

**Seventeenth Annual Meeting
of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives, Independent Experts and
Chairpersons of Working Groups
of the Human Rights Council**

**Geneva
28 June to 2 July 2010**

*Palais Wilson
Ground floor conference room*

Draft Annotated Agenda Rev. 1

Item I: Organizational and procedural issues

- (a) Opening of the meeting**
- (b) Election of the Chair and Rapporteur of the 17th Annual Meeting**
- (c) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**
- (d) Election of three members of the Coordination Committee**
- (e) Adoption of the report of the 17th Annual Meeting**

The Director of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, will give a welcome address.

The 17th Annual Meeting will be opened by the Chair of the 16th Annual Meeting, who will call for nominations for Chair and Rapporteur of the 17th Annual Meeting. Participants will elect the Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting.

As per previous practice, the Chair will serve as the Chair of the Coordination Committee (CC) until the 18th Annual Meeting. The Rapporteur will serve as a member of the Coordination Committee until the 18th Annual Meeting.

The discussion and adoption of the agenda and programme of work will follow.

Participants will endorse the three remaining members of the Coordination Committee selected by the Chair at a later date during the meeting.

They will adopt the report of the 17th Annual Meeting presented by the Rapporteur on the last day of the meeting.

Documentation

- Draft Agenda Rev.1
- Draft Annotated Agenda Rev.1
- Draft programme of work Rev.1

Item II: Report of the Coordination Committee

The former Coordination Committee Chair and Chair of the 16th Annual Meeting, Mr. Santiago Corcuera, will present the report and brief participants on the activities of the CC in 2009-10. This will be followed by an exchange of views. Participants will discuss the implementation of any decisions and follow-up on any issues that arose during the 16th Annual Meeting. Participants will also have an opportunity to prepare the exchanges of views with the Deputy High Commissioner, the former and current Presidents of the Council and its current Bureau, and Member States.

Documentation

- Note by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures on its activities since June 2009

Item III: Exchange of views with the High Commissioner/Deputy High Commissioner

Participants will have an exchange of views with the Deputy High Commissioner (DHC), Ms. Kyung-wha Kang. The DHC will *inter alia* inform participants about the implementation of the Strategic Management Plan 2010-11 and current and future priorities of the OHCHR. She may discuss the forthcoming Human Rights Council (HRC) review. Directors and other senior staff of the Office will be in attendance.

Participants will also have an exchange of views with the Director of the Treaty Bodies Division, Mr. Ibrahim Salama, on planned activities, notably seminars, relating to freedom of opinion and expression and incitement to racial or religious hatred.

Participants will have a brief exchange with the High Commissioner on the last day of the meeting.

Documentation

- High Commissioner's Strategic Management Plan 2010-11

Item IV: The Human Rights Council and the special procedures system

(a) Exchange of views with the former President of the Human Rights Council

Participants will have an exchange of views with the former President of the HRC, H.E. Ambassador Alex Van Meeuwen, Permanent Representative of Belgium.

(b) Exchange of views with the President and members of the Bureau of the Human Rights Council

Participants will have an exchange of views with the President of the HRC, H.E. Ambassador Sihasak Phuanketkoew, Permanent Representative of Thailand, and members of the HRC Bureau, H.E. Ambassador Arcanjo Maria Do Nascimento, Permanent Representative of Angola; H.E. Ambassador Rodolfo Reyes Rodriguez, Permanent Representative of Cuba; H.E. Ambassador Bente Angell-Hanssen, Permanent Representative of Norway; and H.E. Ambassador Fedor Rosocha?, Permanent Representative of Slovakia. The new President and Bureau were elected on 21 June 2010.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on developments at the Human Rights Council since June 2009

(c) Exchange of views with Member States

Participants will have an exchange of views with Member States on issues relating to the system of special procedures.

(d) Review of the Human Rights Council

Participants will have a discussion on the review of the Human Rights Council and on the contribution of the special procedures to this process. There will be a report back on a related informal meeting of the Coordination Committee and resource persons held in Geneva on 4 June 2010.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on the Human Rights Council review 2010-11 and on Coordination Committee meetings on the role and approach of the special procedures to the review (internal)
- Compilation of references to special procedures in documents of HRC review-related meetings (held until April 2010) (English only)
- Compilation of references to special procedures in HC/OHCHR statements and reports to HRC review-related meetings and to HRC 9-13 (English only)

Item V: Thematic Issues and Working Methods

(a) Strengthening the effectiveness of the special procedures: a joint report on communications and other joint activities

Participants will be briefed orally by the OHCHR Special Procedures Branch on progress made in preparing for a joint report on communications of all concerned mandates.

Mandate holders will exchange views on other recent or planned joint activities or activities requiring coordination or system-wide action.

