

“According to the Declaration, enforced disappearances occur when persons are arrested, detained or abducted against their will or otherwise deprived of their liberty by officials of different branches or levels of government or by organized groups or private individuals acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, followed by a refusal to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the persons concerned or a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of their liberty, which places such persons outside the protection of the law.

“The Working Group has followed closely the development of international human rights law on this matter, especially with respect to the definitions of enforced disappearance contained in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (hereinafter the ‘Rome Statute’) and in the recently adopted and not yet in force International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (hereafter identified as the ‘International Convention’), as well as in the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Inter-American Convention’).

“The Working Group takes note that the international instruments on human rights mentioned above, that is, the Declaration, the International Convention and the Inter-American Convention, contain definitions of enforced disappearance that are substantially similar. The definition contained in the Rome Statute differs from those contained in the international instruments on human rights indicated above, inasmuch as the definition of enforced disappearance provided by the Rome Statute includes (a) political groups as potential perpetrators of the crime, even if they do not act on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, and (b) the intention of removing the victim from the protection of the law for a prolonged period of time, as an element of the crime.

“The Working Group deems that it should construe the definition provided by the Declaration, in a way that is most conducive to the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance.

“Based on the foregoing, the Working Group has decided to issue the following general comment:

“General comment

“1. With respect to the perpetrators of the crime, the Working Group has clearly established that, for purposes of its work, enforced disappearances are only considered as such when the act in question is perpetrated by State actors or by private individuals or organized groups (e.g. paramilitary groups) acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government.

“2. The Working Group concurs with the provisions of article 3 of the International Convention, in connection with the fact that States shall take appropriate measures to investigate acts comparable to enforced disappearances committed by persons or groups of persons acting without the authorization, support or acquiescence of the State and to bring those responsible to justice.

“3. The Working Group has stated, in its general comment on article 4 of the Declaration that, although States are not bound to follow strictly the definition contained in the Declaration in their criminal codes, they shall ensure that the act of enforced disappearance is defined in a way that clearly distinguishes it from related offences such as abduction and kidnapping.

“4. Based on the foregoing, the Working Group does not admit cases regarding acts which are similar to enforced disappearances when they are attributed to persons or groups not acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, such as terrorist or insurgent movements fighting the Government on its own territory, since it considers that it has to strictly adhere to the definition contained in the Declaration.

“5. In accordance with article 1, paragraph 2, of the Declaration, any act of enforced disappearance has the consequence of placing the persons subjected thereto outside the protection of the law. Therefore, the Working Group admits cases of enforced disappearance without requiring that the information whereby a case is reported by a source should demonstrate, or even presume, the intention of the perpetrator to place the victim outside the protection of the law.

“6. In those cases in which the Working Group received reports of enforced disappearances in which the victim had already been found dead, the Working Group, under its methods of work, would not admit the case for transmission to the respective Government, since it would be a case clarified *ab initio*. Indeed, under its methods of work, clarification occurs when the whereabouts of the disappeared persons are clearly established irrespective of whether the person is alive or dead. However, this does not mean that such cases would not fall within the definition of enforced disappearance included in the Declaration, if the deprivation of liberty took place (a) against the will of the person concerned; (b) with involvement of government officials, at least indirectly, by acquiescence; and (c) State officials thereafter refused to acknowledge the act or to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the person concerned. That is to say, in accordance with the mandate of the Working Group related to monitoring the implementation of the Declaration, such reports may be transmitted to the Governments in question under the method of ‘general allegations’, but not as an ‘urgent appeal’, nor under the ‘normal procedure’, as such terms are used in the Working Group’s methods of work. Under the general allegations method, the Working Group would invite the Governments concerned to comment on the measures that should be taken under the Declaration to investigate such cases, to bring the perpetrators to justice, to satisfy the right to adequate compensation, as well as regarding measures to stop and prevent enforced disappearances.

“7. Under the definition of enforced disappearance contained in the Declaration, the criminal offence in question starts with an arrest, detention or abduction against the will of the victim, which means that the enforced disappearance may be initiated by an illegal detention or by an initially legal arrest or detention. That is to say, the protection of a victim from enforced disappearance must be effective upon the act of deprivation of liberty, whatever form such deprivation of liberty takes, and not be limited to cases of illegitimate deprivations of liberty.

“8. Even though the Working Group, in its general comment on article 10 of the Declaration, has said that any detention that is unduly prolonged constitutes a violation of the Declaration, this does not mean that any short-term detention is permitted by the Declaration, since the Working Group immediately clarifies that a detention where the detainee is not charged so that he can be brought before a court, is a violation of the Declaration.

“9. As the Working Group stated in the same general comment, administrative or pre-trial detention is not per se a violation of international law or of the Declaration. However, if a detention, even short-term, is followed by an extrajudicial execution, such detention cannot be considered of administrative or pre-trial nature under article 10 of the Declaration, but rather as a condition where the immediate consequence is the placement of the detainee beyond the protection of the law. The Working Group considers that when the dead body of the victim is found mutilated or with clear signs of having been tortured or with the arms or legs tied, those circumstances clearly show that the detention was not immediately followed by an execution, but that the deprivation of liberty had some duration, even of at least a few hours or days. A situation of such nature, not only constitutes a violation to the right not to be disappeared, but also to the right not to be subjected to torture, to the right to recognition as a person before the law and to the right to life, as provided under article 1, paragraph 2, of the Declaration.

“10. Therefore, a detention followed by an extrajudicial execution, as described in the preceding paragraph, is an enforced disappearance proper, as long as such detention or deprivation of liberty was carried out by governmental agents of whatever branch or level, or by organized groups or private individuals acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, and, subsequent to the detention, or even after the execution was carried out, State officials refuse to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the persons concerned or refuse to acknowledge the act having been perpetrated at all.”

III. INFORMATION CONCERNING ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES REVIEWED BY THE WORKING GROUP

Afghanistan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

27. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56).

Algeria¹

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1 622	7	326	0	3	1 952

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	N/A

Urgent action

28. Seven cases were sent to the Government of Algeria under the urgent action procedure. One case concerned **Zaoui Abdelkader** who was allegedly arrested at his home, on 6 December 2006, by eight officers from the judiciary police. The six other cases occurred in 2007. **Abdelghani Kennab** was last seen entering the Dean's Office at Constantine University. It is believed that the Department of Investigation and Security Services is responsible for his disappearance. **Abdelaziz Zoubida** was arrested at Zouaghi Slimane II University Town in Constantine, reportedly by two agents from the Department of Investigation and Security Services. According to the information received, **Mohamed Boucekkine** was arrested at his home by officers from the Department of Investigation and Security Services. The last case concerned **Fethi Hamaddouche**, who was last seen at the Department of Investigation and Security Services Barracks in Algiers. Two other cases reportedly took place in Algiers; **Mohamed Rahmouni** was allegedly arrested by the police and **Mohamed Fatmia** was reportedly arrested by agents from the judicial police.

Standard cases

29. The Working Group transmitted 326 newly reported cases of disappearance that allegedly occurred in the 1990s, mainly between 1993 and 1997. Two cases concern disappearances which allegedly took place in 2006. The majority of the cases occurred in Algiers and in the Jijel Province, while others took place in Ben Acknoun, Sidi M'hammed, Oran, Tipaza, and Blida Provinces. The Police, the Military, and the Security Forces are believed to be responsible for the majority of the cases.

¹ See annex V for the list of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

Information from the Government

30. Three communications were received from the Government of Algeria, dated 26 June 2007, 11 July 2007 and 23 July 2007. The information dated 26 June 2007 concerned one case transmitted under the urgent action procedure. The Government informed the Working Group that the case had been transmitted to the competent authorities for their examination. No other information was received regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

31. The Working Group received new information from sources on two cases which had been sent to the Government under the urgent action procedure. Regarding the disappearances of **Zaoui Abdelkader** and **Abdelaziz Zoubida**, the source informed of the location where they are being imprisoned.

32. The Working Group also received new information from the source on the case of **Mohamed Boucekine**, which reportedly took place in June 2007. The source was able to visit the subject in prison.

Clarifications

33. Based on information provided by sources, the Working Group decided to clarify three cases.

Prompt intervention

34. On 4 September 2007, a prompt intervention letter was sent by the Working Group to the Government of Algeria regarding alleged threats and acts of intimidation against the relatives of a disappeared person. The family of **Mohamed Rahmouni** (subject of an urgent action in August 2007) was asked to explain to the police the measures taken to find the fate or whereabouts of their son, and told not to take further action. No response was received from the Government regarding this letter.

