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Pictures on front cover: Ms. Gabriela Knaul, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, speaking at a regional consultation in Panama. A wide view of the Human Rights Council on the opening day of its sixteenth session. Mr. Surya Prasad Subedi, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, meeting stakeholders during a country visit. Mr. Doudou Diene, Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire, in the IDPs camp of Nahibly in Côte d'Ivoire. Ms. Rita Izsak, Independent Expert on minority issues, during a visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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For more information about Special Procedures, please visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Welcomepage.aspx>

Information about the work of OHCHR and the support extended to Special Procedures will be available in the forthcoming OHCHR Report 2012.

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 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; act on individual cases and concerns of a broader, structural nature by sending communications to States; 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

by States. To enhance protection and promotion, and encourage cooperation and follow-up, Special Procedures engage 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 2012, there were 48 Special Procedures (36 thematic mandates and 12 mandates relating to countries or territories) with 72 mandate-holders. Two country mandates and one thematic mandates were established in 2012: Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

The Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts and Working Groups 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.

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, documentation, and assists with logistical and administrative matters.

LIST OF MANDATES AND MANDATE-HOLDERS

Mandate	Established	Mandate-holder
Country mandates		
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	2012	Mr. Miklós Haraszti (Hungary) since October 2012
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	1993	Mr. Surya Prasad Subedi (Nepal) since May 2009
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire	2011	Mr. Doudou Diene (Senegal) since November 2011
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2004	Mr. Marzuki Darusman (Indonesia) since August 2010
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	2012	Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth (Mauritius) since October 2012
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti	1995	Mr. Michel Forst (France) since June 2008
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	2011	Mr. Ahmed Shaheed (Maldives) since August 2011
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	1992	Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana (Argentina) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	1993	Mr. Richard Falk (United States of America) since May 2008
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	1993	Mr. Shamsul Bari (Bangladesh) since May 2008
Independent Expert on the situation on human rights in the Sudan	2005 (SR) 2009 (IE)	Mr. Mashood Baderin (Nigeria) since October 2012
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic	2011	Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Brazil) will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends

Thematic mandates		
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	2000	Ms. Raquel Rolnik (Brazil) since May 2008
Working Group of experts on people of African descent	2002	Ms. Verene Shepherd (Jamaica), Chair-Rapporteur, since April 2010 Ms. Mirjana Najcevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), since November 2008 Ms. Monorama Biswas (Bangladesh), since November 2008 Ms. Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France (France) since May 2011 Ms. Maya Sahli (Algeria) since August 2008
Working Group on arbitrary detention	1991	Mr. El Hadji Malick Sow (Senegal), Chair-Rapporteur, since May 2008 Ms. Shaheen Sardar Ali (Pakistan), Vice-Chair, since August 2008 Mr. Vladimir Tochilovsky (Ukraine) since May 2010 Mr. Mads Andenas (Norway) since August 2009 Mr. Roberto Garretón (Chile) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	1990	Ms. Najat Maalla M'jid (Morocco) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	2009	Ms. Farida Shaheed (Pakistan) since November 2009

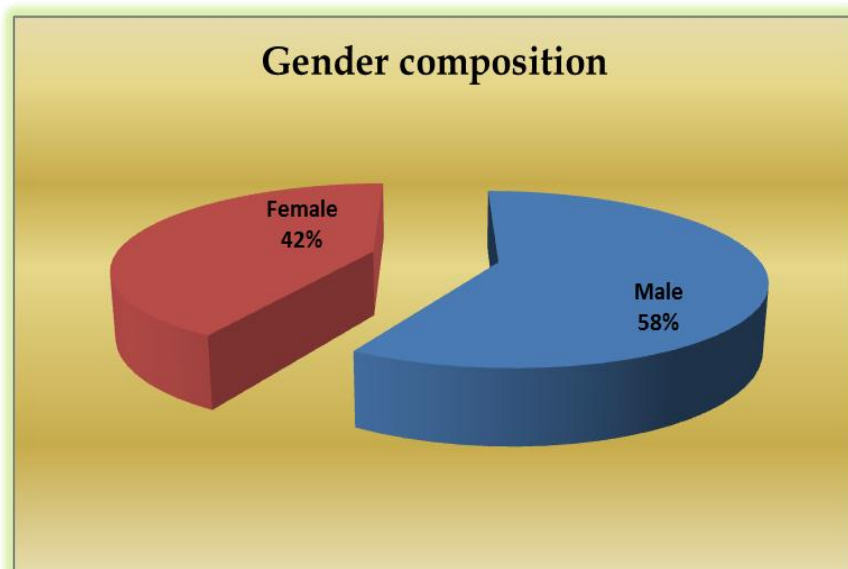
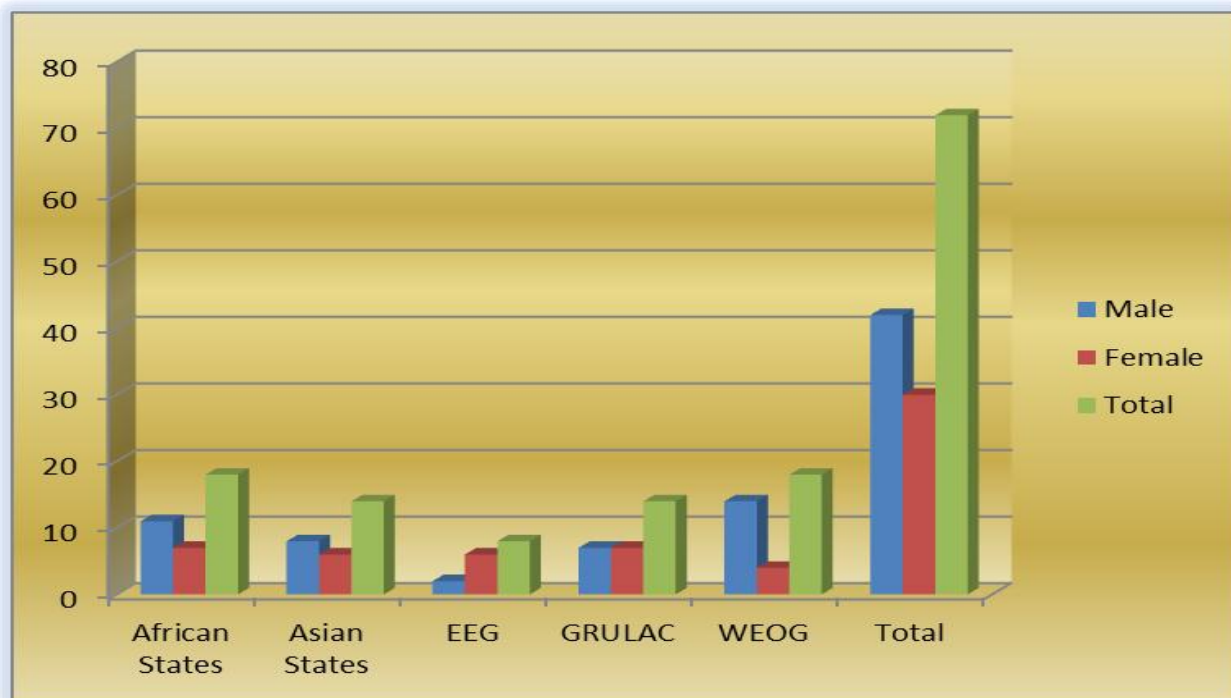
Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	2011	Mr. Alfred de Zayas (USA) since May 2012
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	1998	Mr. Kishore Singh (India) since August 2010
Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances	1980	Mr. Olivier de Frouville (France), Chair-Rapporteur, since November 2008 Mr. Jeremy Sarkin (South Africa), since May 2008 Mr. Ariel Dulitzky (Argentina/USA) since August 2010 Ms. Jasminka Dzumhur (Bosnia and Herzegovina) since May 2010 Mr. Osman El-Hajje (Lebanon) since August 2009
Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment	2012	Mr. John Knox (USA) since August 2012
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	1982	Mr. Christof Heyns (South Africa) since August 2010
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	1998	Ms. María Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona (Chile) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	2000	Mr. Olivier De Schutter (Belgium) since May 2008
Independent Expert on foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	2000	Mr. Cephas Lumina (Zambia) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	2010	Mr. Maina Kiai (Kenya) since May 2011
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	1993	Mr. Frank William La Rue Lewy (Guatemala) since August 2008
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	1986	Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt (Germany) since August 2010
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	2002	Mr. Anand Grover (India) since August 2008
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	2000	Ms. Margaret Sekaggya (Uganda) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	1994	Ms. Gabriela Knaul (Brazil) since June 2009
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples	2001	Mr. James Anaya (United States of America) since May 2008
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	2004	Mr. Chaloka Beyani (Zambia), since November 2010
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	2005	Ms. Virginia Dandan (Philippines) since 1 August 2011
Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	2005	Mr. Anton Katz (South Africa), Chair-Rapporteur, since August 2011 Ms. Faiza Patel (Pakistan), since August 2010 Ms. Patricia Arias (Chile), since August 2011 Ms. Elzbieta Karska (Poland) since August 2011 Mr. Gabor Rona (USA/Hungary) since August 2011
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	1999	Mr. François Crépeau (Canada) since August 2011
Independent Expert on minority issues	2005	Ms. Rita Izsak (Hungary) since August 2011
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees on non-recurrence	2011	Mr. Pablo De Greiff (Colombia) since May 2012
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism , racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	1993	Mr. Mutuma Ruteere (Kenya) since November 2011
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery , including its causes and consequences	2007	Ms. Gulnara Shahinian (Armenia) since May 2008

