



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 right to food

Current mandate holder: Jean Ziegler

Term of mandate holder: 2000-2006

Mandate started: 2000

Mandate up for renewal: 2006

Areas of focus

- Seek and respond to information relating to the right to food while identifying related emerging issues;
- Cooperate with Governments, international organisations and non-governmental organisations on the promotion and effective implementation of the right to food;
- Focus special attention to the issue of drinking water;
- The legal framework includes the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, the *Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition*, the *Rome Declaration on World Food Security* and the *Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security*;
- The right to food is defined as the right to have regular, permanent and unrestricted access, either directly or by means of financial purchases, to quantitatively and qualitatively adequate and sufficient food corresponding to the cultural traditions of people, and which ensures a physical and mental, individual and collective, fulfilling and dignified life free of fear.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- The Special Rapporteur also submits reports to the General Assembly (2001-2005).

Country visits

Bangladesh (2002)
Brazil (2002)
Ethiopia (2004)
Guatemala (2005)

India (2005)
Mongolia (2004)
Niger (2002 and 2005)
Palestine and OPT (2003)

Outstanding requests

Cuba
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Eritrea
Malawi
Myanmar
Peru

Agreed upon in principle

Haiti
South Africa

Pending reports: Annual report, Mission to Guatemala and Mission to India (E/CN.4/2006/44, Add.1-2).

Thematic research

- The obligations of States, international organisations and private actors with regard to the right to food (2006);
- Extraterritorial obligations of States with regard to the right to food (2005);
- Transnational corporations and the right to food (2004);

- Water and the right to food (2003);
- International trade and the right to food (2002 and 2005).

Communications (2005)

- Communications to 11 countries.