Request for a visit

35. On 25 August 2000, the Working Group first transmitted a request for an invitation to the Government of Algeria. The Working Group has since sent several reminders of this request but has not yet received a reply.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

36. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 1,973 cases to the Government; of those, 9 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 12 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, and 1,952 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

37. The Working Group expresses increasing concern that during the period under review, seven urgent actions were sent to the Government.
38. The Working Group expresses deep concern that little progress has been made in clarifying cases of disappearance in Algeria. Additional cases arising from the 1990s continue to be received by the Working Group and are being transmitted to the Government of Algeria.
39. The Working Group reminds the Government of Algeria of its obligations under article 13 of the Declaration, that steps shall be taken to ensure that all involved in the investigation are protected against ill-treatment, intimidation or reprisal.
40. The Working Group recalls the general allegation issued in the 2006 annual report concerning amnesty laws. The Working Group invites the Government to submit a report to the Working Group on the measures taken to align its legislation with article 18 of the Declaration and to the general comment on article 18.
41. The Working Group strongly reaffirms its request to the Government of Algeria for a country visit aimed at clarifying the 1,952 outstanding cases.

Angola

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

42. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Argentina

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3 358	0	0	55	0	3 303

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	Yes

Information from the Government

43. The Working Group received a communication sent by the Government regarding 72 cases. This information will be reviewed by the Working Group during the next reporting period.

Information from sources

44. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

45. Based on the information received from the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify 55 cases.

Request for a visit

46. In a communication sent on 15 January 2007, the Working Group informed the Government that it would not be possible to hold its eighty-first session in Argentina, and that the mission initially planned to follow the session, would have to be postponed to 2008. The Government sent a response on 17 January 2007 informing the Working Group that a standing invitation is open to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

47. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 3,445 cases to the Government; of those, 43 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 99 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 3,303 remain outstanding.

Observations

48. The Working Group welcomes the efforts made by the Government to clarify outstanding cases, particularly with regard to 55 cases clarified during 2007, as a result of the creation of a comprehensive database to establish the fate or whereabouts of disappeared persons in that country by the Government. The Working Group hopes that, through this continued cooperation with the Government and NGOs, progress can continue towards the clarification of the 3,303 cases that remain unresolved. The Working Group also commends the continuation of trials against perpetrators.

Bahrain

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
0	1	0	0	1	0

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

49. The Working Group transmitted one case to the Government of Bahrain under its urgent action procedure. The case concerns **Ali Al-Khabaz**, a man who was allegedly arrested by Anti-Riot Police Forces in May 2007.

Information from the Government

50. The Working Group reviewed three communications from the Government of Bahrain dated 6 June 2007, 14 June 2007 and 20 July 2007. The latter could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report. In the communication dated 6 June 2007, the Government reported that **Ali Al-Khabaz** had been released by the authorities.

Information from sources

51. The source confirmed that **Ali Al-Khabaz** was released from jail on 7 June 2007.

Clarifications

52. Based on information provided by the source, the Working Group decided to clarify the one outstanding case.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

53. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted two cases to the Government of Bahrain, and both cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by the source. There are no outstanding cases.

Bangladesh

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2	0	0	0	0	2

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	0	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

54. The Working Group reviewed four communications from the Government of Bangladesh dated 12 January, 5 April, 1 June and 28 June 2007. In the communications dated 1 and 28 June 2007, the Government replied on one outstanding case. The Working Group found that the responses did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person.

Information from sources

55. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

56. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted two cases to the Government of Bangladesh, and both cases remain outstanding.

Belarus

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

57. The Government replied to the three outstanding cases in a communication dated 6 February 2007. The communication stated that the investigation of these three cases is continuing.

Information from sources

58. Replies were received from sources regarding the cases of **Anatoly Krasovski**, **Viktor Gonchar** and **Yuri Zakharenko**. The sources reported that no real investigations have been undertaken by the Government of Belarus.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

59. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted three cases to the Government; these cases remain outstanding..

Observations

60. The Working Group encourages the Government to provide information on the location or fate of the victims that could lead to the clarification of the three outstanding cases.

Bhutan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
5	0	0	0	0	5

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
N/A	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

61. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Bolivia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
28	0	0	0	0	28

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

62. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Brazil

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
13	0	0	0	0	13

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

63. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Burundi

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
52	0	0	0	0	52

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

64. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Cambodia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Discontinued Cases	Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources		
2	0	0	0	0	2	0

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
N/A	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

65. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

66. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Discontinued cases

67. Over the years, the Working Group has made numerous attempts to contact the source of the two outstanding cases, but to no avail. The Working Group decided, in accordance with its methods of work, exceptionally to discontinue consideration of two cases. The Working Group believes that it no longer has a useful role to play in trying to elucidate the whereabouts of the persons concerned, as no follow-up can be given to the cases. They can be reopened at any time if they are presented again to the Working Group.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

68. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted two cases to the Government. Both cases were discontinued in the period under review. There are no outstanding cases.

Cameroon

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
14	0	0	0	0	14

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

69. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Chad

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
10	0	12	0	0	22

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

70. The Working Group transmitted 12 newly reported cases to the Government under its standard procedure, concerning the disappearance of Chadian army officers and civilians in N'Djamena and in the northern part of the country. These cases allegedly took place in 2006.

Information from the Government

71. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

72. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

73. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 25 cases to the Government; 3 cases have been clarified on the basis of the information provided by the Government and 22 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

74. The Working Group is deeply concerned about the newly reported cases in Chad. The Working Group encourages the Government to take steps to clarify outstanding cases, and reminds the Government of its obligations under the Declaration to prevent and to terminate all acts of enforced disappearance and to prosecute alleged perpetrators.

Chile

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
816	0	0	0	0	816

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

75. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

China

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
29	2	0	0	0	31

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
7	N/A	1

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

76. The Working Group transmitted two urgent actions to the Government of China. The first case concerned **Lopoe Adruktsang**, a Tibetan monk who was arrested at Lithang County Public Security Bureau and taken to an unknown location. The second case concerned **Lobsang Thokmey**, who was reportedly arrested in connection with a political protest in his hometown.

Information from the Government

77. Three communications were received from the Government, dated 12 February, 10 May and 6 June 2007, regarding seven outstanding cases. For six cases, the Working Group found that the responses did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons.

78. In the communication dated 6 June 2007, the Government reported on one outstanding case, indicating that the victim was being held at the detention facility of the Lhasa city public security office and legal proceedings were instituted against him. The Working Group decided that the reply could constitute a clarification, provided the source did not raise an objection within six months.

Information from sources

79. New information was provided about one case, expressing concern about the well-being of the Panchen Lama of Tibet, who has been missing for 12 years.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

80. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted 114 cases to the Government; of those, 11 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 72 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 31 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

81. The Working Group expresses its appreciation to the Government of China for its cooperation and hopes that it will lead to the clarification of outstanding cases.

Colombia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
956	1	0	0	0	957

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
65	Yes	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	Yes
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

82. The Working Group transmitted one urgent action to the Government concerning **Gonzalo Villalba Hernández**, a member of the Colombian Communist Party.

Information from the Government

83. Nine communications were received from the Government, dated 12 December 2006, 4 January, 16 March, 6 July, 18 July, 16 August, 23 August, 28 September and 1 October 2007. The information reviewed was considered insufficient to constitute a clarification. The communications dated 6 July, 16 August, 23 August and 28 September 2007 could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

84. Information was received from sources concerning the case of a man who disappeared in 2001 in Medellín. The sources reported that all resources had been exhausted to find the whereabouts of the victim, with negative results.

General allegation

85. In two communications, dated 6 October 2006 and 13 March 2007, the Government of Colombia responded to the Working Group's general allegation from 2006 regarding the Justice and Peace Law.

86. In the communication of 6 October 2006, the Government stated:

“Through Act No. 975 of 2005, known as the Justice and Peace Act, adopted by the Congress of the Republic, an effort is being made to facilitate the peace processes with the illegal armed groups, and the reintegration of their members, guaranteeing above all the rights of victims to truth, justice and reparation.

“From the time of its conception, this act was viewed as an instrument to facilitate the attainment of peace and national reconciliation. The National Government is convinced that national peace is a desire that has transcended political parties and governments, but also that it cannot be attained to the detriment of the rights of the victims of violence. Article 2 of Act No. 975 clearly provides that the interpretation and enforcement of the Act must necessarily be effected in the light of the provisions of the Constitution, and of the international treaties ratified by Colombia.

“In addition, the Constitutional Court, which is the highest Colombian Court and responsible for monitoring the conformity of laws with the Constitution, handed down a ruling, by decision C-370/06 of 18 May 2006 on a number of unconstitutionality suits brought against the Justice and Peace Act. In this decision, the Court limited the scope of a number of articles to the benefit of the victims, protecting first and foremost their right to truth, justice and reparation.”

