



A NEW CHAPTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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to the Human Rights Council



Annex 3.1

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Current mandate holder: Yakin Ertürk
Mandate started: 1994

Term of mandate holder: 2003-2006
Mandate up for renewal: 2006

Areas of focus

- Assess the international, regional and national frameworks for the prevention of violence against women and how these different levels of protection address this issue;
- Define the various types of violence against women, including violence in the family, in the community and by the State, and assess the causes and effects;
- Receive [individual complaints](#) relating to violations against women.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- On several occasions, the Special Rapporteur has submitted questionnaires¹ to Governments to compliment her research.

Country visits

Afghanistan (1999, 2005)	East Timor (1999)	Liechtenstein (1998)	Rwanda (1997)
Bangladesh, Nepal and India (2000)	El Salvador (2004)	Mexico (2005)	Sierra Leone (2001)
Brazil (1996)	Guatemala (2004)	Occupied Palestinian Territory (2004)	South Africa (1996)
Colombia (2001)	Haiti (1999)	Poland (1996)	Sudan, Darfur Region (2004)
Cuba (1999)	Indonesia and East Timor (1998)	Russian Federation (2004)	United States of America (1998)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea and Japan (1995)	Iran (2005)		

Outstanding visit requests

Israel

Forthcoming/postponed

Algeria (2006)
Netherlands (2006)
Sweden (2006)
Turkey (2006)

Accepted in principle

Democratic Republic of Congo
Nigeria (2005)

Pending reports: Annual report, Communications to and from Governments, Mission to the Russian Federation, Mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mission to Mexico, Mission to Afghanistan (E/CN.4/2006/61, Add.1-5).

¹ For an example, please see the Special Rapporteur's [questionnaire](#) and Government [responses](#) which were used during her drafting of the 2006 Annual Report.

Thematic research

- Standard of Due Diligence (2006);
- Intersections of violence against women and HIV/AIDS (2005);
- Towards an effective implementation of international norms to end violence against women (2004);
- International, regional and national developments in the area of violence against women (1994-2003) (2003);
- Cultural practices in the family that are violent towards women (2002);
- Violence against women perpetrated and/or condoned by the States during times of armed conflict (1997-2000) (2001);
- Trafficking in women, women's migration and violence against women (2000);
- Violence against women in the family (1999);
- Violence perpetrated and/or condoned by the State (1998);
- Violence in the Community (1997);
- Violence in the family (1996).

Communications (2005)

- 11 individual communications sent to 11 Governments;
- 11 individual letters of allegation;
- Two replies to individual communications;
- 70 joint communications sent to 31 Governments;
- 34 joint letters of allegation;
- 36 joint urgent appeals;
- 26 replies to joint communications;
- 15 replies to previous communications.

