

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Individual Complaints

The Special Rapporteur acts on information submitted to his attention regarding alleged violations regarding the independence and impartiality of the judiciary and the independence of the legal profession by sending allegation letters and urgent appeals to concerned Governments to clarify and/or bring to their attention these cases.

Allegation Letters

Where the information received by the Special Rapporteur is prima facie credible, the Special Rapporteur will transmit the allegation, usually by letter, to the concerned Government in order to obtain the Government's response.

The credibility of the source of the allegations will be established by the Special Rapporteur by reference to: the degree of detail presented by the alleged victim about him or herself and the event or interference alleged; corroborative sources; logic; the laws in force in the concerned State.

Urgent Appeals

In cases where the alleged violations are time-sensitive in terms of involving loss of life, life-threatening situations or either imminent or ongoing damage of a very grave nature to victims, the Special Rapporteur will send an urgent appeal to the concerned Government.

Please note, that as a general rule, both urgent appeals and letters of allegation remain confidential until published in the report of the Special Rapporteur to the Human Rights Council.

Communication Reports to the Human Rights Council (formerly Commission on Human Rights)

Symbol number	Title	Language
2011 17th session Human Rights Council A/HRC/17/30/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Knaul - Addendum - Summary of information, including individual cases, transmitted to Governments and replies received	E F S
2010	Report of the Special Rapporteur on	E F S

14th session Human Rights Council A/HRC/14/26/Add.1	independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Carina Knaul de Albuquerque e Silva - Addendum - Communications to and from Governments	
2009 11th session Human Rights Council A/HRC/11/41/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	E F S
2008 8th session Human Rights Council A/HRC/8/4/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	E F S
2007 5th session Human Rights Council A/HRC/4/25/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	E F S
2006 62nd session Commission on Human Rights E/CN.4/2006/52/Add.1 E/CN.4/2006/52/Add.1/Corr.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories - Corrigendum	E F S E F S
2005 61st session Commission on Human Rights E/CN.4/2005/60/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	E F S
2004 60th session Commission on Human Rights E/CN.4/2004/60/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Leandro Despouy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	E only
2003 59th session Commission on Human Rights E/CN.4/2003/65/Add.1	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Dato' Param Kumaraswamy - Addendum - Situations in specific countries or territories	