87. In the communication of 13 March 2007, the Government stated that:

“The information submitted to the Working Group concerning the observance of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, which contains a number of provisions on this subject, is not correct since although the Declaration is not a legally binding instrument, Colombia has incorporated the principles contained in the Declaration into its domestic law.

“The Government of Colombia reiterates that the Justice and Peace Act is not a law on special amnesty or pardon. On the contrary, it is the first law in the world that, in order to ensure the rights to peace and justice, establishes an alternative punishment to the ordinary punishment provided for in the Criminal Code currently in force.

“The Government of Colombia informs that institutions have been established in which victims of enforced disappearance can receive assistance and participate; these include the National Commission to Search for Missing Persons and the National Compensation and Reconciliation Commission, whose activities support the National Plan to Search for Missing Persons, which allows victims to participate in the search for and identification of family members and in the identification and punishment of those responsible, as tools to supplement the judicial framework of the Justice and Peace Act and the Government’s human rights policy.”

88. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles allegedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Colombia. This information was transmitted to the Government.

89. In July 2005, the Colombian Congress reportedly approved Law 975 on “justice and peace”. NGOs alleged that this law suffered from substantial deficiencies that hampered the possibility for the victims to achieve justice. Due to the petitions filed against Law 975, the Constitutional Court declared the unconstitutionality or conditioned constitutionality of several key provisions of this law through ruling C-370. The Working Group has been informed that, through decrees, the Government has reportedly modified the content of the ruling C-370, substantially affecting the rights of victims acknowledged within.

90. NGOs also alleged that, according to Colombian legislation, many of the norms contained in the decrees are illegal, since the Government does not have the competence to issue them, but rather, they are the competence of Congress or judges. For this reason, these norms have been filed under administrative contentious proceedings by a large number of Colombian persons and organizations. However, it has been reported that, while the legal decisions concerning these proceedings may take years, the norms contained in the decrees are being applied to the processes before Law 975.

91. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Total case transmitted, clarified and outstanding

92. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 1,225 cases to the Government; of those, 67 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 201 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 957 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

93. The Working Group notes with satisfaction that, unlike in previous years, only one newly reported case was received by the Working Group. The Working Group hopes that this is a trend that shows that disappearances are no longer occurring in Colombia, rather than being the effect of the phenomenon of underreporting noted in the report of the country visit in 2005.

94. The Working Group expresses concern about allegations regarding the issuances of decrees that are diluting the effects of the Constitutional Court's decision on certain provisions of the Justice and Peace Law.

95. The Working Group wishes to reaffirm the importance that the Declaration has had as an important precedent for the development of instruments of international human rights law regarding enforced disappearances, such as the Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

96. The Working Group reiterates its request to the Government of Colombia to take effective measures to clarify outstanding cases and to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group issued after its country visit. The Working Group again invites the Government to submit a report on the measures taken to implement the recommendations.

Congo

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
114	0	0	0	0	114

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

97. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
9	0	0	0	0	9

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
9	Yes	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

98. The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea transmitted three communications to the Working Group, dated 8 January, 10 April and 7 August 2007, in which it replied regarding all nine outstanding cases. The Working Group found that the responses did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons.

Information from sources

99. The source reported that no concrete achievements were made in terms of advancing the abduction issue, but that serious discussions were being held for the first time in more than a year. The Working Group also received new information from the source on two cases of disappearance which reportedly took place in 1980. The source reported that arrest warrants have been obtained for two suspects who are reportedly responsible for their disappearance.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

100. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted nine cases to the Government, all of which remain outstanding.

Observations

101. The Working Group hopes that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will adopt effective measures to clarify the outstanding cases.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
41	0	2	0	0	43

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

102. The Working Group transmitted two newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government. The first case concerned **Ntiara Podos Nsey** who reportedly disappeared in Kinshasa in August 2006, after he was taken by members of the Congolese Liberation Movement in the army. The second case referred to **Faustin Sosso**, who disappeared in August 2006, when he was taken by officials of the Republican Guard.

Information from the Government

103. No information was received by the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

104. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

105. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 52 cases to the Government; of those, six were clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and three on the basis of information from the source. Forty-three cases remain outstanding.

Dominican Republic

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2	0	0	0	0	2

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

106. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Ecuador

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
11	0	0	0	0	11

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
11	Yes	7

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

107. The Working Group received nine communications from the Government, dated 22 January, 27 January, 8 March, 4 April, 12 April, 10 May, 15 May, 10 July and 12 September 2007. The Working Group considered information on all outstanding cases. The Working Group decided that, in seven cases, the replies had sufficient information on the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person and could constitute clarifications, provided the source did not raise an objection within six months. With respect to the remaining four cases, the government responses were not considered sufficient to constitute clarifications. Two communications received on 15 May and 12 September 2007, could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

108. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

109. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted 26 cases to the Government; of those, 4 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 11 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 11 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

110. The Working Group thanks the Government for its cooperation and the efforts deployed to clarify outstanding cases. The Working Group hopes that the information may be confirmed by the source in order to clarify outstanding cases.

Egypt

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
15	0	0	0	0	15

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
N/A	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

111. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

El Salvador

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2 270	0	0	0	0	2 270

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	Yes

Information from the Government

112. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

113. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Mission

114. Following a decision of the Working Group at its seventy-eighth session, a request for a visit as part of a four-country initiative in Central America was sent to the Government on 23 May 2006. The Government agreed and the Working Group undertook a mission to El Salvador from 5 to 7 February 2007 (A/HRC/7/2/Add.2).

Press releases

115. Press releases were issued prior to and following the mission to El Salvador in February 2007. On the last day of the mission, the Working Group held a press conference in El Salvador, which was well attended by the media.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

116. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 2,661 cases to the Government; of those, 73 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 318 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 2,270 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

117. The Working Group is grateful to the Government for the invitation extended to the Working Group to conduct a mission. The Working Group looks forward to receiving the report on measures taken to implement the recommendations included in the report on the country visit.

Equatorial Guinea

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
7	0	1	0	0	8

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

118. The Working Group transmitted one newly reported case of disappearance to the Government. The case concerned **Laureano Nchuchuma Bacale Bindang**, who reportedly disappeared in Malabo in June 2004 after he was taken by members of the police.

Information from the Government

119. No information was received by the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

120. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

121. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted eight cases to the Government, and all of them remain outstanding.

Eritrea

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
54	0	0	0	0	54

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

122. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Ethiopia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
111	1	0	0	0	112

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

123. The Working Group transmitted one urgent action to the Government concerning **Mohamed-Ali Suldan-Fowski**, who was reportedly arrested at his home.

Information from the Government

124. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

125. No information was received from the sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

126. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 119 cases to the Government; of those, 4 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 3 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 112 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

127. The Working Group wishes to remind the Government of Ethiopia of its responsibility to conduct thorough and impartial investigations “for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified”, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration.

France

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

128. The Working Group reviewed a communication sent by the Government on 20 November 2006 regarding the outstanding case. The Working Group decided that the Government response was not sufficient to clarify the case.

Information from sources

129. No information was received from sources regarding the outstanding case.

Meetings

130. Representatives of the Government of France met with the Working Group at its eighty-third session to discuss developments connected to its outstanding case.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding to date

131. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted one case to the Government of France; this case remains outstanding before the Working Group.

Observations

132. The Working Group appreciates the interest expressed by the Government regarding the outstanding case, and hopes that the case may be clarified.

Gambia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
0	0	1	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

133. The Working Group transmitted one newly reported case of disappearance to the Government. The case concerned **Ebrima Manneh**, who disappeared in the town of Bakau in July 2006 after he was reportedly taken by security agents from the National Intelligence Agency.

Information from the Government

134. No additional information was received from the Government regarding the newly reported case.

Information from sources

135. No information was received from the source regarding the one outstanding case.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding to date

136. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted two cases to the Government of Gambia; one case was clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, and the other case remains outstanding before the Working Group.

Greece

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Discontinued cases	Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources		
3	0	0	0	0	2	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

137. The Working Group reviewed a communication sent by the Government on 16 May 2007 regarding the three outstanding cases. The Working Group decided that the Government response was not sufficient to clarify the cases.

Information from sources

138. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Discontinued cases

139. The Working Group decided, in accordance with its method of work, to discontinue consideration of two cases. The Working Group has made numerous attempts to contact the source, but to no avail. The Working Group believes that it no longer has a useful role to play in trying to elucidate the whereabouts of the persons involved, as no follow-up can be given to the cases. The cases can be reopened at any time if presented again to the Working Group.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding to date

140. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted three cases to the Government; two of them have been discontinued, and one remains outstanding before the Working Group.

