



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 human rights of migrants

Current mandate holder: Jorge Bustamante
Mandate started: 1999

Term of mandate holder: 2005-2008
Mandate up for renewal: 2008

Areas of focus

- Study, collect and exchange information on the main causes of violations of the human rights of migrants;
- Promote the effective application of relevant norms and standards;
- Take into account a gender perspective when requesting and analyzing information, as well as to give special attention to the occurrence of multiple discrimination and violence against migrant women;
- Receive [individual communications](#) relating to violations of the human rights of migrants.

Country visits

Burkina Faso (2005)

Iran (2004)

Mexico/United States border (2002)

Canada (2000)

Italy (2004)

Morocco (2003)

Ecuador (2001)

Mexico (2002)

Peru (2004)

Outstanding visit requests

Bahrain (2006)

Canada (2006)

Indonesia (2006)

Japan (2006)

Malaysia (2006)

Philippines (2006)

South Africa (2006)

Agreed upon in principle

Australia

Republic of Korea (2006)

United States of America

Pending reports: Annual report, Communications to and from Governments, Mission to Burkina Faso (E/CN.4/2006/73, Add. 1-2).

Thematic research

- Migrant domestic workers (2004);
- Migrants deprived of their liberty (2003);
- Conceptual and substantive development of the human rights of migrants (2002).

Communications (2005)

- 13 communications sent to 12 Governments;
- 11 letters of allegation;
- Two urgent appeals;
- 11 replies to individual communications;
- 10 joint communications sent to 11 Governments;
- Nine joint letters of allegation

- One joint urgent appeals;
- Two replies to joint communications;
- Six replies to previous communications.

