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The Special Procedures Facts and Figures provides a general overview of the main activities of the Special Procedures mandates in 2007. This tool is produced by the Information, Coordination and Management Team of the Special Procedures Division of the OHCHR.

SUMMARY

Special procedures constitute an important part of the international human rights machinery. They are special rapporteurs, representatives, independent experts and working groups of the Human Rights Council (which replaced the Commission on Human Rights in June 2006) that monitor, examine, advise and publicly report on a thematic issue (thematic mandates) or on a human rights situation in a specific country (country mandates). Following the ongoing review of mandates by the Human Rights Council, the number of mandates decreased from 40 to 38 special procedures in 2007, including 28 thematic mandates and 10 country mandates.

Special procedures' mandate holders are independent; selected among prominent experts from different backgrounds and appointed to serve in their personal capacity for a maximum of 6 years. They are unpaid and not staff members of the United Nations and are supported by OHCHR in their activities. There are synergies between the work of special procedures and the activities of OHCHR with its focus on country engagement, leadership, partnership and collaboration with other human rights bodies.

Mandates of special procedures mechanisms may vary. The work of the mandate holders is usually organized around the following activities: sending **communications** on alleged violations of human rights (urgent appeals and letters of allegation) to the Governments concerned; submitting thematic **reports** to the Human Rights Council (some special procedures also submit reports to the General Assembly); undertaking **country visits** on which reports are submitted to the Human Rights Council as addenda to the thematic reports; and issuing **press releases** on specific matters of concern. In 2007, special procedures continued to enhance the **coordination** of the system and to undertake **joint activities**. They also contributed to progress in human rights through the provision of **thematic expertise**. Some **human rights stories** in this publication reveal how the constructive dialogue by special procedures with Governments and other relevant stakeholders can have a positive impact on the enjoyment of human rights.

25 thematic mandates are serviced by the OHCHR Special Procedures Division. A new mandate on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences was created in September 2007 and will be serviced by the Special Procedures Division once the mandate holder is selected in 2008. All country mandates are serviced by the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division and 3 thematic mandates are serviced by the Research and Right to Development Division. For more information, please visit <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/special/index.htm>

THEMATIC MANDATES AND EXPERTS

(Year of establishment of the mandate)

Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances (1980)

Mr. Santiago Corcuera, Chairperson-Rapporteur (Mexico - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (1982)

Mr. Philip Alston (Australia - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (1985)

Mr. Manfred Nowak (Austria - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of religion or belief (1986)

Ms. Asma Jahangir (Pakistan - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (1990)

Mr. Juan Miguel Petit (Uruguay - since 2001)

Working Group on arbitrary detention (1991)

Ms. Leïla Zerrougui, Chairperson-Rapporteur (Algeria - since 2001)

Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression (1993)

Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo (Kenya - since 2002)

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (1993)

Mr. Doudou Diène (Senegal - since 2002)

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (1994)

Mr. Leandro Despouy (Argentina - since 2003)

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (1994)

Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Turkey - since 2003)

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 (1995)

Mr. Okechukwu Ibeanu (Nigeria - since 2004)

Independent expert on human rights and extreme poverty (1998)

Mr. Arjun Sengupta (India - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the right to education (1998)

Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos (Costa Rica - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (1999)

Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante (Mexico - since 2005)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (2000)

Ms. Hina Jilani (Pakistan - since 2000)

Special Rapporteur on the right to food (2000)

Mr. Jean Ziegler (Switzerland - since 2000)

Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living (2000)

Mr. Miloon Kothari (India - since 2000)

Independent expert on economic reform policies and foreign debt (2000)

Mr. Bernard Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho (Kenya - since 2001)

Special Rapporteur on human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (2001)

Mr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen (Mexico - since 2001)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (2002)

Mr. Paul Hunt (New Zealand - since 2002)

Working Group on people of African descent (2002)

Mr. Peter Lesa Kasanda - Chairperson, Rapporteur (Zambia - since 2002)

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children (2004)

Ms. Sigma Huda (Bangladesh - since 2004)

Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons (2004)

Mr. Walter Kälin (Switzerland - since 2004)

Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (2005)

Mr. José Luis Gómez del Prado (Spain - since 2005)

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection on human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (2005)

Mr. Martin Scheinin (Finland - since 2005)

Independent Expert of the High Commissioner on minority issues (2005)

Ms. Gay J. McDougall (United States of America - since 2005)

Independent expert on human rights and international solidarity (2005)

Mr. Rudi Muhammad Rizki (Indonesia - since 2005)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (2005)

Mr. John Ruggie (United States of America - since 2005)

GEOGRAPHIC MANDATES AND EXPERTS

(Year of establishment of the mandate)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (1992)

Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro (Brazil - since 2000)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (1993)

Mr. John Dugard (South Africa - since 2001)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia (1993)

Mr. Yash Ghai (Kenya - since 2005)

Independent expert of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Somalia (1993)

Mr. Ghanim Alnajjar (Kuwait - since 2001)

Independent expert of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti (1995)

Mr. Louis Joinet (France - since 2002)

Personal Representative of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Cuba (2003, mandate terminated in June 2007)

Ms. Christine Chanet (France - from January 2003 to June 2007)

Independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia (2003)

Ms. Charlotte Abaka (Ghana - since 2003)

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi (2004)

Mr. Akich Okola (Kenya - since 2004)

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2004)

Mr. Titinga Frédéric Pacéré (Burkina Faso - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2004)

Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Thailand - since 2004)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus (2004, mandate terminated in June 2007)

Mr. Adrian Severin (Romania - from July 2004 to June 2007)

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (2005)

Ms. Sima Samar (Afghanistan - since 2005)

HUMAN RIGHTS STORIES

Maldives

Following the visit to the Maldives by the **Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers** in February 2007, the Government implemented one of the Special Rapporteur's recommendations, which addressed gender discrimination in the judiciary, by appointing the first female judges in July 2007.

(Please refer to A/HRC/4/25/Add.2, para. 80 and [http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/\(httpNewsByYear_en\)/](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/(httpNewsByYear_en)/))

Haiti

The **Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti** has welcomed good cooperation with the Government, noting progress in the implementation of his recommendations, particularly on judicial and police reform and on the promotion of women's rights. The President of Haiti has sought the expertise of the Independent Expert in his efforts to reform the judicial system. The recommendations of the Independent Expert were also used to elaborate an OHCHR technical cooperation project with the Human Rights Section of MINUSTAH.

