



## A NEW CHAPTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

A handbook on issues of transition  
from the Commission on Human Rights  
to the Human Rights Council



### Annex 3.1

#### Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

**Current mandate holder:** Miloon Kothari  
**Mandate started:** 2000

**Term of mandate holder:** 2000-2006  
**Mandate up for renewal:** 2006

#### Areas of focus

- Study the relation between adequate housing, economic, social and cultural rights, and civil and political rights, using non-discrimination and security of tenure as a general framework;
- Monitor the realisation of rights relevant to the mandate and legal and political developments in this regard and provide practical and concrete solutions aimed at the realisation of the right to adequate housing;
- Develop dialogue and cooperation with States, United Nations and other intergovernmental bodies, international financial institutions and civil society organisations;
- The right to adequate housing is a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and relates to issues of legal security of tenure; availability of services, materials, facilities and infrastructure; affordability; habitability; accessibility; location; and cultural adequacy.

#### Country visits

Afghanistan (2003)  
Brazil (2004)  
Cambodia (2005)  
Iran (2005)  
Kenya (2004)

Mexico (2002)  
Palestine and OPT (2003)  
Peru (2004)  
Romania (2002)

#### Outstanding requests

Bangladesh (2005)  
Canada (2005)  
Israel (2005)  
Nigeria (2005)  
South Africa (2005)

#### Visits agreed upon in principle

Angola  
Australia  
Philippines

**Pending reports:** Annual report; Summary of communications; Mission to Iran; Mission to Cambodia; and Study on women and adequate housing (E/CN.4/2006/41, Add.1-3 and E/CN.4/2006/118).

#### Thematic research

- Practical Guidelines on development-based forced evictions (2006);
- Women and adequate housing (2006);
- Homelessness (2005);
- Forced evictions (2004);
- Water and sanitation (2003);
- Discrimination and segregation in housing and civic services (2002);
- Globalisation (2002).

**Communications (2005)**

- 15 communications to 11 Governments and one UN body;
- Two letters of allegation;
- 13 urgent appeals;
- Eight joint communications;
- Four replies;
- One reply to a previous communication.