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	2005	Mr. Ben Emmerson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) since August 2011
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	1985	Mr. Juan Ernesto Méndez (Argentina) since November 2010
Special Rapporteur on the human rights obligations related to environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	1995	Mr. Marc Pallemmaerts (Belgium) since October 2012
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons , especially women and children	2004	Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (Nigeria) since August 2008
Working Group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises	2011	Mr. Puvan Selvanathan (Malaysia), Chair-Rapporteur, since November 2011 Mr. Michael K. Addo (Ghana) since November 2011 Mr. Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation) since November 2011 Ms. Alexandra Guaqueta (Colombia/USA) since November 2011 Ms. Margaret Jungk (USA) since November 2011
Special Rapporteur on violence against women , its causes and consequences	1994	Ms. Rashida Manjoo (South Africa) since August 2009
Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation	2008	Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque (Portugal) since November 2009
Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice	2010	Ms. Kamala Chandrakirana (Indonesia), Chair-Rapporteur, since May 2011 Ms. Emna Aouij (Tunisia) since May 2011 Ms. Patricia Olamendi (Mexico) since October 2012 Ms. Frances Raday (Israel/United Kingdom) since May 2011 Ms. Eleonora Zielinska (Poland) since May 2011

Statistics on Mandate Holders (as of 31 December 2012)

Regional Group	Mandate holders			% Geographic distribution
	Male	Female	Total	
African Group	11	7	18	25%
Asian Group	8	6	14	19%
Eastern European Group (EEG)	2	6	8	11%
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	7	7	14	19%
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	14	4	18	25%
TOTAL	42	30	72	100%
Gender composition	58%	42%	100%	

Regional distribution of mandate holders including gender composition (as of 31 December 2012)



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

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Countries.aspx>

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Themes.aspx>

DEVELOPMENTS IN 2012

New mandates

During 2012, the Council established three new special procedures mandates: an Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment and two new country mandates, created to address the situations in Belarus and in Eritrea.

The Special Rapporteurs on these countries were appointed at the 21st session of the Human Rights Council in September 2012.



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

The Special Rapporteur on Belarus has been mandated by the Human Rights Council, *inter alia*, to assist the Government of Belarus in fulfilling its human rights obligations; to offer support and advice to civil society; to seek, receive, examine and act on information from all relevant stakeholders pertaining to the situation of human rights in Belarus; and to report annually to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly (see HRC resolution 20/13 for full details).

The Special Rapporteur on Eritrea has been appointed for a period of one year, to monitor implementation of the recommendations of the resolution setting up the mandate and submit a report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session (see HRC resolution 20/20 for full details).

In March 2012, the Human Rights Council established the thematic mandate of the Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. The Independent expert was appointed at the 20th session of the Council in June 2012. The Independent Expert has been mandated to, *inter-alia*, study in consultation with Governments, relevant international organizations and intergovernmental bodies, including the United Nations Environment Programme and relevant multilateral environment agreements, human rights mechanisms, local authorities, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, including those representing indigenous peoples and other persons in vulnerable situations, the

private sector and academic institutions, the human rights obligations, including non-discrimination obligations, relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment (see HRC resolution 19/10 for full details).

Mandate holders for the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees on non-recurrence and the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order established in September 2011, were appointed at the 19th session of the Human Rights Council in March 2012.

Country Visits and Standing Invitations

In 2012, Special Procedures conducted 80 country visits to 55 States. Chad and Seychelles on 1 June and 5 November 2012 respectively extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures, bringing the total of such invitations to 92 by the end of December 2012. (See below).

Communications report

In 2012, the consolidated report on communications was submitted at each session of the Council. Thus three reports were issued that covered the period from 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012 for all communications sent and from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012 of all government replies received. Given the significant percentage of joint communications (75%), the decision to issue the communications report proved to be a significant efficiency gain. The report reduced the number of individual reports presented to the Council and related printing costs, as well as document processing costs by about 75%.

Standard-setting

Special Procedures continued to contribute to the development of international human rights law. For example, the Working Group on the use of mercenaries informed discussions of the "open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies" (OEIGWG). The Working Group presented a submission to the OEIGWG identifying gaps in international law as it applies to private military and security companies and arguing for a legally binding instrument regulating these activities. As part of this process, the Working Group held roundtable discussions with experts and civil society organizations on this topic.

Special procedures support the progressive development of international human rights law, notably through studies, consultations and the elaboration of guidelines

or guiding principles by Special Rapporteurs in a variety of specific areas.