(Please refer to A/HRC/4/3, paras. 63-64, 71. See also E/CN.4/2006/115, paras. 17-22 and A/HRC/4/3, paras. 83-86)

Côte d'Ivoire

The Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) visited Côte d'Ivoire in April 2006, while the country was still experiencing conflict. His country report recommended, in particular, that the authorities develop a strategy for the protection of IDPs. This issue was taken up by the Ouagadougou Peace Agreement in March 2007. Since then, the Representative has returned to the country to engage in discussions with the authorities and other partners on durable solutions for IDPs and returnees.

(Please refer to A/HRC/4/38/Add.2, para. 67 (a) – A/62/227, paras. 22-23)

Spain

Subsequent to the **Special Rapporteur on adequate housing** visit to Spain in November 2006, the Government adopted a number of initiatives and programmes to improve access to adequate housing, including rental subsidies for young people and tax deductions for landlords renting to low income groups. The Government increased significantly the funding allocated to the construction of public housing. At the end of 2007, the Ministry of Housing and the Federation of Municipalities committed to joint action against "real estate mobbing", another of the issues highlighted by the Special Rapporteur.

(Please refer to A/HRC/7/16/Add.2)

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

In September 2007, the **Special Representative on the situation of human rights defenders** carried out a visit to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to follow-up on her visit in 2003. The Special Representative was pleased to see the progress made in four years and the contribution of her first visit in achieving this progress, although some improvements are still needed for the full implementation of the Declaration on human rights defenders. The Special Representative noted the progress made in the past four years in the area of legislation and improved capacity of human rights defenders in terms of expertise, methodologies and strategies.

(Please refer to A/HRC/7/28/Add.4)

Standard-setting

In September 2007, the General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. The **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people** has been a key advocate in the discussions leading to the adoption of this ground-breaking instrument.

(Please refer to A/HRC/4/32, paras. 76-80)

COORDINATION AND JOINT ACTIVITIES

Thanks to its new role and activities, the [Coordination Committee](#) (CC) has enabled the special procedures to be perceived as a system rather than as a number of individuals. It has provided substantive inputs to the Human Rights Council institution building process including the review of mandates, discussions on a code of conduct and on the selection procedure. It has set up an Internal Advisory Procedure to address the Code of Conduct adopted by the Human Rights Council in June 2007 (A/HRC/RES/5/2). Mandate holders also appointed a task force to conduct a further review of the special procedures draft revised Manual.

On the occasion of their fourteenth **Annual Meeting** (18-22 June), mandate holders discussed, inter alia, the impact of the Human Rights Council institution-building resolutions on the special procedures system. They strengthened the role of the CC and committed to further strengthening their cooperation with UNCTs, regional organizations, national institutions, and other civil society actors. **Outreach and partnerships** with other organizations have been strengthened, in particular with regional human rights mechanisms, through missions and contacts including with the Council of Europe, the EU, the OSCE, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Regular contacts with civil society have led, inter alia, to an increase in the number of NGOs and national institutions making use of the special procedures mechanisms, in particular its communications procedure.

Three **joint country visits** or other missions by mandate holders were carried out in 2007, compared to one in 2006. 20% of the **press statements** were **issued jointly**. The CC issued its first ever press release on behalf of all mandate holders in 2007. 49% of the 1003 communications sent by special procedures to Governments were **joint communications** by two or more mandate-holders. A thematic database, through which communications are being coordinated, has been further developed.

The Group of experts on Darfur appointed by the Human Rights Council in March 2007 (A/HRC/RES/4/8) included the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. This Group carried out its work on the follow up and fostering of the implementation of resolutions and recommendations on Darfur as mandated. The final report of the group was submitted in December 2007.

THEMATIC EVENTS

Various **seminars and consultations** were organized and have contributed to analyzing emerging human rights issues, inter alia, with a view to further developing new human rights standards. The following is a non-exhaustive list of events.

Expert consultation on "Regional Standards and Mechanisms to Combat Discrimination and to Protect the Rights of Minorities (29-30 January, Washington, D.C.) - **Independent Expert on minority issues**

Regional consultation with indigenous peoples' organizations from Asia (6-8 February, Phnom Penh) - **Special Rapporteur on indigenous people**

Expert seminar on extreme poverty and human rights (23-24 February, Geneva) - **Independent expert on extreme poverty**

Workshop on "Strengthening the Protection of Women from Torture (24 September, Geneva) - **Special Rapporteur on torture**

Expert seminar on "The Protection of Human Rights under States of Emergency, particularly the Right to a Fair Trial" (3-4 December, Geneva) - **Special Rapporteur on independence of judges and lawyers**

Expert consultation on "Minorities and the Denial or Deprivation of Citizenship" (6-7 December, Geneva) - **Independent Expert on minority issues**

Regional consultation on the "Effects of the activities of private military and security companies on the enjoyment of human rights: regulation and oversight" (17-18 December, Panama City) - **Working Group on Mercenaries**



COUNTRY VISITS

Special procedures mandate holders undertook 62 fact-finding missions to 51 countries.

A [list](#) of all country visits by special procedures mandate holders (undertaken, forthcoming, accepted by the Government or requested by the mandate holder) is available at on the OHCHR special procedures website

Country	Mandate	Date of visit
Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on violence against women, Ms. Yakin Ertürk 	21 January - 1 February 2007
Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG on arbitrary detention, Chairperson: Ms. Leila Zerrougui • SR on freedom of religion, Ms. Asma Jahangir 	17 - 27 September 2007 20 - 27 November 2007
Azerbaijan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSG on internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin • SR on freedom of expression, Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo 	2 - 6 April 2007 22 - 28 April 2007
Bolivia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the right to food, Mr. Jean Ziegler • SR on indigenous people, Mr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen 	28 April - 8 May 2007 25 November - 6 December 2007
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the right to education, Mr. Vernor Munoz Villalobos 	24 September - 3 October 2007
Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on summary executions, Philip Alston 	4 - 14 November 2007
Burkina Faso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IE on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, Mr. Bernard Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho 	23 - 27 April 2007
Burundi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the situation of human rights in Burundi, Mr. Akich Okola 	14 - 27 January 2007
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRSG on human rights in Cambodia, Mr. Yash Ghai 	29 - 31 May 2007
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on adequate housing, Mr. Miloon Kothari 	8 - 19 October 2007
Central African Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSG on internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin 	24 February - 3 March 2007
Chile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG on the use of mercenaries, Chairperson: Mr. José Gómez Del Prado 	9 - 13 July 2007
Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the right to health, Mr. Paul Hunt 	20 - 23 September 2007
Cuba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the right to food, Mr. Jean Ziegler 	28 October - 6 November 2007
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Leandro Despouy • SR on violence against women, Ms. Yakin Ertürk • IE on human rights in the DRC, Mr. Titinga Frédéric Pacéré 	15 - 21 April 2007 16 - 28 July 2007 27 November - 6 December 2007
Dominican Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint visit SR on racism and IE on minorities, Mr. Doudou Diène and Ms. Gay McDougall 	23 - 29 October 2007
Ecuador	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR on the right to health, Mr. Paul Hunt 	14 - 18 May 2007