Guatemala

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2 899	0	0	0	0	2 899

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	Yes	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

141. The Working Group received three communications from the Government. The communications received on 21 March and 25 June 2007 were considered by the Working Group during the period under review. With regard to one case, the Government stated that the investigation had come to an end. The Working Group decided that the government responses were not sufficient to constitute clarifications. The communication dated 19 October 2007 could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

142. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

143. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 3,155 cases to the Government; of those, 79 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 177 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 2,899 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

144. The Working Group is concerned about the suspension of investigations in disappearance cases and wishes to remind the Government of its obligations to conduct thorough and impartial investigations “for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified”, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration.

145. As indicated in its report on the country visit, the Working Group noted that Guatemala had established programmes to find the fate and whereabouts of the disappeared. However, it also noted a gap between the new legislation and the putting into practice of the programmes. The Working Group calls on the Government to apply the programmes, as well as the recommendations included in the above-mentioned report.

Guinea

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
21	0	0	0	0	21

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

146. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Haiti

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
38	0	0	0	0	38

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

147. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Honduras

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
125	1	3	2	0	127

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
4	No	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

148. The Working Group transmitted one case to the Government under its urgent action procedure concerning the disappearance of **Elvis Zepeda Barrientos**, a policeman who disappeared in December 2006, when he was reportedly arrested by agents of the Preventive Police.

Standard cases

149. The Working Group transmitted three newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government. The cases concerned **José Camilo Miranda Rosas, Jorge Luís Villalobos Balladares** and **David Rodrigo Villalobos Balladares**. All three were Panamanian citizens who disappeared in the island of Roatán, in Honduras in June 2006, after being arrested by agents of the Preventive Police.

Information from the Government

150. The Government provided information on 28 September 2006 on one outstanding case. The Working Group decided that the government response was not sufficient to clarify the case.

Information from sources

151. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarification

152. On 1 February 2007, and during the Working Group's visit to Honduras, information was received from the Government regarding two outstanding cases. The Government informed the Working Group that the families of these two victims had received death certificates with compensation payments. The Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule to the two above-mentioned cases. Since the information was not contested by the sources, these cases are now considered clarified.

Request for a visit

153. Following a decision of the Working Group at the seventy-eighth session, a request for a visit as part of a four-country initiative in Central America was sent to the Government of Honduras on 23 May 2006. The Government agreed and the Working Group undertook a mission to Honduras from 31 January to 2 February 2007 (A/HRC/4/41/Add.1).

Press releases

154. Press releases were issued prior to and following the mission to Honduras in January and February 2007. On the last day of the mission, the Working Group held a press conference in Honduras, which was well attended by the media.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

155. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 207 cases to the Government; of those, 43 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 37 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 127 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

156. The Working Group is grateful to the Government for the invitation extended to the Working Group to conduct a mission. The Working Group looks forward to receiving the report on measures taken to implement the recommendations included in the report on the country visit.

India

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
325	0	8	2	0	331

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
N/A	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	1	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

157. The Working Group transmitted eight newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government of India. Two newly reported cases occurred in 2001 and 2002. The first case concerns **Manzoor Ahmad Dar**, who was reportedly arrested at his home by military officers. The second case concerns **Manzoor Amad Wani**, who was reportedly stopped near a Battalion Camp and was taken away by military officers. Six reported disappearances took place in Kashmir between 2003 and 2005. Three of these cases concerned **Saif-U-Dir Khatana**, **Amin Wani Mohammed** and **Ghulam Mohammed**, who were arrested by the Indian Armed Forces. One case concerned **Mohamed Salim Dar**, a school clerk who was arrested by Special Operations Group and the Indian Armed Forces. Another case concerned **Fayaz Ahmad Najar**, who was arrested by the 43rd Battalion of the Border Security Force. The last case concerned **Naseer Ahmed Sheikh**, a shopkeeper who was arrested by the Police and Security Forces.

Information from the Government

158. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

159. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

160. The Working Group decided to clarify two cases, concerning two men who disappeared in 2000, where the six-month rule had been previously applied.

Prompt intervention

161. On 14 June 2007, the Working Group sent a prompt intervention letter to the Government of India regarding the family members of an alleged victim of enforced disappearance, who have faced threats and violence from the army for taking his case to the courts. No response was received from the Government regarding this letter.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

162. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 390 cases to the Government; of those, 10 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 49 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 331 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

163. The Working Group wishes to remind the Government of India to investigate outstanding cases, and to protect the rights of families to justice and to participate in the investigation.

Indonesia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
154	0	5	0	0	159

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
N/A	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	Yes

Standard cases

164. The Working Group transmitted five newly reported cases of disappearances to the Government. Two cases concern **Rohadi Iwan Hadi Subroto** and **Makdum Budi Martono**, who were reportedly arrested in 1965 by military and police officers. Three cases concern **Iwan Ronti**, **Hasyim Toana**, and **Aswat Lamarati**, who were allegedly arrested by the Indonesian Armed Forces in 2001.

Information from the Government

165. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information received from the source

166. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

General allegation

167. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Indonesia. This information was transmitted to the Government.

168. According to the reports, in early 2005, the National Human Rights Commission (Komnas Ham) conducted an investigation into the disappearance in 1998 of 8 activist students and 14 democracy activists. However, the Commission's efforts to investigate certain members of the military and special forces, as well as places where it was believed that the disappeared were reportedly detained, were allegedly obstructed at every stage.

169. On 8 November 2006, Komnas Ham presented an official report of its findings to the Attorney General, the Supreme Court and the Indonesian Parliament. In the report, 27 officers of the State Army, the National Police and State Intelligence were implicated in the above-mentioned disappearances. However, the Attorney General has reportedly taken no action to pursue the matter further by filing formal charges against the alleged perpetrators or pressing for prosecution. No response was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Request for a visit

170. On 12 December 2006, the Working Group requested to undertake a mission to Indonesia either in late 2007 or early 2008, in order to facilitate the clarification of outstanding cases. A communication from the Government acknowledging receipt of the request was received on 24 January 2007. In March 2007, at the request of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, the Secretary of the Working Group met with representatives of the Permanent Mission to discuss outstanding cases and the mission request. On 8 March 2007, the Secretariat received a note from the Permanent Mission, explaining that Indonesia had recently received a visit from a Special Rapporteur and that two further visits were scheduled for 2007. For this reason, the Government considered that its agenda for 2007 was already full and that greater benefit would be derived if the Working Group visited at a later date.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

171. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted 162 cases to the Government; of those, 3 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source and 159 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

172. The Working Group reiterates the observations made in the 2006 annual report, since it received no information from the Government thereon.

173. The Working Group expresses its appreciation to the Government's response to the request for a visit, and looks forward to receiving proposed dates.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)²

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
512	1	0	0	0	513

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	Yes - postponed

Urgent actions

174. The Working Group transmitted one case to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran under its urgent action procedure. The case concerns **Sa'id Metinpour**, a man who was allegedly arrested, along with his wife, by Security Service Agents from the Ministry of Intelligence outside their home.

Information from the Government

175. No information was received from the Government concerning outstanding cases.

Information from sources

176. No information was received from sources concerning outstanding cases.

Request for a visit

177. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran agreed to a visit by the Working Group in 2005, which was delayed at the request of the Government. The Working Group reaffirms its request for a visit and looks forward to a reply from the Government regarding proposed dates for the mission.

² In accordance with the practice of the Working Group, Saied Rajaie Khorasani did not participate in the decisions relating to this section of the report.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

178. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 530 cases to the Government; of those, 13 cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 4 were clarified based on information provided by the source, and 513 cases remain outstanding.

Iraq

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
16 387	0	0	0	0	16 387

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

179. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

180. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Meetings

181. The Government of Iraq met with the Working Group at its eighty-second session to discuss the large number of outstanding cases. On 9 September 2007, the Government submitted a communication regarding this meeting. The communication could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

182. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 16,517 cases to the Government; of these, 107 were clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 23 were clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, and 16,387 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

183. The Working Group looks forward to continued cooperation with the Government of Iraq in an effort to clarify outstanding cases.

Israel

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2	0	0	0	0	2

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

184. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 annual report, E/CN.4/2006/56.

Japan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	1	0	0	2

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	Yes	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

185. The Working Group transmitted one newly-reported case to the Government of Japan. The case concerns **Kyoko Matsumoto**, who was reportedly arrested by secret agents of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, but was last seen in Japan.

Information from the Government

186. The Government of Japan transmitted three communications to the Working Group, dated 21 November 2006, 16 March and 26 June 2007. In these communications, the Government of Japan replied on its one outstanding case of enforced disappearance, concerning a Japanese national who was allegedly abducted by secret agents of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in 1977, and was last seen on Japanese territory.

187. The Working Group found that the responses did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons.

Information from sources

188. No information was received from sources regarding Japan's outstanding case.

Meetings

189. The Government of Japan met with the Working Group at its eighty-first, eighty-second and eighty-third sessions to discuss developments connected to its outstanding case and related cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

190. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted two cases to the Government, and these cases remain outstanding.