As examples, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food presented Guiding Principles on human rights impact assessments of trade and investment agreements to the Council in March 2012, the Independent Expert on foreign debt presented Guidelines on foreign debt and human rights to the Council in June 2012 (endorsed by resolution 20/10) and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty presented Draft Guiding Principles on extreme poverty and human rights to the Council in September 2012 (adopted by resolution 21/11).

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons has been actively engaged in both the promotion and development of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) since the process initiated in 2004. In this context, over the past year the mandate has engaged with regional bodies such as AU and the African Parliamentary Union and with parliamentarians from various AU Member States, corresponded with 20 States urging them to sign and deposit the instrument of ratification and has actively encouraged African states to become States parties during country visits and has participated in the Friends of Kampala group which seeks to coordinate actions to promote and facilitate the implementation of the Kampala Convention. His efforts contributed to the adoption of this historic convention, the first ever binding regional instrument on internal displacement, which came into force on 6 December 2012, providing specific human rights protection to the over 10 million internally displaced persons in Africa (2011). For details on the Kampala Convention see the link <http://www.internal-displacement.org/kampala-convention>

Following Human Rights Council resolution 20/16 adopted in July 2012, the Working Group on arbitrary detention initiated preparation of the draft basic principles and guidelines on remedies and procedures on the right of anyone deprived of his or her liberty by arrest or detention to bring proceedings before court, in order that the court may decide without delay on the lawfulness of his or her detention and order his or her release if the detention is not lawful. The Council requested the Working Group to prepare basic principles and guidelines with the aim of assisting Member States in fulfilling their obligation to avoid arbitrary deprivation of liberty in compliance with international human rights law. A report consisting of the draft basic principles and guidelines will be presented to the Council in 2015 after consultations with States and civil society organizations have been undertaken.

The Special Rapporteur on racism contributed to international human rights standards relating to the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred by actively and substantively participating in the final expert meeting of the series of expert workshops on the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred (Rabat, Morocco, 4- 5 October 2012). The Special Rapporteur also advocated in his thematic reports, including to the General Assembly, for the ratification of the International Convention on the

Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which together with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference constitute the most comprehensive framework to fight against racism.

The Working Group on Enforced Disappearances adopted two general comments on women affected by enforced disappearances and children and enforced disappearances during its 98th session in November 2012.

Thematic Reports and Studies

In 2012, Special Procedures submitted 129 reports to the Human Rights Council, including 60 on country visits and 31 reports to the General Assembly, some of which received considerable attention from States, civil society and the media.

In 2012, the issue of the death penalty was analysed through two thematic reports presented to the 67th session of the General Assembly by Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and on torture, ([A/67/326](#) and [A/67/328](#)) and at a side-event with the participation of these rapporteurs intensified the impact of their thematic reports and generated further discussion in the light of the global trends towards the abolition of the death penalty and possible new developments in law and practice.

The report was preceded by an expert consultation on the death penalty at Harvard Law School, USA, in June 2012. The reports of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions stressed that countries which have not abolished it may only impose the death penalty for intentional killing offences. As novelties, the report mentioned the need for transparency from Governments on all information related to the imposition and implementation of the death penalty, as well as raised the issue of complicity from third parties, including abolitionist States, in instances of cooperation with the retentionist States.

In his first thematic report presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2012 ([A/HRC/20/27](#)), the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association identified, at the request of the Council, what he considers best practices that promote and protect the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. Such practices/standards contribute to raise the level of protection afforded by international norms and standards to both rights.

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

Special Procedures & Universal Periodic Review

The universal periodic review mechanism (UPR) of the Human Rights Council undertook the second review of twenty eight (28) countries during 2012. Recommendations on cooperation with Special

Procedures, both in general, and with respect to specific thematic mandates was reiterated in recommendations made to 18 of the countries reviewed. Recommendations concerning Special Procedures addressed a diverse number of topics such as extending Standing Invitations and implementation of the recommendations of particular mandates following country visits.

The following States reviewed accepted recommendations regarding Special Procedures: Bahrain, Benin, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe.



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

Nineteenth Annual Meeting of Special Procedures mandate-holders

The nineteenth annual meeting of special procedures was held from 11 to 15 June 2012. Mandate holders exchanged views with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the President of the Human Rights Council. Meetings with a number of stakeholders were held, including with representatives of States, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions. Human rights mainstreaming was among the principal thematic issues discussed.

Discussions focused on the independence of the special procedures, harmonization of working methods, and measures to enhance the engagement of mandate holders with various stakeholders to strengthen their effectiveness. The importance of increasing regular and extrabudgetary resources for special procedures was stressed. The participants noted the creation of four new thematic and two country mandates by the Human Rights Council since the previous annual meeting, and welcomed the new mandate holders participating in the meeting for the first time.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Michel Forst, was elected Chairperson of the meeting and the Coordination Committee. The Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Knauth, was elected Rapporteur and member of the Coordination Committee. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Chaloka Beyani, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, François Crépeau, and a member of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Puvan J. Selvanathan, were endorsed as members of the Committee. Farida Shaheed, as former Chairperson, remained an ex officio member.

The report of the nineteenth Annual Meeting was submitted to the twenty-first session of the Human Rights Council of September 2012 ([A/HRC/21/51](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/A/HRC/21/51)).



For further information on the annual meeting of Special Procedures:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/A/Meeting/Pages/19thsession.aspx>

Coordination Committee

The Coordination Committee of Special Procedures continued to make itself available, through its [internal advisory procedure on practices and working methods](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/A/Meeting/Pages/19thsession.aspx), as well as informally, to all those who wish to bring issues to its attention in relation to working methods and the implementation of the Code of Conduct. The Coordination Committee participated in the special sessions of the Human Rights Council and video messages on behalf of the mandate holders were delivered highlighting collective concern over the events in Syria. The Coordination Committee and the OHCHR also provided induction sessions to new mandate holders in 2012.

The Coordination Committee submitted an open letter on 14 August to the high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels held on 24 September 2012. The Chair of the Coordination Committee, Farida Shaheed, participated in the discussion during the high level panel on human rights mainstreaming organized during the March session of the Human Rights Council, highlighting the contribution of the system of special procedures to the mainstreaming of human rights.



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

Minority Forum

The Fifth Forum on Minority Issues took place in Geneva from 27 to 28 November 2012. The Forum was organized under the guidance of the Independent Expert on minority issues, Ms. Rita Izsák. The topic of the Forum was "Implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities: Identifying positive practices and opportunities". Approximately 500 participants attended the Forum, with some 60 Member States represented. As part of its efforts to attract a wider audience, the Forum on Minority Issues has made use of the social media, including Twitter and through the creation of a Google+ circle for previous and current participants as well as interested stakeholders. The secretariat of the Forum worked with colleagues from the Social Media Unit to organize the "Minority Forum Hangout" which was the third in a series of four Google+ hangouts leading-up to and culminating in a Hangout with the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Human Rights Day. The documentation relating to the Forum can be found at the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/22/60](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/A/HRC/22/60)).