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Country	Mandate	Date of visit
El Salvador	• WG on enforced disappearances, Chairperson: Mr. Santiago Corcuera	5 - 7 February 2007
Equatorial Guinea	• WG on arbitrary detention, Chairperson: Ms. Leila Zerrougui	8 - 14 July 2007
Estonia	• SR on racism, Mr. Doudou Diène	16 - 28 September 2007
Fiji	• WG on the use of mercenaries, Chairperson: Mr. José Gomez Del Prado	14 - 18 May 2007
France	• IE on minorities, Ms. Gay McDougall	19 - 28 September 2007
Ghana	• SR on violence against women, Ms. Yakin Ertürk	9 - 15 July 2007
Haiti	• IE on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Mr. L. Joinet	21 - 31 May 2007
Honduras	• WG on enforced disappearances, Chairperson: Mr. Santiago Corcuera	31 January - 2 February 2007
	• SR on freedom of expression, Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo	26 - 30 November 2007
India	• SR on the right to health, Mr. Paul Hunt	22 November - 3 December 2007
Indonesia	• SRSG on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani	5 - 13 June 2007
	• SR on torture, Mr. Manfred Nowak	10 - 23 November 2007
Israel	• SR on human rights while countering terrorism, Mr. M. Scheinin	3 - 10 July 2007
Latvia	• SR on racism, Mr. Doudou Diène	16 - 28 September 2007
Liberia	• IE on the situation of human rights in Liberia, Ms. Charlotte Abaka	16 - 30 September 2007
Lithuania	• SR on racism, Mr. Doudou Diène	16 - 28 September 2007
Malaysia	• SR on the right to education, Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos	5 - 14 February 2007
Maldives	• SR on independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Leandro Despouy	25 February - 1 March 2007
Mexico	• SR on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Mr. Juan Miguel Petit	4 - 14 May 2007
Myanmar	• SR on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro	11 - 15 November 2007
Nigeria	• SR on torture, Mr. Manfred Nowak	4 - 11 March 2007
Norway	• WG on arbitrary detention, Chairperson: Ms. Leila Zerrougui	23 April - 2 May 2007
Palestine & OPT	• SR on the situation of human rights in the OPT, Mr. John Dugard	22 September - 3 October 2007
Peru	• WG on the use of mercenaries, Chairperson: Mr. José Gomez Del Prado	29 January - 2 February 2007
Philippines	• SR on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Philip Alston	12 - 21 February 2007

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Country	Mandate	Date of visit
Serbia (including Kosovo)	• SRSG on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani	17 - 21 September 2007
Somalia	• IE on human rights in Somalia, Mr. Ghanim Alnajjar	17 - 21 September 2007
South Africa	• SR on human rights while countering terrorism, Mr. M. Scheinin	16 - 27 April 2007
	• SR on adequate housing, Mr. Miloon Kothari	12 - 24 April 2007
Sri Lanka	• SR on torture, Mr. Manfred Nowak	1 - 8 October 2007
	• RSG on internally displaced persons, Mr. Walter Kälin	14 - 21 December 2007
Sudan	• SR on the situation of human rights in Sudan, Ms. S. Samar	25 July - 2 August 2007
Tajikistan	• SR on freedom of religion, Ms. Asma Jahangir	26 February - 3 March 2007
Togo	• SR on torture, Mr. Manfred Nowak	10 - 17 April 2007
Uganda	• SR on the right to health, Mr. Paul Hunt	4 - 9 February 2007
Ukraine	• SR on adverse effects of toxic wastes, Mr. Okechukwu Ibeanu	22 - 30 January 2007
	• SR on freedom of expression, Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo	14 - 20 May 2007
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	• SR on freedom of religion, Ms. Asma Jahangir	4 - 15 June 2007
United States of America	• SR on the human rights of migrants, Mr. J. A. Bustamente	20 April - 18 May 2007
	• SR on human rights while countering terrorism, Mr. M. Scheinin	16 - 25 May 2007

* SR (Special Rapporteur), SRSG (Special Representative of the Secretary-General), RSG (Representative of the Secretary-General), IE (Independent Expert), WG (Working Group)



REPORTS

In 2007, 135 reports were submitted to the Human Rights Council concerning the work of Special Procedures mandate holders. 67 of these were annual reports and 48 were related to country missions undertaken. 20 reports were submitted to the General Assembly.

REPORTS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

	Report title	Document number
1	Report of the independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Louis Joinet	A/HRC/4/3
2	Interim report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi, Akich Okola	A/HRC/4/5
3	Report of independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia, Charlotte Abaka	A/HRC/4/6
4	Report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Titinga Frédéric Pacéré	A/HRC/4/7
5	Report of the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity, Rudi Muhammad Rizki	A/HRC/4/8
6	Report of the independent expert on minority issues, Gay McDougall	A/HRC/4/9
7	Mission to Hungary	A/HRC/4/9/Add.2
8	Mission to Ethiopia	A/HRC/4/9/Add.3
9	Report of the independent expert on the effect of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, Bernards Mudho	A/HRC/4/10
10	Report of the Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of Human Rights in Cuba, Christine Chanet	A/HRC/4/12
11	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro	A/HRC/4/14
12	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Vitit Muntarbhorn	A/HRC/4/15
13	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus, Adrian Severin	A/HRC/4/16
14	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, John Dugard	A/HRC/4/17
15	Report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, Miloon Kothari	A/HRC/4/18
16	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/18/Add.1
17	Mission to Australia	A/HRC/4/18/Add.2
18	Preliminary note on the mission to Spain	A/HRC/4/18/Add.3
19	Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Doudou Diène	A/HRC/4/19
20	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/19/Add.1
21	Mission to Switzerland	A/HRC/4/19/Add.2
22	Mission to the Russian Federation	A/HRC/4/19/Add.3

