



## 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

#### Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons

**Current mandate holder:** Walter Kalin

**Term of mandate holder:** 2004-

**Mandate started:** 1992 with mandate  
change in 2004

**Mandate up for renewal:** to be reviewed in 2006

#### Areas of focus

- Carry out advocacy and awareness raising in favour of the protection and respect for human rights of internally displaced persons;
- Effect the mainstreaming of the rights of internally displaced persons throughout the United Nations system;
- Develop a normative framework for addressing internal displacement;
- Assess institutional arrangements at the international, regional and national levels;
- Build local capacities for response through cooperation with national and local actors.

#### Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- Submits annual reports to the General Assembly;
- This mandate does not take up individual cases and therefore does not transmit communications to Governments and other actors;
- Organises regional and national conferences, seminars and workshops.

#### Country visits

Angola (2000)	East Timor (2000)	Mozambique (1996)	Somalia (1992)
Armenia (2000)	El Salvador (1992)	Peru (1995)	Sri Lanka (1993)
Azerbaijan (1998)	Former Yugoslavia (1992)	Philippines (2002)	Sudan (1992, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005)
Bosnia (2005)	Georgia (2000, 2005)	Russian Federation (1992, 2003)	Tajikistan (1996)
Burundi (1994, 2000)	Indonesia (2001)	Rwanda (1994)	Turkey (2002)
Colombia (1994, 1999)	Mexico (2002)	Serbia and Montenegro (2005)	Uganda (2003)

#### Outstanding requests

Afghanistan  
Colombia (2005)

Liberia  
Myanmar

#### Outstanding requests

Sierra Leone  
Sri Lanka

Turkmenistán

#### Postponed visits

Cote d'Ivoire (2006)  
Democratic Republic of Congo (2004)

**Pending reports:** Annual report, Framework for National Responsibility, Mission to Nepal, Mission to Croatia, Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mission to Serbia and Montenegro, Mission to southern Sudan, Mission to Georgia (E/CN.4/2006/71, Add. 1-7).

**Thematic research**

- Development of a framework for national responsibility (2006);
- Natural disasters and internally displaced persons (2005).

**Communications (2005)**

None.

