



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

Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty

Current mandate holder: Arjun Sengupta

Term of mandate holder: 2004-2006

Mandate started: 1998

Mandate up for renewal: 2006

Areas of focus

- Study the relationship between human rights and extreme poverty;
- Examine national and international measures protecting the human rights of persons living in extreme poverty and make recommendations in the sphere of technical assistance;
- Study the contents of a possible draft declaration on human rights and extreme poverty;
- Consultations with persons living in extreme poverty and international financial institutions;
- The mandate holder views extreme poverty as a composite of income poverty, human development poverty, and social exclusion, reflecting a deprivation of basic security and capability.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- This mandate does not take up individual cases and therefore does not transmit communications to Governments and other actors.

Country visits

Albania (1998 and 1999)	France (1998)
Algeria (1999)	Gabon (1999)
Benin (1999 and 2001)	Lebanon (1999)
Bolivia (2001)	Macedonia (1999)
Bulgaria (1998)	Portugal (1998)
Burundi (1999)	Sudan (2003)
Dominican Republic (2002)	USA (1999)
Ecuador (1999)	Yemen (1998 and 2003)

Visits agreed upon in principle

China
The Philippines (2006)
Uganda
Tanzania

Pending reports: Annual report and Mission to the United States of America (E/CN.4/2006/43 and Add.1).

Thematic research

- Definition of extreme poverty and links to human rights (2006 and 2005);
- Extreme poverty, migration and traffic in human beings (2003, 2002 and 2001);
- Participation in decision-taking processes (2002);
- Women in extreme poverty (1999).

Communications (2005) None.