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23	Mission to Italy	A/HRC/4/19/Add.4
24	Report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Philip Alston	A/HRC/4/20
25	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/20/Add.1
26	Mission to Guatemala	A/HRC/4/20/Add.2
27	Preliminary note on the visit of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions to the Philippines, Philip Alston	A/HRC/4/20/Add.3
28	Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Asma Jahangir	A/HRC/4/21
29	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/21/Add.1
30	Mission to Azerbaijan	A/HRC/4/21/Add.2
31	Mission to Maldives	A/HRC/4/21/Add.3
32	Report of the 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, Okechukwu Ibeanu	A/HRC/4/22
33	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights aspects of the victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Sigma Huda	A/HRC/4/23
34	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/23/Add.1
35	Mission to Bahrain, Oman and Qatar	A/HRC/4/23/Add.2
36	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Jorge Bustamante	A/HRC/4/24
37	Communications sent to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/24/Add.1
38	Mission to the Republic of Korea	A/HRC/4/24/Add.2
39	Mission to Indonesia	A/HRC/4/24/Add.3
40	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy	A/HRC/4/25
41	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/25/Add.1
42	Preliminary note on the mission to the Maldives	A/HRC/4/25/Add.2
43	Preliminary note on the mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo	A/HRC/4/25/Add.3
44	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Martin Scheinin	A/HRC/4/26
45	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/26/Add.1
46	Mission to Turkey	A/HRC/4/26/Add.2
47	Australia: Study on human rights compliance while countering terrorism, Report of the Special Rapporteur	A/HRC/4/26/Add.3
48	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Ambeyi Ligabo	A/HRC/4/27
49	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/27/Add.1
50	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Paul Hunt	A/HRC/4/28
51	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/28/Add.1
52	Mission to Sweden	A/HRC/4/28/Add.2
53	Preliminary note on the missions to Uganda and to the Offices of the Executive Directors of the Nordic-Baltic countries at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund	A/HRC/4/28/Add.3

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54	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Vernor Muñoz	A/HRC/4/29
55	Summary of communications sent to and replies received from Governments and other actors, 1 January 2006 to 11 January 2007	A/HRC/4/29/Add.1
56	Mission to Morocco	A/HRC/4/29/Add.2
57	Mission to Germany	A/HRC/4/29/Add.3
58	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Jean Ziegler	A/HRC/4/30
59	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/30/Add.1
60	Preliminary note on the mission to Bolivia	A/HRC/4/30/Add.2
61	Report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Juan Miguel Petit	A/HRC/4/31
62	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/31/Add.1
63	Mission to Ukraine	A/HRC/4/31/Add.2
64	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, Rodolfo Stavenhagen	A/HRC/4/32
65	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/32/Add.1
66	Mission to Ecuador	A/HRC/4/32/Add.2
67	Mission to Kenya	A/HRC/4/32/Add.3
68	Study regarding best practices carried out to implement the recommendations contained in the annual reports of the Special Rapporteur	A/HRC/4/32/Add.4
69	Report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Manfred Nowak	A/HRC/4/33
70	Summary of information, including individual cases, transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/33/Add.1
71	Follow-up to the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur: Visits to Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	A/HRC/4/33/Add.2
72	Mission to Jordan	A/HRC/4/33/Add.3
73	Mission to Paraguay	A/HRC/4/33/Add.4
74	Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Yakin Ertürk	A/HRC/4/34
75	Communications to and from Governments	A/HRC/4/34/Add.1
76	Mission to Turkey	A/HRC/4/34/Add.2
77	Mission to Sweden	A/HRC/4/34/Add.3
78	Mission to Netherlands	A/HRC/4/34/Add.4
79	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, John Ruggie	A/HRC/4/35
80	State responsibilities to regulate and adjudicate corporate activities under the United Nations core human rights treaties: an overview of treaty body commentaries	A/HRC/4/35/Add.1
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82	Human Rights Policies and Management Practices: Results from questionnaire surveys of Governments and Fortune Global 500 firms	A/HRC/4/35/Add.3
83	Business recognition of human rights: Global patterns, regional and sectorial variations	A/HRC/4/35/Add.4
84	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia, Yash Ghai	A/HRC/4/36

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85	Report submitted by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders, Hina Jilani	A/HRC/4/37
86	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/4/37/Add.1
87	Mission to Brazil	A/HRC/4/37/Add.2
88	Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights of internally displaced persons, Walter Kälin	A/HRC/4/38 and Corr.1
89	Operational Guidelines on Human Rights and Natural Disasters	A/HRC/4/38/Add.1
90	Mission to Côte d'Ivoire	A/HRC/4/38/Add.2
91	Mission to Colombia	A/HRC/4/38/Add.3
92	First Regional Conference on Internal Displacement in West Africa (Abuja - 26-28 April 2006)	A/HRC/4/38/Add.4
93	Mission to the Central African Republic, preliminary note	A/HRC/4/38/Add.5
94	Report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its sixth session	A/HRC/4/39
95	Report of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	A/HRC/4/40
96	Opinions adopted by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	A/HRC/4/40/Add.1
97	Mission to Ecuador	A/HRC/4/40/Add.2
98	Visit to Nicaragua	A/HRC/4/40/Add.3
99	Mission to Honduras	A/HRC/4/40/Add.4
100	Mission to Turkey	A/HRC/4/40/Add.5
101	Report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	A/HRC/4/41
102	Mission to Guatemala	A/HRC/4/41/Add.1
103	Mission to Honduras: Preliminary Note	A/HRC/4/41/Add.2
104	Mission to El Salvador: Preliminary Note	A/HRC/4/41/Add.3
105	Report of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	A/HRC/4/42
106	Mission to Honduras	A/HRC/4/42/Add.1
107	Mission to Ecuador	A/HRC/4/42/Add.2
108	Note by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights transmitting the report of the thirteenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights and of the advisory services programme	A/HRC/4/43
109	Political platforms which promote or incite racial discrimination: Updated study by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Doudou Diène	A/HRC/4/44
110	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, Radhika Coomaraswamy	A/HRC/4/45
111	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises: Human rights impact assessments - resolving key methodological questions	A/HRC/4/74
112	Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures: Report of the Secretary-General	A/HRC/4/89
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115	Report of the independent expert on Uzbekistan, appointed according to the 1503 procedure	A/HRC/4/CRP.1/R.1
116	Report of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty, Arjun Sengupta	A/HRC/5/3
117	Report of the 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, Okechukwu Ibeanu	A/HRC/5/5
118	Preliminary note on the mission to Ukraine	A/HRC/5/5/Add.1
119	Report on the situation of human rights in Darfur prepared by the group of experts mandated by Human Rights Council resolution 4/8 presided by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and composed of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	A/HRC/5/6
120	Political platforms which promote or incite racial discrimination: updated study by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Doudou Diène	A/HRC/5/10
121	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, John Dugard, on the non-implementation of Human Rights Council resolution S-1/1	A/HRC/5/11
122	Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Asma Jahangir	A/HRC/6/5
123	Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Doudou Diène, on the manifestations of defamation of religions and in particular on the serious implications of Islamophobia on the enjoyment of all rights	A/HRC/6/6
124	Interim report on the situation of human rights in Darfur prepared by the group of experts mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/8 presided by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and composed of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	A/HRC/6/7
125	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, mandated by resolution S-5/1 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fifth Special Session	A/HRC/6/14
126	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, Rodolfo Stavenhagen	A/HRC/6/15
127	Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received	A/HRC/6/15/Add.1
128	Preliminary note on the mission to Bolivia	A/HRC/6/15/Add.2
129	General considerations on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples in Asia	A/HRC/6/15/Add.3
130	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Martin Scheinin	A/HRC/6/17 and Corr.1
131	Communications with Governments	A/HRC/6/17/Add.1
132	Mission to South Africa	A/HRC/6/17/Add.2

