



## 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 the situation human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

**Current mandate holder:** Rodolfo Stavenhagen      **Term of mandate holder:** 2001-2007  
**Mandate started:** 2001      **Mandate up for renewal:** 2007

#### Areas of focus

- Study, collect and exchange information on the main causes of violations of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples;
- Formulate recommendations and proposals on measures and activities to prevent and remedy violations;
- Pay special attention to the rights of indigenous women and children and approach work with a gender perspective;
- Work on topics which may contribute to advancing the debate on fundamental issues of the "Draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples";
- Receive [individual communications](#) relating to violations of the rights of indigenous peoples.

#### Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- Also submits annual reports to the General Assembly.

#### Country visits

Canada (2004)	Guatemala (2002)	Philippines (2002)
Chile (2003)	Mexico (2003)	South Africa (2005)
Colombia (2004)	New Zealand (2005)	

#### Outstanding visit requests

Botswana	Malaysia (2005)
Kenya (2005)	New Caledonia
Laos	Russian Federation (2006)

**Pending reports:** Annual report, Analysis of country situations and other activities, Mission to South Africa, Mission to New Zealand, Progress report on the best practices to carried out to implement the recommendations contained in his general and country reports, Report containing the conclusions and recommendations of the International Experts Seminars on Constitutional Reforms, legislation and implantation of laws regarding the rights of indigenous people (E/CN.4/2006/78, Add. 1-5)

#### Thematic research

- Implementation of legislation and case law (2006);
- Hindrances and inequalities in relation to access to and the quality of education systems (2005);
- Administration of justice by indigenous people and indigenous customary law (2004);
- Impact of large-scale development projects on the human rights of indigenous peoples (2003).

**Communications (2005)**

- Four individual communications sent to four Governments;
- Three individual letters of allegation;
- One individual urgent appeal;
- Two replies to individual communications;
- 32 joint communications sent to 13 Governments;
- 19 replies to joint communications;
- Four replies to previous communications.

