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Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health | SRHEALTH

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

By its resolution 2002/31, the Commission on Human Rights established the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The Special Rapporteur is an independent expert who acts in his/her personal capacity. It is an honorary position and the Special Rapporteur is not a staff member of the United Nations nor do he/she represent his/her government. The Special Rapporteur is expected to focus on and update the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly on the global status and trends regarding issues related to universal right to health.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Access to healthcare and medicines
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Maternal and child health
- HIV/AIDS

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Special Rapporteur is charged with the task of increasing awareness of health as a fundamental right and finding ways to promote this right within the international community. Enjoyment of the right to health encompasses multiple aspects, including access to effective health care and underlying determinants of health, this being the focus of Special Rapporteur's work. The Special Rapporteur is required to submit annual reports to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, to conduct country visits, and to alert the relevant authorities of alleged right-to-health-related violations.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The current Special Rapporteur, Mr. Dainius Puras took up his duties in August 2014 succeeding to Mr. Anand Grover, the Special Rapporteur from 2008 to 2014.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Special Rapporteurs do not receive a salary for their work. Any expenses, such as country visits, are covered by the United Nations budget.

PUBLICATIONS

Find all of the Special Rapporteur's Documents at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx>

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