Forum on Business and Human Rights

The first annual Forum on Business and Human Rights (4-5 December 2012, Geneva) brought together approximately 1,000 participants from 85 countries, including 50 State delegations, 150 companies and 180 civil society organizations, and other groups, with equal participation of men and women. Participants included directly affected stakeholders and their representatives, including many representatives of indigenous peoples. From the business sector, a number of major multinational corporations from the mining, oil and energy, technology, chemicals, banking and finance, electronics, and textiles industries participated. Participants also included 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations System, 17 representatives from inter-governmental organisations, 19 National Human Rights Institutions, as well as organizations developing standards related to business and human rights. The executive summary of the discussions held during the 21 substantive sessions of the Forum was prepared by the chairperson of the Forum. And materials including session concept notes, statements received, written submissions and video recordings are accessible on the Forum website:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/ForumonBusinessandHR2012.aspx>

Database of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Throughout 2012, the Working Group received information that the database was being increasingly used by various stakeholders, including States and civil society organizations. The database provides a practical research tool for victims, lawyers, academics and others, who would like to prepare and submit cases of alleged arbitrary deprivation of liberty to the Working Group. In November 2011, the Working Group launched the database, accessible at:

<http://www.unwgadatabase.org/un/>, which is a freely and publicly available compilation of its opinions.

The database provides over 600 opinions in English, French and Spanish that have been adopted since the establishment of the Working Group in 1991.

High-level panel on reprisals

The Secretary-General's report to the Council on reprisals against persons who have cooperated with the UN and mechanisms in the field of human rights was submitted to the Council at its twenty-first session. During 2012, information was received about acts of intimidation or reprisal following cooperation with OHCHR, the Human Rights Council, special procedures, human rights treaty bodies, the universal periodic review mechanism and United Nations peace missions. The report contains information on cases of reprisals which were documented and corroborated through multiple sources and assessed for reliability and consistency. The report also contains information about cases which were mentioned in previous Secretary-General reports.

At the opening of the 21st session of the Human Rights Council, the Secretary-General referred to reprisals as one of the five challenges faced by the Council and urged States to send a strong signal that there can be no impunity for reprisals and intimidation against those who advocate for human rights, including through cooperation with the United Nations. The High Commissioner said that unless halted and sanctioned, reprisals undermine the ability of civil society and other actors to engage with the UN to promote human rights. The President recalled that observers, and Members, should be able to contribute to the work of the Council and recalled that the Council has strongly rejected any act of intimidation or reprisal against individuals and groups who cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights. The Council also held a panel on this issue on 13 September. During the discussion, several concrete proposals were made to address reprisals. A summary of the panel, including recommendations made by participants, will be presented to the 22nd session of the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

2012 Basic Figures

- 603** Total number of communications sent
- 74.3%** Joint communications by two or more mandates
- 1512** Individuals covered (20% women)
- 127** Countries which received communications
- By 31 December 2012, States had replied to **40.1 %** 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 working methods. In the reporting period from 12 November 2011 to 9 November 2012, covered in the 2012 annual report, the Working Group transmitted 208 new cases of enforced disappearance to 21 States. For further information about WGEID activities, please see the WGEID webpage:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disappearances/Pages/DisappearancesIndex.aspx>

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 corporations, requesting information on the allegation and calling for preventive or investigative action.

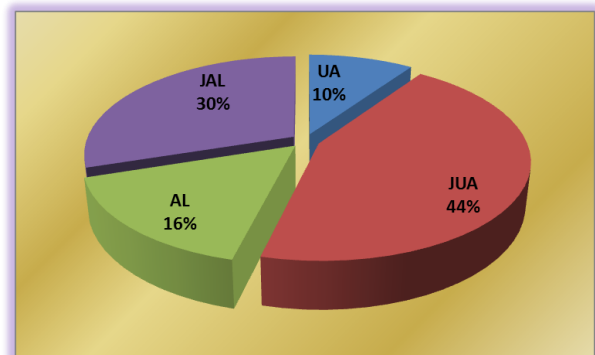
The decision to intervene is at the discretion of the special procedure mandate-holder and depends on criteria established by the mandate, and that laid out in the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures adopted by the Human Rights Council (Resolution 5/2). These criteria include the reliability of the 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. Since 2011, special procedures are using a third form of communication called '**Other letters**' that convey requests for information, without any allegation of violations.

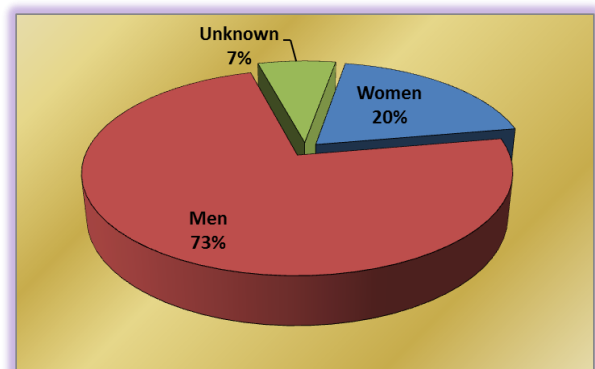
In the past, Special Procedures mandates submitted to the Human Rights Council, on an annual basis, individual reports on their communications with States. During 2012, three joint communications reports were submitted by all concerned mandates to the Council to each of its sessions.