Jordan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	2 (see paragraph 192)

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

191. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

192. The Working Group received new information from the source on one case. The source informed that the subject was last seen at a prison in Syria in 1997. According to the Working Group's methods of work, the case will be deleted from Jordan's statistics and transferred to the Syrian Arab Republic, where the person was reportedly last seen.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

193. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted three cases to the Government; of those, one case was deleted and two cases remain outstanding.

Kuwait

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

194. The Working Group reviewed communications from the Government of Kuwait dated 21 July and 22 November 2006. The Working Group decided the information submitted was insufficient to clarify the outstanding case.

Information from sources

195. The Working Group received information from the source on 21 May 2007, which was transmitted to the Government.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

196. In the past, the Working Group has transmitted one case to the Government and this case remains outstanding.

Lebanon

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
311	0	1	0	0	312

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

197. The Working Group transmitted one newly reported case to the Government of Lebanon. The case concerns **Elias Emile Al-Harmouch**, a man who was reportedly arrested in Beirut in 1976, by the Syrian Intelligence Service. In accordance with its methods of work, the Working Group sent a copy of this case to the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Information from the Government

198. The Government of Lebanon submitted two letters from the Committee Established to Address the Issue of Lebanese Detainees, through the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecutor-General at the Court of Cassation of Lebanon, dated 8 July 2006. The Working Group decided that the response was not considered sufficient to constitute a clarification.

Information from sources

199. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

200. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 320 cases to the Government; of those, 2 cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 6 cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by sources, and 312 cases remain outstanding.

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
5	2	1	0	0	8

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
NA	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

201. The Working Group transmitted two cases to the Government under its urgent action procedure. One case concerned **Ounis Charef Al Aabani Al Ouerfeli** who was detained at the Abou Slim Prison in Tripoli for 17 years. When the subject completed his sentence, his family requested his liberation, but he was reportedly taken away by members of the Interior Security Forces. The second case concerned **Abdeladim Ali Musa Benali**, who had been detained at the Abou Slim Prison in Tripoli since early 2006. On 23 March 2007, the subject was reportedly taken away by the Interior Security Forces to an unknown location.

Standard cases

202. The Working Group transmitted one case to the Government under its standard procedure. The case concerned **Salem Said Al Judran**, a man who was reportedly arrested in Niger, handed over to the Libyan authorities, and taken to the Esseka Prison in Tripoli in March 2006.

Information from the Government

203. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

204. On 1 June 2007, the Working Group received new information from the source on one case. According to the information received, the subject was presented at the Special Court in Tripoli and transferred to the fight against heresy services. His family has reportedly been unable to see him or hire a lawyer to assist in the judicial process.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

205. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 10 cases to the Government; of those, 2 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, and 8 cases remain outstanding.

Mauritania

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

206. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Mexico³

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
206	1	1	0	0	208

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

207. The Working Group transmitted one case to the Government under the urgent action procedure. The case concerned **Baltasar López Pita**, who was reportedly apprehended by agents of the Federal Investigation Agency.

Standard cases

208. One new case of disappearance was transmitted to the Government under the standard procedure. The disappearance concerns **Jorge Gabriel Cerón Silva**, who was reportedly arrested in 2007, by the State Judicial Police and agents of the Federal Investigation Agency.

Information from the Government

209. The Working Group received three communications from the Mexican authorities, on 30 June and 22 September 2006 and on 18 October 2007. No information was received

³ In accordance with the practice of the Working Group, Santiago Corcuera did not participate in the decisions relating to this section of the report.

regarding outstanding cases. The communication dated 18 October 2007 could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

210. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Meetings

211. During the eighty-first session, the Working Group met with the Mexican National Human Rights Institution to discuss outstanding cases of disappearances in Mexico.

General allegation

212. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Mexico. This information was transmitted to the Government.

213. Reportedly, in 1990, the Special Programme on the Presumed Disappeared (PREDES) of the National Commission for Human Rights released a report on the presumed enforced disappearances of 532 persons, the majority of cases dating from the 1970s. On 27 November 2001, the President of Mexico published in the *Official Gazette* an agreement to establish measures to seek justice for crimes committed against people linked to social and political movements from the past. Through this agreement the Government created the "Special Prosecutor's Office on federal crimes committed directly or indirectly by public servants against persons from social and political movements of the past". The Working Group has been informed of the closing of the Office of Mexico's Special Prosecutor for Social and Political Movements of the Past. It is reported that despite the lack of results from the Special Prosecutor's Office, this was the only institutional mechanism to investigate past human rights violations.

214. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

215. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 379 cases to the Government; of those, 22 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 133 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 16 cases were discontinued and 208 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

216. The Working Group encourages the Government to provide information on the fate or whereabouts of the victims that could lead to the clarification of the 208 outstanding cases.

217. The Working Group is concerned about the closure of the Special Prosecutor's Office and believes that a measure of that nature may be contrary to article 16, paragraph 3, of the Declaration.

Montenegro

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
15	0	0	0	0	15

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

218. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

219. No information was received from the source regarding outstanding cases.

General allegation

220. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles allegedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Montenegro. This information was transmitted to the Government.

221. It was reported that the Montenegrin authorities had failed to ensure reparation to the victims and families of victims of disappearance that occurred in 1992. The Government of Montenegro had also reportedly failed to ensure the prompt initiation of an independent, impartial investigation into the disappearances or to bring to justice those responsible for the alleged disappearance of 83 Bosnian Muslim civilians.

222. Three civil cases for reparations were allegedly delayed after the Office of the State Prosecutor requested a stay until individual criminal responsibility had been determined. Reportedly, the initiation of criminal investigations has been used as a pretext to delay the progress of proceedings for reparations in civil courts.

223. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

224. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group transmitted 16 cases to the Government of Montenegro; of those, 1 case was clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 15 remain outstanding.

Morocco

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
97	0	0	34	0	63

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
14	N/A	7

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

225. The Working Group received five replies from the Government of Morocco, dated 25 and 29 December 2006, 29 January, 7 February and 15 June 2007. In its communication dated 25 December 2007, the Government expressed its commitment to settle the cases of missing persons, the efforts made to elucidate these cases, as well as the difficulties encountered in this process.

226. In the communication dated 29 January 2007, the Government stated that two disappeared men had been handed over to Algerian authorities. In a communication dated 15 June 2007, the Government stated that five victims had reportedly died. The Working Group decided that, in these seven cases, the replies could constitute clarifications, provided the source did not raise an objection within six months. In another case, where a death certificate has not been issued, the response was not considered sufficient to constitute a clarification.

227. At the request of the Government, seven cases were reconsidered. The Working Group decided that the responses were not considered sufficient to constitute a clarification.

Information from sources

228. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

229. Based on information received from the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify 34 cases following the expiration of the six-month rule.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

230. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 248 cases to the Government; of those, 46 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 139 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 63 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

231. The Working Group expresses its appreciation over the large number of cases clarified by the Government of Morocco. The efforts made by the Government should be an example to other countries.

Mozambique

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2	0	0	0	0	2

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

232. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Myanmar

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	4	0	0	0	5

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent action

233. The Working Group sent four cases to the Government of Myanmar under the urgent action procedure, all of which occurred in September 2007. Three cases concern **Po Po Pyi Sone** and her two sisters, **Moe Moe Swe** and **Thida Aung**, who were reportedly arrested by officers from the Security Services in Yangon. The fourth case concerns **Ke Naing Zaw**, who was also arrested by officers from the Security Services.

Information from the Government

234. On 13 July 2007, the Working Group received information from the Government referring to one case. The Government reported that no information regarding the subject's arrest, detention or death had been found in any police station or prison in Myanmar. The Working Group decided that the response was not considered sufficient to constitute a clarification.

Information from sources

235. No information was received from sources concerning the outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

236. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted seven cases to the Government; of those, two have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and five cases remain outstanding.

Observations

237. The Working Group deeply regrets having received cases of disappearances in the context of the worrying situation in the country.

238. The Working Group strongly reminds the Government of its obligations to adopt preventive measures and guarantees of no repetition of enforced disappearances, as well as comprehensive measures to implement the Declaration.

Namibia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

239. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Nepal⁴

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
304	0	21	3	2	320

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	No

Standard cases

240. The Working Group transmitted 21 cases to the Government under the standard procedure. The majority of the cases reportedly took place between 2001 and 2005, mainly in 2002. The subjects included a minor and a woman. Members of the Security Forces, the Nepalese Army and the police are allegedly responsible for these disappearances.

Information from the Government

241. A communication was received from the Government on 5 January 2007, but no new information was provided regarding outstanding cases. The Working Group also received information from the Government of Nepal dated 10 September 2007, concerning one outstanding case. The Government informed the Working Group that the case had been transmitted to the authorities with a request for information.