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133	Mission to the United States of America	A/HRC/6/17/Add.3
134	Mission to Israel, including visit to Occupied Palestinian Territory	A/HRC/6/17/Add.4
135	Final report on the situation of human rights in Darfur prepared by the group of experts mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/8, presided by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and composed of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons and the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	A/HRC/6/19

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4	Report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	A/62/265
5	Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary form of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	A/62/306
6	Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons	A/62/227
7	Report of the Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries	A/62/301
8	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	A/62/263
9	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders	A/62/225
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15	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	A/62/264
16	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	A/62/223
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18	Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi	A/62/213
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COMMUNICATIONS

Some special procedures mechanisms intervene directly with Governments on specific allegations of human rights violations that fall within their mandates. The intervention can relate to a human rights violation that has already occurred, is ongoing, or which has a high risk of occurring. The process generally involves sending a letter to the concerned Government requesting information and comments on the allegation and calling for preventive or investigative action.

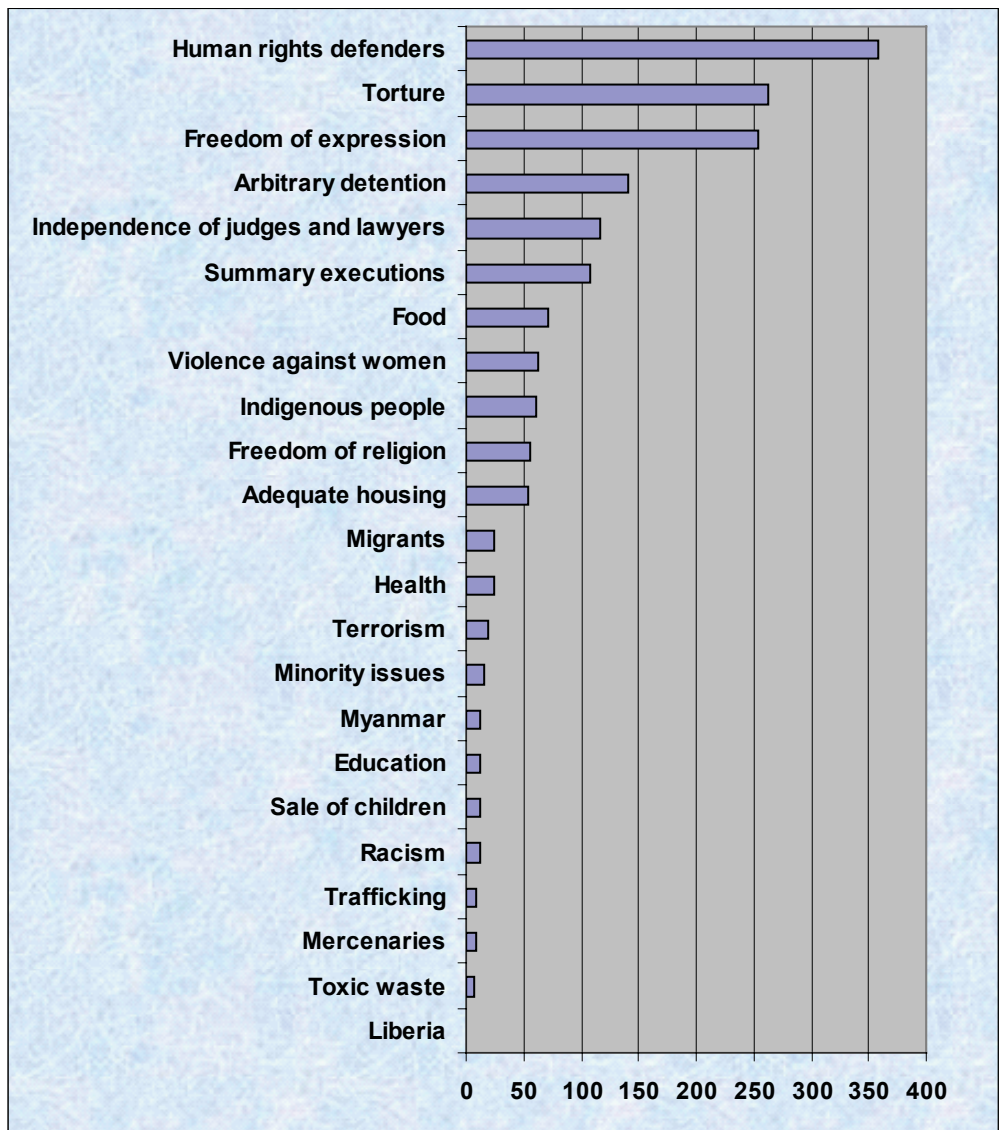
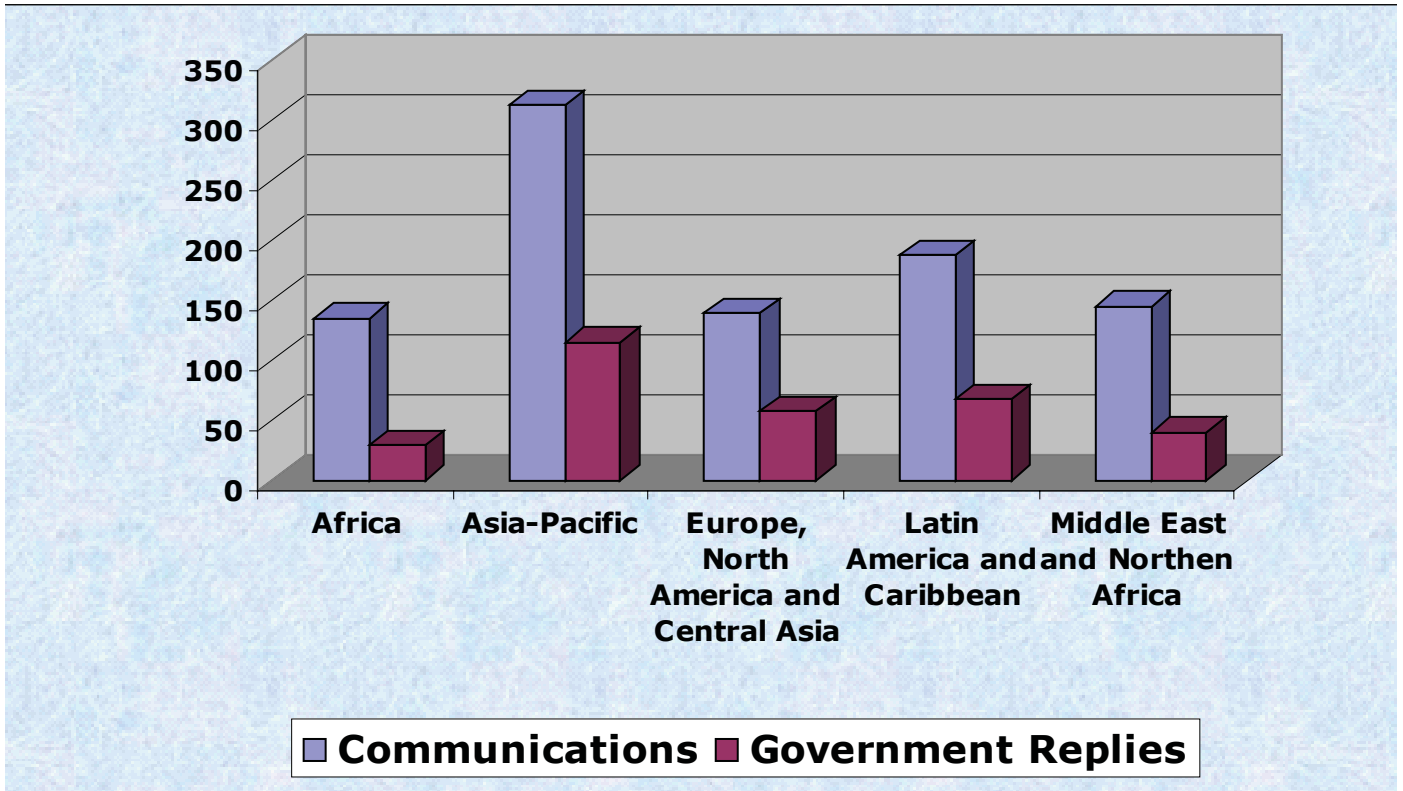
The decision to intervene is at the discretion of the special procedure mandate holder and depends on criteria established by him or her, as well as the criteria laid out in the Code of Conduct adopted by the Human Rights Council in June 2007 (Resolution 5/2 of 18 June 2007). Criteria generally relate to the reliability of the source and the credibility of information; the details provided; and the scope of the mandate itself. Further information is frequently requested from sources. Communications should not be politically motivated, abusive or based solely on media reports. Mandate holders may send joint communications when the case falls within the scope of more than one mandate. The OHCHR's Special Procedures Division Quick Response Desk coordinates communications and keeps relevant databases updated.