Communications by type 2012



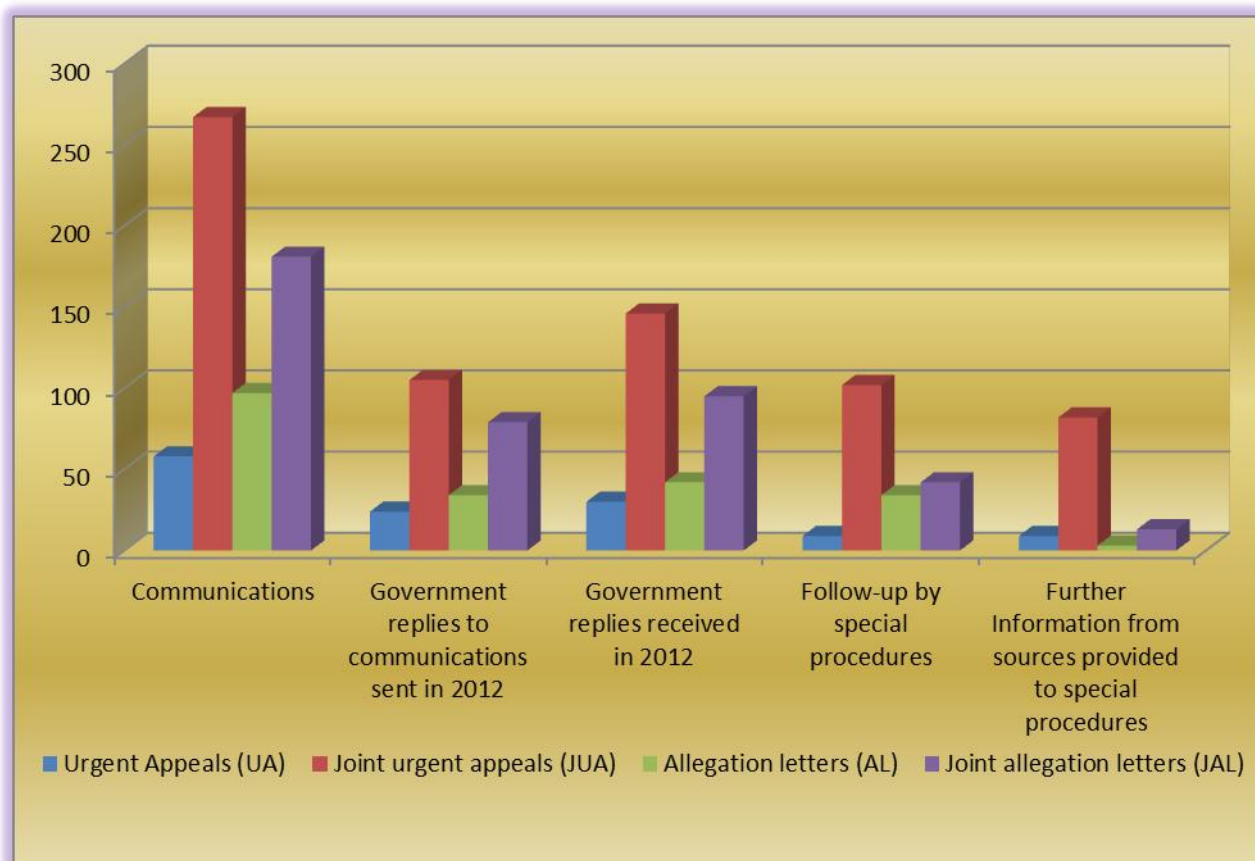
In 2012, 603 Communications were sent to 127 States. 74.3% of all communications were sent jointly by more than one mandate. Communications covered at least 1512 individuals, 20% of whom were women. Governments replied to 40% of communications sent between 1 January and 31 December 2012, and 31.01 % of communications were followed-up by mandate-holders. The OHCHR's Special Procedures Branch Quick Response Desk coordinates the work relating to communications and keeps relevant databases updated.

Communications by sex 2012

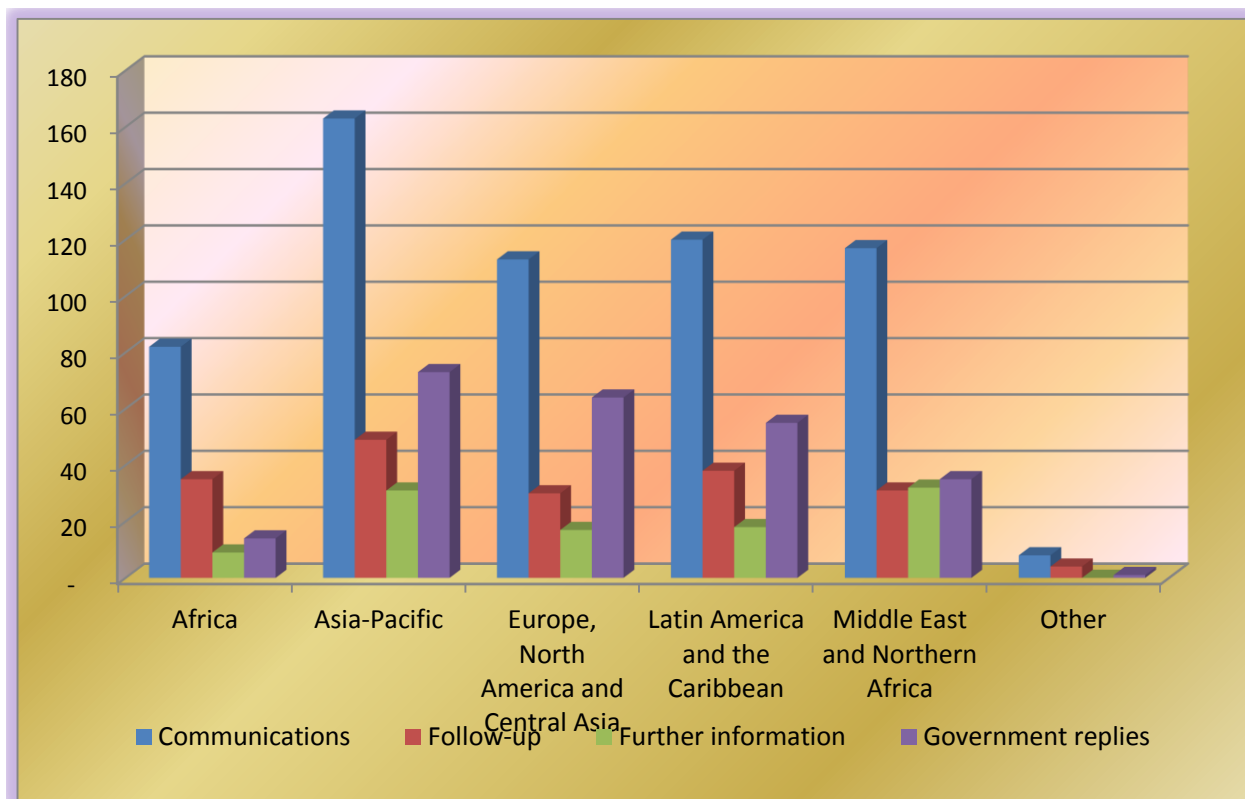


For more info:
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/docs/communicationsbrochure_en.pdf