Information from sources

242. The source replied on two outstanding cases, indicating in one case that the victims had been released, and in another that the victim was no longer disappeared. Concerning another case, the source informed that the National Human Rights Committee transmitted a letter to the subject's family acknowledging that he had been arrested and handed over to the Bhiman Army Barrack.

Request for a visit

243. On 12 May 2006, the Working Group requested a visit to Nepal in order to follow up on the recommendations of its mission in 2004. The Working Group has not yet received a reply.

⁴ See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

Clarifications

244. Based on information received from the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify three cases following the expiration of the six-month rule. In all three cases, the current addresses of the subjects were provided. Based on information received from sources, the Working Group decided to clarify two cases.

General allegation

245. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Indonesia. This information was transmitted to the Government.

246. According to reports, while many people remain disappeared, impunity still prevails for the perpetrators of these crimes. Although some cases of enforced disappearance have been investigated and taken to court by the authorities, no accused perpetrators have been prosecuted.

247. For its part, the army has allegedly failed to provide information about more than 600 cases of Nepalis who were taken into custody by troops and have not been seen since then. The army has also reportedly refused to cooperate with investigations instigated by the national police.

248. It was also reported that an alleged perpetrator of human rights violations was appointed Army Chief of Staff. The allegations against him include enforced disappearances, among other human rights violations. He is under investigation by the High Level Probe Commission, mandated to investigate human rights violations which occurred between 1 February 2005 and 24 April 2006.

249. Finally, it was reported that the amendments to the Army Act, adopted on 22 September 2006, state that no member of the security forces can be prosecuted in any court for actions taken while fulfilling his duty. In addition, decisions made by military tribunals cannot be appealed, and their hearings are to be closed to the public.

250. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

251. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 531 cases to the Government; of those, 79 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 132 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 320 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

252. The Working Group welcomes the cooperation it has received from the Government of Nepal in providing information for the clarification of cases. The Working Group urges the Government to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group following its country visit in 2004.

253. The Working Group reminds the Government of Nepal of its obligations under article 14 of the Declaration “to bring to justice all persons presumed responsible for an act of enforced disappearance”.

254. The Working Group also reminds the Government of its obligations under article 16, paragraph 1, of the Declaration stating that “persons alleged to have committed any acts referred to in article 4, paragraph 1, shall be suspended from any official duties during the investigation”.

255. The Working Group would like to remind the Government of its obligations under article 16 of the Declaration that persons “shall be tried only by the competent ordinary courts in each State, and not by any other special tribunal, in particular military courts”.

256. The Working Group reaffirms its request to the Government of Nepal for a country visit aimed at clarifying the 320 outstanding cases.

Nicaragua

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
103	0	0	0	0	103

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

257. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

258. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Request for a visit

259. Following a decision of the Working Group at the seventy-eighth session, a request for a visit as part of a four-country initiative in Central America was sent to the Government of Nicaragua on 23 May 2006. The Government has not yet replied.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

260. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 234 cases to the Government; of those, 19 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 112 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 103 cases remain outstanding.

Observation

261. The Working Group encourages the Government to extend the invitation requested to conduct a mission, in completion of the mission conducted to three other Central American countries, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

262. The Working Group reminds Nicaragua of its obligations under the Declaration to conduct investigations to determine the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared.

Nigeria⁵

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	1	0	0

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

263. No information was received by the Government.

Information from sources

264. No information was received from sources.

⁵ In accordance with the practice of the Working Group, J. `Bayo Adekanye did not participate in the decisions relating to this section of the report.

Clarifications

265. On 2 June 2006, the Government informed the Working Group that a human rights worker who allegedly disappeared in 1998 was currently working in law offices in Lagos. The Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule in this case. Since no new observations were received from the source, this case is considered clarified.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

266. In the past the Working Group has transmitted six cases to the Government. The Working Group has clarified all cases on the basis of information provided by the Government. No cases remain outstanding.

Pakistan⁶

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
77	2	29	14	2	92

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
11	N/A	9

General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

267. The Working Group transmitted two cases under its urgent action procedure to the Government of Pakistan. One case concerned **Muhammad Kazim Bugti**, who was allegedly arrested on 29 November 2006. It is believed that Military Intelligence agencies are responsible for his disappearance. In another case, **Ghulam Mohammad Baloch**, president of Baloch National Movement, was taken away from a football club by the police in December 2006.

⁶ See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

Standard cases

268. The Working Group transmitted to the Government 29 cases under its standard procedure. The majority of these cases reportedly took place in Karachi between June 2005 and September 2006. It is believed that the police and intelligence agencies are responsible for most of these cases.

Information from the Government

269. The Working Group received three communications from the Government dated 22 December 2006, 11 and 16 July 2007. In the first communication, the Government sent information concerning 10 outstanding cases. In one case, the Working Group found that the response did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons. For nine cases, the Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule. The majority of the responses stated that the victims had been released. In one case, the victim's body was given to his family for burial; one family received compensation from the Government for his disappearance; and one man left the country.

270. In a communication dated 16 July 2007, the Government replied on one case which had been previously clarified by the source. The Government reported that the Pakistani authorities had confirmed that he was living at his residence.

Information from sources

271. The Working Group received new information from the sources on two cases, stating that the victims had been released and handed over to their families.

Clarifications

272. Based on information received from the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify 14 cases following the expiration of the six-month rule. In most cases, the current addresses of the subjects were provided. Two cases were clarified based on information provided by the sources.

General allegation

273. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration. This information was transmitted to the Government.

274. According to reports, the higher courts are unable to trace the whereabouts of disappeared persons, since they lack the power to search places of detention controlled by the military. It is also alleged that the right to habeas corpus has been systematically undermined, and in some cases, the courts have ordered that the disappeared persons be produced before the courts, but these orders have reportedly been ignored by the military. In addition, those released are warned not to speak publicly about their experiences in detention. No response was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

275. The Working Group received reports referring to the state of emergency and the potential obstacles that this situation could pose for the implementation of the Declaration. A summary of the general allegation was sent to the Government after the eighty-third session and will be included in the 2008 annual report, as well as any comments received by the Government.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

276. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 116 cases to the Government; of those, 6 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source and 18 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government. There are eight cases under the six-month rule for which the time limit has been temporarily suspended by decision of the Working Group. For two cases, the Working Group decided to suspend the six-month rule. A total of 92 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

277. The Working Group expresses concern over the fact that during the period under review, it received reports on 32 recent cases.

278. On the other hand, the Working Group notes that 14 outstanding cases were clarified, and thanks the Government for its cooperation.

279. The Working Group wishes to remind the Government that, under article 7 of the Declaration, no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances.

Peru

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
2 368	0	0	0	0	2 368

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
1	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	Yes
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

280. The Working Group reviewed a communication from the Government dated 21 December 2006. However, the Working Group decided that the information submitted was insufficient to clarify the outstanding cases.

281. In October 2007, the Working Group received a seven-page communication from the Government. In this communication, the Government provided information on the actions implemented regarding the issue of enforced disappearances in Peru. Mention was made of the Amnesty Law, and the fact that the Peruvian State acknowledged that the Amnesty Law lacked legal effect, and constituted an obstacle for the investigation and punishment of those responsible for the violation of the right to justice and truth. Reference was also made to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to the National Council for Reparations, and to the High-level Cross-Sector Commission in charge of following up on State actions and policies regarding peace, collective reparation and national reconciliation. The communication further referred to Law 28413 on enforced disappearances, which aims at providing family members of victims of enforced disappearance from 1980 to 2000 with the necessary tools for their rights to be acknowledged. In connection with this, the Ombudsman Office may provide the families of the victims with a certificate of absence through enforced disappearance, which enables the family to start pertinent procedures and acknowledges the status of the disappeared person. The Working Group was also informed that during 2004 and 2005, Provincial Prosecutor Offices, Courts and a National Criminal Division were created for the investigation and prosecution of human rights violations, including enforced disappearances.

Information from sources

282. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

General allegation

283. In 2006, information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles allegedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of Peru. This information was transmitted to the Government.

284. In a communication dated 21 December 2006, the Government of Peru responded to the Working Group's general allegation described in the 2006 report (A/HRC/4/41).

285. The Government stated:

“Since the current Minister of Defence was appointed in July 2006, he has ordered the armed forces to provide as much assistance and information as possible to judges and prosecutors in order to clarify any acts in which its personnel may have been involved, and this order is being complied with fully.

“Despite these efforts, it has been impossible in some cases to provide the information requested, because there is no record of the circumstances surrounding the acts in question.