(b) Integration of gender perspectives in the work of special procedures: Recent and forthcoming thematic and institutional developments

Participants will discuss the contribution of special procedures to various processes such as follow-up to the fifteen-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing + 15), the implementation of Security Council resolution 1888, and the forthcoming tenth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. Participants will be briefed on developments relating to the establishment of the United Nations gender entity.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on recent thematic and institutional developments in the area of gender issues and women's human rights of relevance to special procedures
- Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)
- Security Council resolution 1888 (2009)
- Security Council resolution 1889 (2009)
- General Assembly resolution 63/311: System wide coherence
- Commission on the Status of Women Declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the World Conference on Women (E/CN.6/2010/L.1)

(c) The role of special procedures in early warning, including the responsibility to protect

Participants will discuss the contribution of special procedures to early warning and follow up on issues raised at the Roundtable on Early warning and Emerging Issues, which took place during the 64th session of the General Assembly on 23 October 2009. Mandate holders who took part in the Roundtable may introduce the discussion. Participants will discuss latest developments relating to the responsibility to protect.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR: Summary of the Roundtable on Special Procedures: Early Warning and Emerging Issues, New York, 23 October 2009
- Report of the Secretary-General A/63/677: Implementing the Responsibility to Protect

(d) Protection of human rights in the context of natural disasters

The Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin, will present latest developments in relation to the protection of human rights in the context of natural disasters. The Independent Expert on human rights in Haiti, Mr. Michel Forst, will discuss action in relation to follow-up to the situation in Haiti.

Documentation

- Operational Guidelines on Human Rights and Natural Disasters (A/HRC/4/38 Add.1)
- Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (E/CN.4/1998/53 Add.2)

(e) Coordinated follow-up to the work of human rights mechanisms: special procedures, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the coordinated follow-up to recommendations, conclusions and concluding observations relating to the work of special procedures, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review (UPR) with OHCHR headquarters staff and field presences from the Regional Offices for Europe (Brussels), South-East Asia (Bangkok), Central Africa (Yaounde), Middle East (Beirut) and the country office Colombia.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on recent practices in follow-up to special procedures activities
- Note by the OHCHR on follow-up to special procedures activities (Documentation of the 16th Annual Meeting)

(f) The implementation of the Millennium Development Goals

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the contribution of special procedures to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with a view to the upcoming high-level event of the General Assembly in September 2010 and with a view to the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the right to development.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on the Millennium Development Goals and human rights
- General Assembly resolution 55/2: United Nations Millennium Declaration
- General Assembly Declaration 41/128: The Right to Development

Item VI: Consultation with stakeholders

(a) United Nations entities

Participants will have an exchange of views with representatives of United Nations entities, including funds and programmes, and specialized agencies, on good practices and strategies for more effective cooperation with special procedures, in particular in relation to follow-up to the work of special procedures.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on recent practices in follow-up to special procedures activities
- A Note by the OHCHR on system-wide coherence and engagement with UNCTs (Documentation of the 14th Annual Meeting)

(b) Exchange of views with civil society and national human rights institutions

Participants will have an exchange of views with representatives of civil society and national human rights institutions on good practices and strategies for more effective collaboration. Discussions may focus on follow-up to recommendations of special procedures, and the forthcoming Human Rights Council review.

Documentation

- Working with the United Nations Human Rights Programme: A Handbook for Civil Society (OHCHR publication)
- Discussion Paper on interaction between National Human Rights Institutions and special procedures (Documentation of the 14th Annual Meeting)

Item VII: Joint session with human rights treaty bodies

Mandate holders will have the opportunity to discuss with chairs and other members of treaty bodies attending the eleventh Inter-Committee Meeting issues of common interest. Discussions may focus on coordinated follow-up to recommendations, conclusions and concluding observations of special procedures, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review (UPR). There may be an opportunity to discuss the methodology of treaty body rapporteurs on follow-up.

Documentation

- Note by the OHCHR on recent practices in follow-up to special procedures activities
- Documentation from the treaty bodies on follow-up methodology and practices [tbc]

Annex

Side events and informal meetings:

Meeting and dinner of the Coordination Committee, Sunday 27 June, Palais Wilson, 3-016, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The following meetings will be held at Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 28 June 2010

- 14:00-15:00 p.m. Bilateral meetings (upon request) with Head / staff of OHCHR Travel Unit
Delegates room (next to Ground Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, 29 June 2010

- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Briefing by Mr. Ted Piccone from the Brookings Institution on his research project “The Impact of UN Human Rights Mechanisms”

Wednesday, 30 June 2010

- 9:15-10:00 Exchange of views with selected treaty body chairs on new developments (tbc)
- 13:00-14:00 Discussion with OHCHR Communications Section staff on recent good practices of working with the media
- 14:00-15:00 Discussion with Chair of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions on the role of national human rights institutions in the follow up to recommendations of special procedures

Thursday, 1 July 2010

- 9:15-10:00 Exchange of views with the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission on Social Development of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- 14:00-15:00 Briefing on ongoing work on Human Rights Indicators by OHCHR Research and Right to Development Division, Right to Development Section

Friday, 2 July 2010

- 9:00-10:00 Briefing on right to development by OHCHR Research and Right to Development Division, Right to Development Section