Communications and follow-up by type of communication in 2012

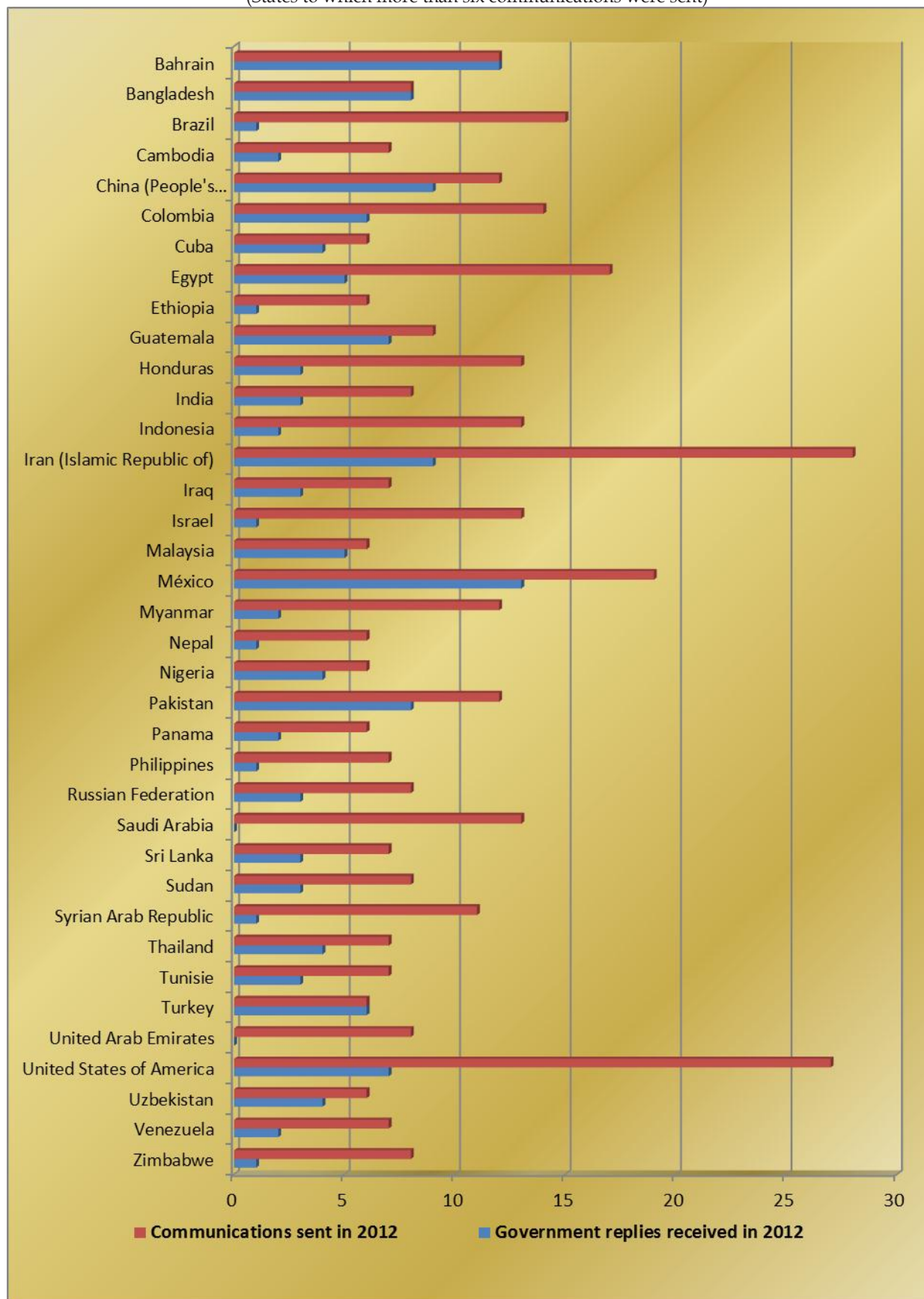


Communications and follow-up of communications by region in 2012



Communications and Government replies received in 2012

(States to which more than six communications were sent)



COUNTRY VISITS

Mandate-holders carry out country visits to see 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 80 visits to 55 States and territories in 2012. The number of visits undertaken annually has been around 80 over the last three years. 51 percent of all visits in 2012 were undertaken to States that had issued standing invitations, and 49 percent of visits were to States that had not issued standing invitations.

During visits, 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.



Mr. James Anaya, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, during his visit to Namibia at a resettlement camp of Hai//om San in and around the Etosha National Park.



Mr Michel Forst, Independent Expert on the human rights situation in Haiti during his country visit.

The visit of the Independent Expert on minorities provides an example of the impact Special Procedures visits can have on improving the protection of human rights in a country. The Government of Colombia informed the Independent Expert on minority issues in 2012 that it had adopted a comprehensive anti-discrimination law in late 2011, in line with a key recommendation of the mandate following a country visit in 2010.

Following the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography to Honduras from 30 August to 7 September 2012, and in line with her recommendations, the Government adopted a law in November 2012 to review all legislation relating to child protection in order to harmonize it with international standards and improve child protection.

On 5 and 6 March 2012, in Lima, Peru, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples met with indigenous representatives and representatives of the Congress of Peru to discuss the principle of free, prior and informed consent of the indigenous people in the context of extractive industries. His intervention helped to provide guidance on the principle of consultation and consent with indigenous peoples and address concerns regarding a draft regulation on consultation with indigenous peoples, which was subsequently adopted by the Government of Peru.



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://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/countryvisitsa-e.htm>

Standing Invitations

The following 92 countries had extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures as of 31 December 2012. Countries that extended standing invitations during 2012 are marked with an asterisk (*).

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

Follow-up to Special Procedures recommendations

✚ Follow-up visits to countries: The Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography conducted a follow-up visit to Guatemala from 20 to 29 August 2012, the second visit to the country since her predecessor's visit in 1999. The SR's visit provided an opportunity for review of legislation, policies and institutions working in the area of protection of children from sale, prostitution and pornography, and of child rights policies more generally put in place since her predecessor's visit in 1999. During the visit the Government committed itself to carry out a global assessment of all existing child protection laws, policies, strategies and programmes, with a view to identifying the main issues relating to child protection and establishing comprehensive, child-rights based and sustainable child protection systems, accessible to all children.

✚ Follow-up reports: The Working Group on enforced disappearances has published two follow-up reports to its country visit reports on Colombia and Nepal in 2012. Similarly, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions presented follow-up reports to its country visit reports on Colombia, DRC, and USA at the HRC20. All follow-up reports assessed the degree of implementation of the recommendations issued in the original country visit reports in order to

recognize positive steps taken to comply with recommendations to improve the protection of human rights and also to note areas where concerns persist.

✚ The Special Rapporteur on torture conducted a follow-up country visit to Kyrgyzstan in May 2012 to participate in a round-table meeting on torture prevention in Kyrgyzstan. The meeting, held in Bishkek, concerned the implementation of recommendations contained in his report on his mission to Kyrgyzstan in December 2011. Following the country visit, an Action Plan on Prevention of Torture (based on the SR's recommendations) was prepared by OHCHR at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Prosecutor's office has indicated it will take the lead on implementing it once adopted by the Office of the President. It is hoped the Action Plan will assist the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in its reporting to the UN Committee against Torture in 2013.

✚ The SR on extreme poverty presented her annual report to the HRC in June 2012, which assessed progress in the implementation of her recommendations to countries she had visited in recent years, including Ecuador (November 2008), Zambia (August 2009), Bangladesh (December 2009), Viet Nam (August 2010) and Ireland (January 2011).

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS

Chile: In January 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to peaceful assembly and association sent a joint allegation letter to Chile on the draft Law on Strengthening the Preservation of Public Order (“Proyecto de Ley que Fortalece el Resguardo del Orden Público”) raising concerns about alleged restrictions to the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly that could result from the draft law.

The Government of Chile sent two responses (March and September 2012) informing about positive changes in the draft legislation which took into account the concerns expressed by the three mandate-holders. The changes concerning article 269 of the Criminal Code restricted criminal liability to those responsible of “grave” public disorder which will now include violence against or intimidation of persons. Additionally, the provision whereby a person who organized a peaceful protest without the intention of promoting or initiating acts of violence could face criminal charges if the protest turned violent was eliminated. Changes related to article 89 of the Criminal Procedure Code eliminated all references to the authority given to the police to establish the existence and location of all visual recordings and materials which could contribute to clarify facts that might constitute a crime.