“The use of pseudonyms by armed forces personnel who served in counter-subversion bases is one reason for this. The armed forces have no records of these pseudonyms, as these were a protection mechanism used by all personnel over short periods while undertaking missions. Furthermore, it has been found that the same pseudonym has been used by more than one person. In the case of personnel who served in

counter-subversion bases, the only information that can be provided is that which appears in the personnel records of combat units (which were each responsible for several bases), as the appointment to serve in such a base was made verbally.

“Personnel served in each base for short periods and were then moved to other bases under the responsibility of the combat unit, so that it is impossible to determine at which time they were in each base.

“The Ministry of Defence is working hard to improve its information system, thus demonstrating its commitment to work with the Peruvian justice system to clarify alleged violations of human rights in Peru.”

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

286. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted a total of 3,006 cases to the Government; of those, 385 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 253 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 2,368 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

287. The Working Group welcomes and appreciates the information provided by the Government in the communication received in October 2007, which describes measures that constitute the implementation of some of the provisions of the Declaration. The Working Group encourages the Government to provide information on the fate or whereabouts of the victims that could lead to the clarification of the 2,368 outstanding cases.

Philippines⁷

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
601	3	13	0	2	615

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	2

General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	N/A

⁷ See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

Urgent actions

288. The Working Group transmitted three cases under its urgent action procedure to the Government of the Philippines. **Abner Hizarsa** was arrested on 21 March 2007, and it is believed that the 24th Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army is responsible for his disappearance. In another case, two human rights defenders, **Maria Luisa Dominado** and **Leonido Arado**, were allegedly shot at and taken away by the Philippine Army.

Standard cases

289. The Working Group transmitted 13 newly reported cases of disappearance in the Philippines. One case concerned two men who were reportedly arrested and taken to a military Camp. One case involved two brothers who were reportedly arrested and detained at a military Camp. In three separate cases, three men were arrested by the Philippine Army. Two cases concern a couple who reportedly disappeared on 26 October 2006 in General Santos City. Another case concerns a man who was arrested while he was travelling to San Mateo. The fourth case concerns a man, who was arrested in Cagayan de Oro City. The last case concerns a man who was arrested in April 2007 in Quezon City.

Information from the Government

290. The Government of the Philippines sent five communications to the Working Group. In a communication dated 8 November 2006, regarding efforts undertaken by the Government to implement the recommendations made following the visit to the Philippines by the Working Group in 1991, the Government addressed some of the recommendations, particularly with regards to separating the national police from the army, creating legislation to narrow powers of arrest, facilitating the search for missing persons, and witness protection.

291. In a communication dated 16 January 2007, the Government reported on the investigation of one case. The Working Group found that the response did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person.

292. On 3 April 2007, the Government reported on the investigation of two cases, stating that the victims were safe and in good condition, and that one of them was temporarily staying and helping at the Philippine Army Camp. For these two cases, the Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule.

293. In the two communications dated 30 May 2007 and 7 June 2007, the Government responded saying that investigations were being carried out by the police with regards to three cases of disappearances. The Working Group considered that the information received was not sufficient to clarify the cases.

Information from sources

294. The Working Group received new information from a source regarding three cases. Concerning two cases, the source reported that the victims had escaped their captors and had found sanctuary. In a third case, the subject's body was never found and the case was resolved by the Ombudsman as unlawful arrest and violation of domicile.

Clarification

295. Two cases were clarified based on information provided by the sources.

General allegation

296. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration. This information was transmitted to the Government.

297. According to reports, the absence of an appropriate legal framework on enforced disappearances is denying victims and their families the possibility to seek justice and redress. Reportedly, no government agencies exist to help locate the disappeared, and police authorities have no jurisdiction or lack the capability to investigate the cases of disappearances.

298. When non-governmental organizations try to assist the families of the victims by going to police stations and military camps to inquire about the disappeared, they are reportedly either harassed or not welcomed by the police and the military.

299. No response was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Request for a visit

300. On 24 May 2006, the Working Group requested to undertake a mission to the Philippines. No response has been received from the Government.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

301. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 774 cases to the Government; of those, 35 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 124 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 615 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

302. The Working Group is deeply concerned about the newly reported cases in the Philippines. The Working Group encourages the Government to take steps to clarify outstanding cases, and reminds the Government of its obligations under the Declaration to prevent and to terminate all acts of enforced disappearance and to prosecute alleged perpetrators.

303. The Working Group express its appreciation for the information submitted by the Government of the Philippines regarding the efforts undertaken to address the recommendations made by the Working Group to the Government following its visit in 1990. The Working Group regrets that the information did not address all recommendations, and welcomes any further information on the pending recommendations.

304. The Working Group reminds the Government of its obligation under article 4 of the Declaration to make all acts of enforced disappearance “offences under criminal law punishable by appropriate penalties which shall take into account their extreme seriousness”, and its

obligations under article 13, paragraph 5, of the Declaration, to take steps to ensure that any ill-treatment, intimidation, reprisal or any other form of interference on the occasion of the lodging of a complaint or during the investigation procedure is appropriately punished.

305. The Working Group reaffirms its request to the Government of the Philippines for a country visit aimed at clarifying the 615 outstanding cases.

Russian Federation

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
454	2	1	0	0	457

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)	
7	N/A	0	
General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes (2005)	Government response	Yes

Urgent actions

306. Two cases were sent to the Government of the Russian Federation under the urgent action procedure. One case concerned **Ibragim Gazdiev**, an ethnic Ingush who was allegedly arrested in Karabulak by law enforcement officials and members of the Federal Security Service. The other case concerned **Abdulaziz Murodullayevich Boymatov**, who was allegedly arrested in the District Department of Internal Affairs of the Nizhneserginsk region, Sverdlovsk district of the Russian Federation, by the Uzbek National Security Service and Interior Ministry officials, as well as by Russian police officers from the District Department of Internal Affairs of the Nizhneserginsk region, Sverdlovsk district, and an agent of Sverdlovsk district Federal Migration Service Administration. In accordance with its methods of work, the Working Group sent a copy of this case to the Government of Uzbekistan.

Standard cases

307. The Working Group transmitted one reported case of disappearance to the Government. The case concerns **Khatuev Sultan Akhoevich** who was reportedly taken from his house by men in military uniforms.

Information from the Government

308. The Working Group received seven communications from the Government of the Russian Federation. In the communications dated 26 July, 16 August, 18 September and 5 December 2006, and 25 May, 14 August and 19 September 2007, the Russian Federation provided additional information on outstanding cases of enforced disappearance. However, the

Working Group decided that the information submitted was insufficient to clarify the outstanding cases. The last two communications could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

309. Information was received from sources regarding two outstanding cases. The source presented many questions to the Working Group regarding the investigations undertaken by the Russian Federation authorities, which were transmitted to the Government. Sources also replied to a case concerning a 34-year-old Armenian citizen, stating that they believe the disappeared is being held in a psychiatric hospital in Chekhov.

General allegation

310. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles allegedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration. This information was transmitted to the Government.

311. NGOs alleged that impunity for cases of enforced disappearances in Chechnya continues to prevail. The Working Group was informed that, although the public prosecutor's office has opened investigations in thousands of cases of enforced disappearance, NGOs are aware of only a handful of cases in which a State official has actually been prosecuted, and in no case has a State official been prosecuted for the enforced disappearance itself.

312. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Request for a visit

313. The Working Group proposed September 2007 for a country visit to the Russian Federation, following prior agreement in principle by the Government for the visit. However, the Government transmitted a communication on 6 February 2007, reaffirming its agreement in principle to receive a visit, but stating that the proposed date would no longer be possible; the visit could take place once the review of special procedures mandates was completed by the Human Rights Council.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

314. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 468 cases to the Government; of those, 10 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 1 case has been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 457 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

315. The Working Group encourages the Government to respond to its general allegation letter and to take steps to clarify outstanding cases, including the large number of unresolved cases

arising from the conflicts in the northern Caucasus. The Working Group reiterates to the Government its obligation under the Declaration to prevent and to terminate all acts of enforced disappearance and to prosecute alleged perpetrators.

316. The Working Group regrets that dates have not been set to visit the country, and would like to receive an invitation, regardless of the Human Rights Council's completion of the review of mandates.

317. The Working Group continues to be concerned about suspension of investigations in disappearance cases and wishes to remind the Government of its obligations to conduct thorough and impartial investigations "for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified", in accordance with article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration.

Rwanda

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Discontinued cases	Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources		
22	0	0	0	0	1	21

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	No	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

318. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

319. Information was received from sources concerning the case of a man who disappeared in 2003 in Kigali. He had been a member of the National Assembly until it was dissolved in May 2003. In 2003, the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union adopted a resolution on this case, which it continues to follow.

