



A NEW CHAPTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Annex 3.1

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Current mandate holder: Juan Miguel Petit
Mandate started: 1998

Term of mandate holder: 2001-2007
Mandate up for renewal: 2007

Areas of focus

- Investigate the exploitation of children around the world and make recommendations to prevent such abuses;
- The legal framework includes the *Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)*, the *Optional Protocol to the CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography* and *International Labour Organisation Convention 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour*;
- Exploitation of children includes sale of children, child prostitution, child pornography, sexual abuse of children while in the care of any person, and trafficking of children for any of those purposes.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- The Special Rapporteur also submits reports to the General Assembly (1994-2000).

Country visits

Albania (2005)	Greece (2005)	Netherlands (1991 and 1998)
Australia (1992)	Guatemala (1999)	Paraguay (2004)
Belgium (1998)	Kenya (1997)	Romania (2004)
Brazil (1992 and 2003)	Lao (1998)	Russian Federation (2000)
Czech Republic (1996)	Mexico (1997)	South Africa (2002)
Fiji (1999)	Morocco (2000)	USA (1996)
France (2002)	Nepal (1993)	

Outstanding requests

Cambodia (2004)
India (2004)
Mexico (2006)
Thailand (2004 and 2006)
Ukraine (2006)

Pending reports: Annual report, Summary of communications, Mission to Albania and Mission to Greece (E/CN.4/2006/67, Add.1-3).

Thematic research

- Demand for sexual services deriving from exploitation (2006);
- Child pornography on the internet (2005);
- HIV/AIDS and the sexual exploitation of children (2002);
- The business sector and exploitation of children (2001).
- Domestic violence (2000).

Communications (2005)

- 34 communications to 25 countries, all of which were joint communications;
- 24 letters of allegation and 10 urgent appeals;
- Four replies and six replies to previous communications;
- There is a model questionnaire for submitting information to the Special Rapporteur¹.

¹ <http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/children/rapporteur/model.htm>.