While welcoming these positive developments, the Special Rapporteurs reiterated to the Government their concerns about other provisions of the draft legislation which were still vague and could lead to arbitrary restrictions to the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Islamic Republic of Iran: Ms. Sakineh Mohammadi-Ashtiani, sentenced to death for alleged adultery and participation in the murder of her husband, was subject of several Urgent Appeals in 2010. In July 2012, the Government of Iran informed the SR that, on orders from the Chief of the Judiciary, the execution of Ms. Ashtiani was halted.

Mr. Yousef Nadarkhani, a pastor imprisoned in Iran since October 2009 and sentenced to death for apostasy in October 2010, was released on 8 September 2012, after a court hearing which led to the withdrawal of his conviction for apostasy. He reportedly was reunited with his family shortly afterwards. Mr. Nadarkhani was subject of two joint urgent appeals, including by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief dated 30 December 2010 and 26 July 2011.

Island of Jersey: On 20 October 2012, the Island of Jersey adopted new legislation banning so-called “vulture funds” from using the island's courts to sue the world's poorest countries for historic debts. Vulture funds, which buy up poor nations' debts on the cheap before suing them for up to 100 times the original amount, had attempted to take cases to Jersey after British law banned

the practice in April 2010. The “Debt Relief Law (Developing Countries)” was adopted by the parliament of the Island after the Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights had made a submission to the law making process and calling on the Island of Jersey to follow the example of the United Kingdom.



Ms. Maria Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty, during her visit to Namibia October 2012

Mauritania: Following an urgent appeal sent to the Government of Mauritania on 3 January 2012 in which the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers expressed concern regarding disciplinary procedures initiated against five magistrates, and requested the Government to reinstate them in their position, two of the five magistrates who were the subject of an appeal were reportedly reinstated in their functions and two others who had been downgraded were promoted.

Mexico: On 30 August 2012, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention adopted Opinion No. 33/2012 (Mexico) concerning Mr. Hugo Sánchez Ramírez who had been arrested and detained since 21 July 2007. The Working Group considered the detention of Mr. Ramírez arbitrary and called on the Government of Mexico to release him and provide him with appropriate damages. In October 2012, the Supreme Court ordered the release of Mr. Ramírez. The Working Group received information that its’ Opinion had been used in the submissions made to the Supreme Court on behalf of Mr. Ramírez.

Kenya: The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons has actively engaged with the Government of Kenya and other key national stakeholders on the development of a national framework on internal displacement. The mandate has contributed to the development of a national policy as well as a national bill on internally displaced persons, which was passed by Parliament and received presidential assent on 31 December 2012.

Moldova: The Special Rapporteur on the right to health sent an allegation letter to the Government of Moldova in June 2011 concerning the 2007 Law on prophylaxis of HIV/AIDS infection, which allegedly did not adequately address serious violations of privacy, confidentiality and data protection of patients.

The Government of Moldova replied in September 2011, confirming that modifications of the Law would contribute to the realization of the right to privacy and non-discrimination of people living with HIV/AIDS. On 22 June 2012, Moldova decided to strengthen prohibitions on HIV-related discrimination in the workplace and remove mandatory HIV testing for non-nationals and for couples before marriage. On 4 December 2012, the Government acted on issues raised by the Special Rapporteur, followed up by the OHCHR field office and the UNCT, to improve privacy, confidentiality and data protection for persons living with HIV/AIDS, by ordering removal of the possibility of access to personal data by epidemiologists, and set out that the family doctor may only have access to the personal files of the person concerned with her informed consent (opt-in modalities). This marks significant progress in promoting human rights in Moldova, given the results of a recent survey indicated that 69 per cent of persons living with HIV reported that their confidentiality had previously been violated.

Sudan: The Special Rapporteurs on racism, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, health, human rights defender, independence of judges and lawyers and torture along with the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention sent a joint urgent appeal on 8 June 2012 that contributed to the decision of the Attorney General's Prosecution Office in Sudan to release a human rights defender who was a member of an organization that provided humanitarian assistance.

Thailand: Following the visit of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking to Thailand in August 2011, the Government of Thailand prepared legislation, the draft Anti-Transnational Organized Crime Act, in order to ratify the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols Thereto, including the Trafficking Protocol, in line with the Special Rapporteur's recommendation to ratify the Trafficking Protocol.

United States of America: An Urgent Appeal was sent on 5 June 2012 to the Government of the United States of

America regarding the case of Mr. Abdul Hamin Awkal, a Lebanese national alleged to be mentally ill, and reportedly scheduled for imminent execution on 6 June 2012, in the State of Ohio. Media reports indicate that Mr. Awkal was not executed on 6 June, after the Governor of Ohio granted a last-minute reprieve in the evening of 5 June 2012. The reprieve was granted for two weeks to examine the state of mental health of Mr. Awkal. Later in the summer of 2012, the Governor of Ohio commuted the death sentence of Mr. Awkal.

Other: The Special Rapporteur on the right to water and sanitation conducted extensive work with the UNICEF/WHO Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) to integrate human rights perspectives in the redesigned statistical indicators that will be used to monitor achievement of targets set for the water, sanitation and hygiene sectors in the post-2015 development agenda. Other UN and bilateral development actors welcomed the work in this area and endorsed the proposals emanating from the three different Task Forces set up by JMP during 2012. She also focused her 2012 annual report to the GA on the need for post-2015 goals to integrate both a specific goal on access to water and sanitation and one on the elimination of discrimination and inequality.

The Special Rapporteur on racism succeeded in drawing international attention to the issue of racism in sport in the context of the 2012 UEFA Football championship, including through a thematic report submitted to the Human Rights Council. This led to enhanced cooperation between the mandate and entities such as the International Olympic Committee and the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace Office.

In October 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty released together a proposal for establishment of a Global Fund for Social Protection that attracted considerable interest from a range of partners, including the ILO. Notably, the proposal was presented to the 39th session of the Committee on World Food Security in Rome, October 2012, leading the Committee to endorse specific recommendations highlighting "the role of international cooperation in reinforcing national actions to implement sustainable social protection programmes and systems" and underlining that "social protection programmes for food security and nutrition should be guided by human rights norms and standards."

REPORTS

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

In 2012, Special Procedures mandates submitted 129 reports to the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Human Rights Council and 32 reports to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly. These reports included 60 reports on country visits.

Responses received from States on the recommendations made in the reports of special procedures mandate

holders following the country visits were also submitted to the Council.



