

### 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 adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights

Current mandate holder: Okechukwu Ibeanu

Mandate started: 1995

Term of mandate holder: 2004-2007

Mandate up for renewal: 2007

#### Areas of focus

- Investigate and examine the effects of the illicit dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes in African and other developing countries on the enjoyment of human rights, in particular on the human rights to life and health of everyone;
- Make recommendations and proposals on adequate measures to control, reduce and eradicate the illicit traffic in, transfer to and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes;
- Annually produce a list of the countries and transnational corporations engaged in the illicit dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes and a census of human persons killed, maimed or otherwise injured in the developing countries through this act;
- Address the question of impunity of the perpetrators of illicit dumping, including racially motivated discriminatory practices, and recommendations regarding measures to end impunity; the question of rehabilitation and assistance to victims; and the scope of national legislation in relation to the transboundary movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes:
- Receive individual complaints related to violations under the Special Rapporteur's mandate.

# **Country visits**

Canada (2002)
Germany and the Netherlands (1999)
Paraguay, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico (1998)
South Africa, Kenya, Ethiopía (1997)

Turkey (2004)
United Kingdom (2003)
United States of America (2001)

Outstanding visit requestsOutstanding visit requestsVisits agreed to in principleCambodia (2005)Japan (2005)UkraineChina (2005)Philippines (2005)India (2005)Russian Federation (2005)

**Pending reports:** Annual report, Communications to and from Governments (E/CN.4/2006/42, Add.1).

## Thematic research

- Trends in the illicit traffic and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and waste; transnational corporations; human rights impact (2004);
- Relevant instruments and standards trends in and characteristics of illicit traffic; transnational corporations; human rights impacts (2001);
- Aspects of the illicit traffic in transfer and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes (1996).

# **Communications (2005)**

- One communication sent to one Governments;
- One letter of allegation;
- Three communications sent to three Governments;
- Two joint letters of allegation;
- One joint urgent appeal;
- One reply to joint communications;
- One reply to a former communication.