



A NEW CHAPTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

A handbook on issues of transition
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to the Human Rights Council



Annex 3.1

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism

Current mandate holder: Martin Scheinin
Mandate started: 2005

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

Areas of focus

- Make concrete recommendations on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, including advisory services or technical assistance requested by States;
- Identify, exchange and promote best practices on measures to counter terrorism that respect human rights and fundamental freedom;
- Elaborate a comprehensive definition of terrorism;
- Continue work towards the elaboration of a draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism.

Differing working methods and reporting obligations

- Also submits annual reports to the General Assembly.

Country visits

Turkey (2005)

Outstanding visit requests

Egypt
Malaysia
Philippines
Tunisia

Pending reports: Annual report, Communications to and from Governments, Preliminary report on the mission to Turkey (E/CN.4/2006/98, Add.1-2).

Communications (2005)

- Eight communications sent to seven Governments;
- Eight letters of allegation;
- One reply to individual communications;
- Five joint communications sent to five Governments;
- Four letters of allegation;
- One urgent appeal;
- Two replies to joint communications.