The reports of the Special Procedures to the Human Rights Council can be found at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/AnnualreportsHRC.aspx>

Reports to the General Assembly are accessible at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/GARreports.aspx>

REPORTS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL		
Symbol number	Title of document	Languages
19th Session		
A/HRC/19/44	Communications Report of Special Procedures	E/F/S only
A/HRC/19/53	Report of the SR on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/53/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Algeria</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/53/Add.3	Addendum - Mission en Algérie: Commentaires de l'Etat sur le rapport de la Rapporteuse spéciale	F only
A/HRC/19/54	Report of the SR on the human rights of internally displaced persons	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/54/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to the Maldives</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/54/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Kenya</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/55	Report of the SR on the situation of human rights defenders	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/55/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to India</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/55/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Observations on communications</i>	E/F/S only
A/HRC/19/56	Report of the IE on minority issues	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/56/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Rwanda</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/56/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Bulgaria</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/56/Add.2/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/57	Report of the WG on Arbitrary Detention	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/57/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Opinions adopted by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/57/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Georgia</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/57/Add.3	Addendum - <i>Mission to Germany</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/57/Add.4	Addendum - <i>Mission to Georgia: comments by the State on the report of the Working Group</i>	E only
A/HRC/19/58/Rev.1	Report of the WG on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/58/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Timor-Leste</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/58/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Mexico</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/58/Add.3	Addendum - <i>Mission to Congo</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/58/Add.4	Addendum - <i>Follow-up to country missions</i>	E/S only
A/HRC/19/59	Report of the SR on the right to food	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E only
A/HRC/19/59/Corr.2	Corrigendum	F only

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A/HRC/19/59/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to China</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Mexico</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Add.3	Addendum - <i>Mission to South Africa</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Add.4	Addendum - <i>Mission to Madagascar</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Add.5	Addendum - <i>Guiding Principles on Human Rights Impact Assessments of Trade and Investment Agreements</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/59/Add.6/Rev.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to South Africa: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur</i>	E only
A/HRC/19/60	Report of the SR on freedom of religion or belief	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/60/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Paraguay</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/60/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to the Republic of Moldova</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/60/Add.3	Addendum - <i>Mission to the Republic of Moldova: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur</i>	E only
A/HRC/19/61	Report of the SR on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/61/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Tunisia</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/61/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to Kyrgyzstan</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/61/Add.3	Addendum - <i>Follow-up to country missions</i>	E/F/S only
A/HRC/19/61/Add.4	Addendum - <i>Observations on communications</i>	E/F/S only
A/HRC/19/61/Add.5	Addendum - <i>Mission to Kyrgyzstan: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur</i>	E only
A/HRC/19/62	Report of the SG on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/63	Report of the SR on the sale of children , child prostitution and child pornography	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/63/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E F C A
A/HRC/19/63/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Mauritius</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/63/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Mission to France</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/65	Report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/66	Report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/67	Report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/71	Recommendations of the Forum on Minority Issues on its fourth session	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/72	Report of the IE on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire	E F S R C A
A/HRC/19/76	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	<u>E F S R C A</u>
20th Session		
A/HRC/20/14	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	E
A/HRC/20/14/Add.1	Addendum - <i>Mission to Tunisia</i>	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/14/Add.2	Addendum - <i>Follow-up report to country missions</i>	E/S

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A/HRC/20/15	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/15/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Ghana	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/15/Add.2	Addendum - Mission to Viet Nam	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/15/Add.3	Addendum - Mission to Vietnam: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	E only
A/HRC/20/16	Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women , its causes and consequences	E C
A/HRC/20/16/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Jordan	E F R S C A
A/HRC/20/16/Add.2	Addendum - Mission to Italy	E R A
A/HRC/20/16/Add.3	Addendum - Mission to Somalia	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/16/Add.4	Addendum - Summary report on the expert meeting on gender-motivated killings of women	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/16/Add.4/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E R A C
A/HRC/20/16/Add.5	Addendum - Mission to Jordan: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	A/E only
A/HRC/20/16/Add.6	Addendum - Mission to Italy: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	E only
A/HRC/20/17	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	E
A/HRC/20/17/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Algeria	E F R S A
A/HRC/20/17/Add.2	Addendum - Mission to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/17/Add.3	Addendum - Mission en Algérie: commentaires de l'Etat sur le rapport du Rapporteur spécial	F only
A/HRC/20/18	Report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children	E
A/HRC/20/18/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Australia	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/18/Add.2	Addendum - Mission to Thailand	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/18/Add.3	Addendum - Summary report on the expert meeting on prosecution of trafficking in persons cases: Integrating a human rights-based approach in the administration of criminal justice	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/18/Add.4	Addendum - Observations on communications	E only
A/HRC/20/18/Add.5	Addendum - Mission to Thailand: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	E only
A/HRC/20/18/Add.6	Addendum - Mission to Australia: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	E only
A/HRC/20/19	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	E
A/HRC/20/19/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Romania	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/19/Add.2	Addendum - Mission to Bulgaria	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/19/Add.3	Addendum - Mission to Turkey	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/20	Global thematic study of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers to assess the human rights education and continuing training of judges, prosecutors, public defenders and lawyers, with recommendations for appropriate follow-up	E

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A/HRC/20/21	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education	E
A/HRC/20/21/Add.1	Addendum - Mission to Kazakhstan	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/21/Add.3	Addendum - Mission to Kazakhstan: comments by the State on the report of the Special Rapporteur	E/R only
A/HRC/20/22	Report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	E R S C A
A/HRC/20/22/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E R A
A/HRC/20/22/Add.1	Addendum - Follow-up to the mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo	E F S R C A
A/HRC/20/22/Add.2	Addendum - Follow-up to the mission to Colombia	E S R C A
A/HRC/20/22/Add.2/Corr.1	Corrigendum	E only
A/HRC/20/22/Add.3	Addendum - Follow-up to the mission to the United States of America	E F S R C A
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Ms Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, during her visit to Rwanda



Mr Doudou Diene, Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire during his visit to that country

Basic Figures 2012 - Special Procedures

In 2012, with OHCHR's support, Special Procedures:

- carried out 80 country visits to 55 countries.
- sent 603 communications to 127 States – 74.3 percent are joint communications issued by two or more mandates. Communications covered at least 1512 individuals and numerous groups of individuals. 295 communications concerned women. As of 31 December, States had responded to 40.1 percent of communications sent between 1 January and 31 December 2011. Mandates followed up on 31.01 percent 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 working methods. For further information about WGEID activities, please see the WGEID webpage: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disappearances/Pages/DisappearancesIndex.aspx>)

- submitted 129 reports to the Human Rights Council, including 60 on country visits, and 32 to the General Assembly.
- issued 334 public statements; including 53 statements jointly with other special procedures and/ or mandate-holders from other mechanisms
- Welcomed, with the support of the OHCHR and their Coordination Committee, 10 new Special Procedures mandate-holders into the system.
- 92 States had extended a standing invitation to Special Procedures as of 31 December 2012. During 2012 Chad and Seychelles joined the growing number of States that have issued a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.

For further information, please visit the OHCHR website:

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

For specific queries relating to individual mandates, please send messages to the generic e-mail addresses :

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Fax: +41 22 917 90 06
E-mail: urgent-action@ohchr.org

Note: This e-mail address should be used only to communicate information on alleged violations. Due to the large amount of information received by special procedures and capacity constraints, receipt of information will be acknowledged only if such information is taken up by the special procedures in the context of communications and if further information is required from the source to ensure follow-up.

Further instructions for submitting information related to alleged human rights violations are available at:

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