



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 contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Current mandate holder: Doudou Diéne
Mandate started: 1993

Term of mandate holder: 2002-2008
Mandate up for renewal: 2008

Areas of focus

- Examine in accordance with his mandate incidents of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, any form of discrimination against people of African descent, Arabs and Muslims, xenophobia, negrophobia, anti-Semitism and related intolerance, as well as governmental measures to overcome them;
- Present concrete recommendations on specific measures that could be taken at the national, regional and international levels, with a view to preventing and eradicating racial discrimination;
- Receive [individual complaints](#) relating to contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- The legal framework includes the *International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, the *Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice*, and the *Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities*.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- Also submits annual reports to the General Assembly.

Country visits

Australia (2001)	France (1995)	Guatemala (2004)	Switzerland (2006)
Brazil (1995, 2005)	Hungary, Czech Republic, and Romania (1999)	Honduras (2004)	Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana (2003)
Canada (2003)	Japan (2005)	Nicaragua (2004)	United Kingdom (1995)
Colombia (1996, 2003)	Kuwait (1996)	South Africa (1998)	USA (1994)
Cote d'Ivoire (2004)	Germany (1995)		

Outstanding requests

India (2006)
Nepal (2006)
Pakistan (2006)

Forthcoming visits

Russian Federation

Visits agreed upon in principle

Italy (2006)

Pending reports: Annual report, Summary of cases transmitted to governments and replies received, Political platforms that which promote or incite racial discrimination (Updated study), Mission to Japan, Mission to Brazil, Preliminary note on the mission to Switzerland, and Report on the situation of Muslim and Arab peoples in various parts of the world (E/CN.4/2006/16, Add.1-4, E/CN.4/2006/17, E/CN.4/2006/54).

Thematic research

- Situation of Muslim and Arab peoples in various parts of the World (2006);
- Political platforms which promote or incite racial discrimination (2006);
- Defamation of religions and global efforts to combat racism: anti-Semitism, Christianophobia, and Islamophobia (2005);
- Situation of Muslim and Arab peoples in various parts of the world in the aftermath of the events of 11 September 2001 (2003);
- Implementation of the Programme of Action for the 2nd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1996).

Communications (2005)

- Three communications sent to three Governments;
- Three letters of allegation;
- Two replies to individual communications;
- 12 joint communications sent to 12 Governments;
- Two replies to joint communications;
- Two replies to previous communications.