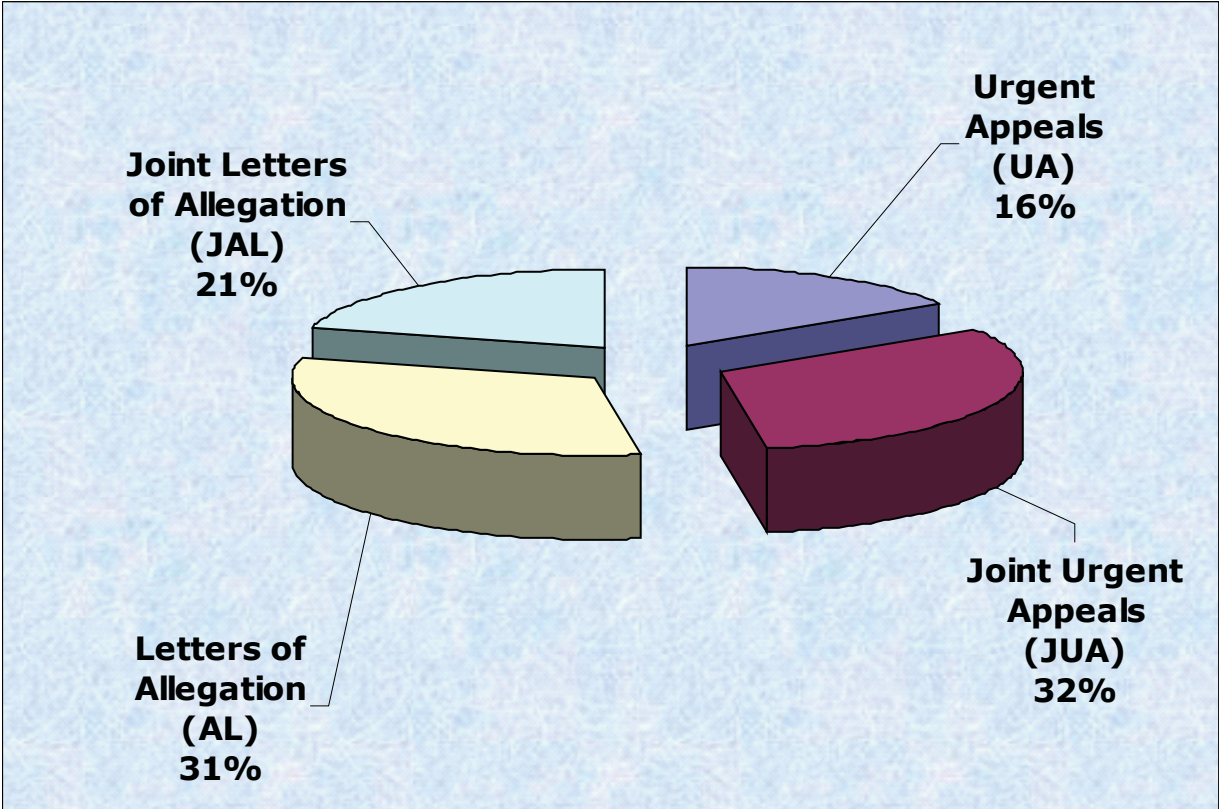
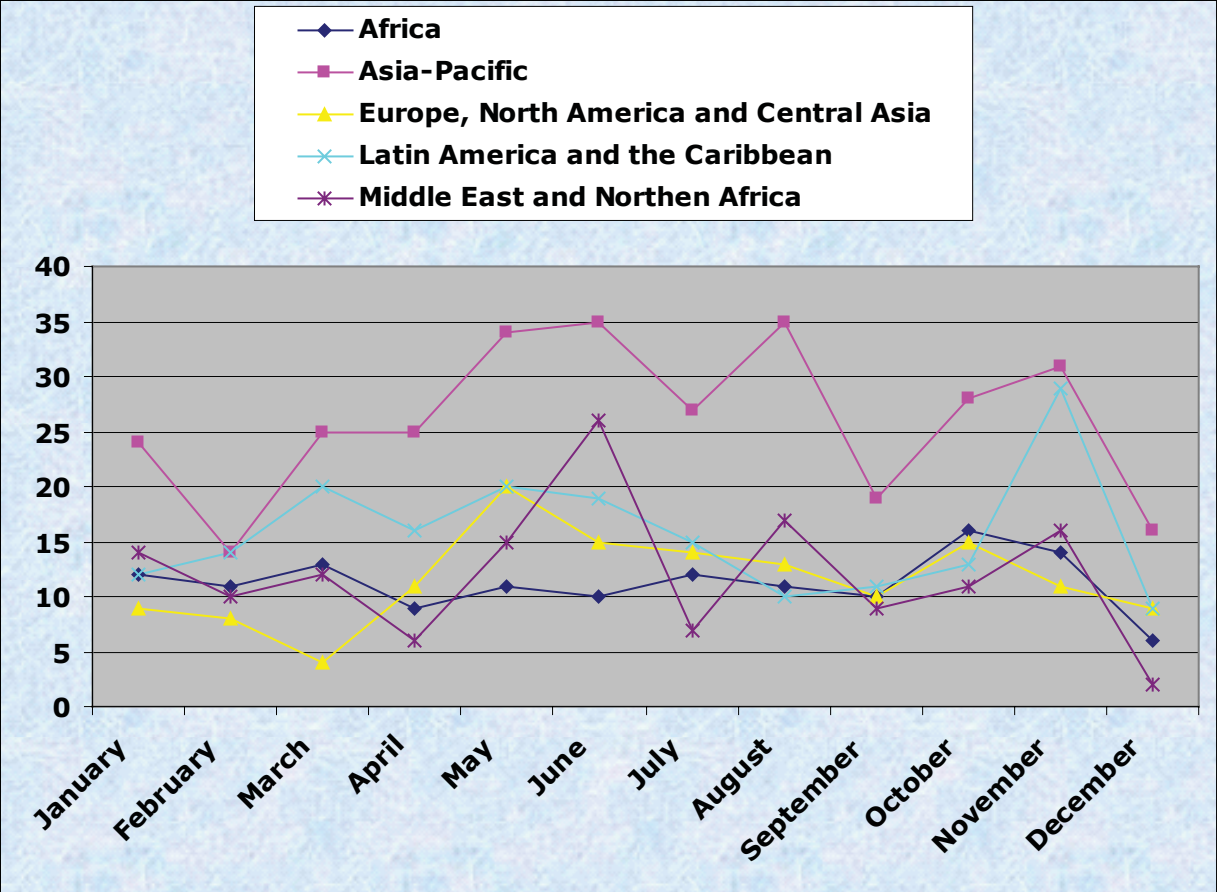
Communications will usually take the form of either urgent appeals (UA) or letters of allegation (AL). Experts may send joint communications when cases fall under the scope of more than one mandate. **Urgent appeals** are used to communicate information about time-sensitive violations that involve loss of life, life-threatening situations or imminent or on-going damage of a grave nature that require urgent intervention to cease the violation. The intention is to ensure that the appropriate State authorities are informed as quickly as possible of the circumstances so that they can intervene to end or prevent an alleged human rights violation. **Letters of allegation** are used to communicate information about violations that are said to have already occurred and whose impact on the alleged victim can no longer be changed. This kind of letter is used, for example, in cases where information reaches the mandate holder after the human rights abuse has already been committed. Communications are a means of requesting clarification on alleged violations with a view to trying to ensure, along with the Government concerned, the protection of human rights. Special procedures mandate-holders submit to the Human Rights Council a report on their communications with Governments.

