 2009.

**United States of America:** The United States declared its support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. On 17 December 2010, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples issued a news release welcoming President Obama's announcement. The United States was one of four States that voted against the Declaration upon its adoption. The others, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, have also since reversed their positions and endorsed the Declaration through formal pronouncements.

**Vanuatu:** On 12 May 2010, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment attended a high-level meeting on the prevention of torture in Port Vila jointly organized by the Vanuatu Ministry of Justice and the OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific. During the meeting, the Vanuatu Minister of Justice and Social Welfare announced that the country would ratify the Convention against Torture by the end of 2010. In November 2010, the bill for the ratification of the Convention was passed by the Parliament in Vanuatu; it is awaiting signature by the Head of State before it will enter into force. Vanuatu would become the first Pacific Island nation to ratify the Convention.

**International:** On 23 December 2010, the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances welcomed the entry into force of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. It urged States to make all possible efforts to prevent and eradicate the heinous practice of enforced disappearance and to bring to justice those responsible; refrain from any act of intimidation or reprisals against persons who contribute to the eradication of the practice; and take effective measures to realize the rights to truth, justice and reparation. It noted that for the first time, a treaty includes the right of any person not to be subjected to enforced disappearance. It stated that all the persons affected by enforced disappearance have the right to know the truth about the circumstances of this crime, the progress and results of the investigation and the fate of the disappeared person. States that ratify the Convention commit themselves to conduct investigations to locate the disappeared person, to prosecute those responsible and to ensure reparations for survivors and their families. The Working Group has actively supported the coming into force of the Convention and the establishment of a UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances, which will complement and strengthen the Group's work and that of civil society, including relatives of disappeared people, to combat enforced disappearance.



## REPORTS


Special Procedures report on their activities to United Nations bodies, in particular the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. Some reports were presented to other bodies, e.g. the Special Rapporteur on violence against women reports orally to the Commission on the Status of Women.



*Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Mr. John Ruggie. UN-Foto Jean-Marc Ferre*

In 2010, Special Procedures mandates submitted 156 reports to the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council and 26 reports to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The reports included 58 reports on country visits.

Annual reports provide an overview of the work of the mandate as a whole and focus attention on particular human rights issues or conceptual or legal developments that mandate-holders wish to highlight. Recommendations may include the mandate-holder's suggestions on ways to enhance his or her capacity to fulfill the mandate.



To find reports of the Special Procedures to the HRC please visit:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/annual.htm>

Reports to the General Assembly are accessible at:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/GA-reports.htm>

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Addendum - Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/13/20/Add.1	EFS only
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Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons - Walter Kälin	A/HRC/13/21	E F R S C A
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Addendum - Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons	A/HRC/13/21/Add.4	E R S C A
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Addendum - Mission to Colombia	A/HRC/13/22/Add.3	E F R S C A
Addendum - Responses to the questionnaire on the security and protection of human rights defenders	A/HRC/13/22/Add.4	EFRS only E
Report of the Independent Expert on minority issues - Gay McDougall	A/HRC/13/23	E F R S C A
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Recommendations of the second session of the Forum on Minority Issues on minorities and effective political participation - Ms. Barbara Lee and Ms. Gay J. McDougall	A/HRC/13/25	E R S C A
Report of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	A/HRC/13/30	E F R S C A
Addendum - Opinions adopted by the WG on Arbitrary Detention	A/HRC/13/30/Add.1	EFS R C A
Addendum - Mission to Malta	A/HRC/13/30/Add.2	E F R S C A
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Report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	A/HRC/13/31	E F R S C A
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Addendum - Mission to Benin	A/HRC/13/33/Add.3	E F R S C A
Addendum - Mission to Guatemala	A/HRC/13/33/Add.4	E F R S C A
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Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism - Martin Scheinin	A/HRC/13/37	E F R S C A
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Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief - Asma Jahangir	A/HRC/13/40	EF R S C A
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Addendum - Mission to the Lao People's Democratic Republic	A/HRC/13/40/Add.4	EF R S C A
Joint study on secret detention of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	A/HRC/13/42	EF R S C A
Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Vitit Muntarbhorn	A/HRC/13/47	EF R S C A
Progress report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar - Tomás Ojea Quintana	A/HRC/13/48	EF R S C A
Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967 -Richard Falk	A/HRC/13/53/Rev.1	EF R S C A
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Report of the SR on the right to health - Anand Grover	A/HRC/14/20	EF R S C A
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Addendum - Mission to Australia	A/HRC/14/20/Add.4	EF R S C A
Report of the Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights - Cephas Lumina	A/HRC/14/21	EF R S C A

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Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan - Mohammed Chande Othman	A/HRC/14/41	E F S A C R
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In 2010, with OHCHR's support, Special Procedures:

- carried out 67 country visits to 48 countries and territories.
- sent 604 communications to 110 States – two-thirds as joint communications by two or more mandates. Communications covered at least 1407 individuals and numerous groups of individuals. 19.2 % of all communications concerned women. As of 31 December, States had responded to 35.1 percent of communications sent between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2010. Mandates followed up on 17.9 % of their communications.

(The present statistics do not include data from the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances due to the use of different statistics. For further information about WGEID activities, please see the WGEID webpage: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/disappear/index.htm>)

- submitted 156 reports to the Human Rights Council, including 58 country visit reports, and 26 reports to the General Assembly.
- issued 232 public statements; including 24 statements jointly by two or more mandates.
- integrated, with the support of the OHCHR and their Coordination Committee, thirteen new Special Procedures mandate-holders into the system.
- 78 States had extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures as of 31 December 2010. During 2010 Andorra, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, El Salvador, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and the Republic of Moldova joined the growing number of States that have issued a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.
- The Coordination Committee provided a contribution to the Human Rights Council review, provided advice on practices and working methods, and dealt formally with one case under its Internal Advisory Procedure.

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<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm>

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<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/countries.htm>

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