2007 BASIC FIGURES

Total communications sent: 1003
Joint communications: 49%
Individuals covered: 2294 (women 13%)
Individuals covered by joint communications: 65%
Communications sent to 128 countries
Government responses received in 2007 (percentage of total no. of communications): 52%
Government replies to communications sent in 2007: 32%
Further information provided by source: 21%
Follow up by special procedures: 10%







PRESS RELEASES - STATEMENTS

Special procedures issued 200 press statements. 75 were related to country visits. The other total of 125 press statements issued on particular human rights concern represents a 42% increase over 2006.

□ UN EXPERT EMPHASIZES SUSTAINABLE AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SRI LANKA'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, 27 December 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONCLUDES VISIT TO MONGOLIA, 21 December 2007

□ UN SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF TORTURE CONCLUDES VISIT TO MALDIVES, 21 December 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON MIGRANTS AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION OF MIGRANT WORKERS ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT TO MARK INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY, 17 December 2007

□ UN WORKING GROUP ON USE OF MERCENARIES CONVENES FIRST REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN COUNTRIES, 14 December 2007

□ REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS TO VISIT SRI LANKA, 12 December 2007

□ UN GROUP OF EXPERTS ON DARFUR PRESENTS FINAL REPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, 11 December 2007

□ COMMEMORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CONCLUDES, 10 December 2007

□ HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATED AT UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA, 10 December 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CONCLUDES VISIT TO BOLIVIA (Spanish only), 10 December 2007

□ HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT CONCERNED ABOUT THREATS TO MEDIA IN SOMALIA, 10 December 2007

□ UN EXPERTS MARK INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY WITH CALL FOR STATES TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION, 7 December 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION CONCLUDES VISIT TO HONDURAS, 6 December 2007

□ UN EXPERT INVITED TO OBSERVE MILITARY COMMISSION HEARINGS AT GUANTANAMO BAY, 3 December 2007

□ UN WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION CONCLUDES FIFTIETH SESSION, 3 December 2007

□ UN WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES CONCLUDES EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION, 3 December 2007

□ UNITED NATIONS INDEPENDENT EXPERTS CONCERNED ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN VENEZUELA, 30 November 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF CONCLUDES VISIT TO ANGOLA, 28 November 2007

□ SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF TORTURE CONCLUDES THIRD SESSION AND ANNOUNCES SECOND PHASE OF VISITS, 28 November 2007

□ UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION STARTS VISIT TO HONDURAS, 27 November 2007

□ UNITED NATIONS EXPERT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS FINDS THAT MILITARY IS KILLING LEFTIST ACTIVISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, 27 November 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE CONCLUDES VISIT TO INDONESIA, 23 November 2007

□ UNITED NATIONS INDEPENDENT EXPERTS CALL ON STATES TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE, 23 November 2007

□ UN WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES HOLDS 83rd SESSION, 21 November 2007

□ SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT TO HEALTH TO EXAMINE MATERNAL MORTALITY IN INDIA, 21 November 2007

□ UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF TO VISIT ANGOLA, 20 November 2007

□ WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION TO HOLD 50th SESSION, 20 November 2007

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- HUMAN RIGHTS ROLE FOR REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED, 16 November 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL, SUMMARY OR ARBITRARY EXECUTIONS CONCLUDES VISIT TO BRAZIL, 15 November 2007
- EIGHT WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES CONCLUDE FIRST WORKSHOP ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (French only), 12 November 2007
- UN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS URGE PAKISTAN TO RESTORE THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULE OF LAW, 8 November 2007
- UN MISSION IN TIMOR-LESTE LAUNCHES REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, 8 November 2007
- MEETING SAYS NATIONAL COMMITMENT SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL TO FOSTER HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION, 7 November 2007
- PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES ENGAGING IN NEW FORMS OF MERCENARY ACTIVITY, SAYS UN WORKING GROUP, 6 November 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON SALE OF CHILDREN CALLS FOR FAIR TRIAL FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN ABEICHE INCIDENT IN CHAD, 6 November 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON MYANMAR WELCOMES INVITATION BY AUTHORITIES OF MYANMAR TO VISIT THE COUNTRY, 6 November 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS TO VISIT BRAZIL, 2 November 2007
- UN EXPERTS ON RACISM AND MINORITY ISSUES CALL FOR STEPS TO COMBAT REALITY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 30 October 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT TO FOOD TO VISIT CUBA, 29 October 2007
- GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO PROTECT HOUSING RIGHTS OF ROMA IN EUROPE, UN AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPERTS SAY, 24 October 2007
- UNITED NATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF TORTURE ENDS VISIT TO MAURITIUS, 18 October 2007
- UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT TO FOOD DEPLORES INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER, 16 October 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON ADEQUATE HOUSING TO VISIT CANADA, 3 October 2007
- UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE CRACKDOWN IN MYANMAR, 2 October 2007
- STATEMENT BY SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON ADEQUATE HOUSING ON WORLD HABITAT DAY, 2 October 2007
- UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON MINORITY ISSUES CALLS FOR CLEAR AND COMMITTED LEADERSHIP TO PROMOTE NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN FRANCE, 1 October 2007
- INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN LIBERIA CONCLUDES VISIT, 28 September 2007
- WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION CONCLUDES VISIT TO ANGOLA, 28 September 2007
- FOLLOWING HIS MISSION TO SOMALIA EXPERT DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUED DETERIORATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, 27 September 2007
- SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS CONCLUDES VISIT TO SERBIA, 25 September 2007
- WORKING GROUP ON MERCENARIES CONCERNED BY KILLING OF IRAQI CIVILIANS INVOLVING PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY, 25 September 2007
- SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS CONCLUDES VISIT TO FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, 25 September 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT TO EDUCATION VISITING BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, 25 September 2007
- UN EXPERT GROUP ON DARFUR PRESENTS INTERIM REPORT, 24 September 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT TO HEALTH TO VISIT COLOMBIA, 20 September 2007
- WORKING GROUP ON RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT ELECTS NEW CHAIRPERSON-RAPPORTEUR, 19 September 2007
- UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT LAUNCHES DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS GUIDELINES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, 19 September 2007
- INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VISITS SOMALIA, 17 September 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RACISM TO VISIT LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTONIA, 17 September 2007
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- ADOPTION OF DECLARATION ON RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, UN EXPERT SAYS, 14 September 2007
- SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO VISIT SERBIA, INCLUDING KOSOVO, AND FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, 14 September 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE TO VISIT INDONESIA, 14 September 2007

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- UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS URGE MYANMAR AUTHORITIES TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE PEACEFUL PROTESTERS, 13 September 2007
- UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON MINORITY ISSUES TO VISIT FRANCE, 12 September 2007
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DURBAN DECLARATION CONCLUDES SECOND PART OF ITS FIFTH SESSION, 10 September 2007
- UN WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION TO MEET IN GENEVA FROM 10 TO 14 SEPTEMBER, 7 September 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR URGES MYANMAR AUTHORITIES TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE PEACEFUL PROTESTERS, 31 August 2007
- UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT SIGMA HUDA'S TRIAL, 31 August 2007
- STATEMENT BY UN WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES ON OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE DISAPPEARED, 29 August 2007
- UN EXPERT URGES SUDAN TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS OF COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM PROJECTS, 28 August 2007
- PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE HOLDS FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, 27 August 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MYANMAR URGES AUTHORITIES TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE PEACEFUL PROTESTERS, 27 August 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE TO VISIT SRI LANKA, 27 August 2007
- UN EXPERTS CONCERNED OVER JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN CAMBODIA IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT APPOINTMENTS, 23 August 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON ADEQUATE HOUSING CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN PERU, 21 August 2007
- UN EXPERT CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING PROBLEM OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, 20 August 2007
- UN EXPERTS WELCOME REINSTATEMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE CHAUDHRY OF PAKISTAN, 6 August 2007
- UN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT CONCLUDES VISIT TO SUDAN, 6 August 2007
- UN EXPERT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERNS FOLLOWING VISIT TO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 30 July 2007
- UN EXPERT WELCOMES LIFTING OF TRAVEL BAN ON FIJIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, 25 July 2007
- SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ISRAELI PRACTICES TO VISIT EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA, 20 July 2007
- UN WORKING GROUP ON USE OF MERCENARIES CONCLUDES VISIT TO CHILE, 16 July 2007
- WORKING GROUP ON ARBITRARY DETENTION CONCLUDES VISIT TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 16 July 2007
- UN EXPERT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CONCLUDES VISIT TO GHANA, 16 July 2007
- UN EXPERT WELCOMES FIRST-EVER APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN JUDGES IN MALDIVES AND AGREEMENT ON NEW DEADLINE FOR ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION, 13 July 2007
- UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING FOOD AID TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN SOMALIA, 12 July 2007
- SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COUNTER TERRORISM CONCLUDES MISSION TO ISRAEL, OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, 10 July 2007
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- UN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TO VISIT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, 6 July 2007
- UN WORKING GROUP ON USE OF MERCENARIES TO VISIT CHILE, 5 July 2007
- SUB-COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF TORTURE CONCLUDES SECOND SESSION, ANNOUNCES ITS INITIAL VISITS, 3 July 2007
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- REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS CONCLUDES VISIT TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE (French only), 1 July 2007
- UN EXPERT ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF BBC REPORTER ALAN JOHNSTON, 27 June 2007
- BUST OF SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELLO TO BE UNVEILED ON 28 JUNE AT PALAIS WILSON, 26 June 2007
- JOINT STATEMENT ON OCCASION OF UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE, 26 June 2007
- UNITED NATIONS WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, 26 June 2007

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