Discontinuation of cases

320. Over the years, the Working Group has made numerous attempts to contact the source of the one outstanding case, but to no avail. The Working Group decided, in accordance with its methods of work, to discontinue consideration of this case. The Working Group believes that it no longer has a useful role to play in trying to elucidate the whereabouts of the person concerned, as no follow-up can be given to the case. It can be reopened at any time if presented again to the Working Group.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

321. In the past, the Working Group has transmitted 24 cases to the Government; of those, 2 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the sources, 1 case has been discontinued, and 21 cases remain outstanding.

Saudi Arabia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	1	1	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

322. The Working Group transmitted one urgent action to the Government of Saudi Arabia. The case concerned **Abdul Hakim Gellani**, a British citizen who was arrested at a hotel in Mecca.

Standard cases

323. The Working Group transmitted one newly reported case to the Government, concerning **Ibrahim Ahmed Abdelatif**, who was allegedly arrested by security forces in 2005.

Information from the Government

324. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

325. Information was received from sources concerning two outstanding cases. Regarding the case of **Abdul Hakim Gellani**, the source reported that the authorities acknowledged his arrest, but failed to indicate the place of detention. On another case, the source reported that the person was allegedly arrested by the United States Army and was imprisoned in Iraq.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

326. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted six cases to the Government; of those, one case has been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, two cases were discontinued, and three cases remain outstanding.

Serbia

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
1	0	0	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

327. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Seychelles

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

328. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Spain

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

329. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country prior to the period under review appears in the 2006 report (A/HCR/4/41).

Sri Lanka⁸

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
5 749	37	107	1	0	5 516 ⁹

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
4	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	No
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	Yes

Urgent actions

330. The Working Group sent 37 cases under its urgent action procedure to the Government of Sri Lanka. The majority of these cases concerned males aged between 22 and 56. One case concerned a female victim and one case concerned a 16-year-old male. Eleven cases occurred in Jaffna and 19 in Colombo. The Sri Lankan Army and the Criminal Investigation Department were allegedly responsible for a large number of these cases. Other possible perpetrators include the Sri Lankan security forces, the police, and the Karuna Group.

⁸ See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

⁹ The Working Group determined that 378 outstanding cases were duplications and were subsequently deleted.

Standard cases

331. The Working Group also transmitted 107 cases to the Government under its standard procedure. The majority of the cases took place between January 2006 and April 2007. Most cases concerned males between 20 and 35, although one case concerned a pregnant female, and two cases concerned minors. Seven cases concern humanitarian aid workers, and two concern fishermen. The Sri Lankan Army, the Police and the Criminal Investigation Department were allegedly responsible for most of these cases. The vast majority of cases occurred in Colombo, although several cases of disappearances also occurred in Jaffna, Vavuniya, and Wellawatta.

Information from the Government

332. The Government transmitted two communications to the Working Group. In a communication dated 17 January 2007, the Government requested further information on three outstanding cases in order to launch proper investigations.

333. In a communication dated 26 April 2007, the Government replied on a case regarding a priest who disappeared in August 2006. The Government stated that the case had been placed before the Commission of Inquiry and the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons. In addition, the Government informed that a body presumed to be that of the priest's had been discovered in March 2007, and that arrangements had been made to conduct the necessary forensic examinations.

Information from sources

334. The source provided additional information on two outstanding cases. Concerning one case which reportedly took place in June 2006, the source informed that a police officer approached the subject's family and unofficially acknowledged that the victim had been killed by Security Forces.

Clarifications

335. Following the expiration of the six-month rule, the Working Group decided to clarify the case of a man who disappeared in 1989.

Meetings

336. The Working Group met with representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka in March to discuss outstanding cases and the request for a visit to Sri Lanka.

General allegation

337. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles reportedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration. This information was transmitted to the Government.

338. According to the reports, there is a growing culture of impunity for perpetrators of enforced disappearance, as the Government is not taking effective steps to bring rising numbers of disappearances under control. The path to achieving justice for the victims and their families is reportedly long and arduous, with delays and interferences by high officials in investigations and inquiries, as well as threats to witnesses and family members.

339. The Government's announcement that it would invite an international commission to inquire into recent killings, disappearances and abductions in Sri Lanka promised to be a very important initiative. Nevertheless, announcements that the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons would only observe the work of the national Commission of Inquiry cast doubt on whether the International Group will be perceived as credible and independent by all sectors of society.

340. No response was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Request for a visit

341. On 16 October 2006, the Working Group requested to undertake a mission to Sri Lanka in early 2007. The Government replied, stating that it would not be possible to schedule a visit for the Working Group during the requested period due to the planned visits of other special procedure mandates, but that the interest of the Working Group would be noted and given due consideration.

342. At the meeting held by the Working Group with representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka during the fourth session of the Human Rights Council, efforts were made to arrange the dates for the visit.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

343. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 12,463 cases to the Government; of those, 39 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 6,530 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 378 cases were found to be duplications by the Working Group and were therefore deleted, and 5,516 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

344. The Working Group is gravely concerned at the increase in reported cases of recent enforced disappearances in the country. The Working Group is particularly concerned about the new worrying trend concerning recently reported cases in Colombo, in addition to the cases that have reportedly occurred in Jaffna, which seem to indicate a widespread pattern of disappearances in the country.

345. The Working Group is also concerned that many other cases may be occurring in the country and are not being reported because of fear of reprisals.

346. The Working Group thanks the Government for the reply to its request for a country visit, and looks forward to receiving proposed dates as soon as possible.

347. The Working Group encourages the Government to report on the further implementation of the recommendations emanating from the Working Group visits in 1991, 1992 and 1999.

348. The Working Group reminds the Government of Sri Lanka of its obligations under article 3 of the Declaration to “take effective legislative, administrative, judicial or other measures to prevent and terminate acts of enforced disappearance in any territory under its jurisdiction”.

Sudan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
163	0	14	5	0	172

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes (in 2005)	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

349. The Working Group transmitted 14 reported cases of disappearance to the Government. All missing persons were arrested in Gereida in September 2006 by the Minni Minnawi faction acting in cooperation with the Government.

Information from the Government

350. A communication was sent by the Government on 29 June 2006 in which authorities stated that additional information on outstanding cases would be sent as soon as possible to the Working Group.

Information from sources

351. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

352. On 24 August 2006, the Government sent a communication to the Working Group regarding 12 cases. In five cases, the Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule. Since no new observations were received from the source, these cases were clarified.

Request for a visit

353. Following a decision of the Working Group, a request for a visit was sent to the Government of the Sudan on 20 December 2005. The Working Group has not yet received a reply.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

354. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 381 cases to the Government; of those, 4 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 205 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 172 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

355. The Working Group is concerned about the increased number of reported cases of disappearances in the Sudan.

356. The Working Group expresses concern about the possibility of underreporting of cases that may be happening in other parts of the country, including Darfur.

357. The Working Group also reiterates its request for an invitation from the Government of the Sudan to conduct a country visit so as to assist the Government in preventing disappearances and in clarifying the 174 outstanding cases.

Syrian Arab Republic

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
16	0	3	1	1	18 (see paragraph 359)

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

358. The Working Group transmitted three cases to the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic. **Abdel-Nasser Khor Al-Masri** and **Mohamed Ali Abdel-Rahman** were reportedly arrested in Lebanon by Lebanese Army Intelligence officers, Syrian Intelligence Service officers, and the Syrian Army. The third case concerns **Dany Mansourati**, who was allegedly arrested by Syrian Intelligence Service officers in Syria. All victims are reportedly detained in prisons in Syria.

359. The Working Group transmitted a case to the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic that had been originally transmitted to the Government of Jordan. According to the information received from the source, the subject was last seen at a prison in Syria in 1997. According to the Working Group's methods of work, the case will be deleted from Jordan's statistics and transferred to Syria, where the person was reportedly last seen.

360. According to the Working Group's methods of work, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic received a copy of the case concerning **Elias Emile Al-Harmouch**, who was allegedly arrested in Beirut by the Syrian Intelligence Service.

Information from the Government

361. The Working Group received two communications from the Government, both dated 10 July 2006. The Working Group decided that, in one case, the reply had sufficient information on the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person and could constitute clarifications, provided the source did not raise an objection within six months. The Working Group decided that the information provided for two cases was not sufficient to clarify the cases.

Information from sources

362. Responses were received from sources regarding three outstanding cases. In one case, the source stated that the subject was released from prison and is currently living in Lebanon. On another case, the source reported that no new information had been provided to the subject's family regarding his fate or whereabouts.

363. The Working Group received new information from the source on one case which had been sent to the Government of Jordan. The source informed that the subject was seen at the Tadmour and Said Nayyeh (Sednaya) prisons in the Syrian Arab Republic in 1997. According to the Working Group's methods of work, the case will be transferred to Syria, where the person was reportedly last seen.

Clarifications

364. Based on information received from the Government, the Working Group decided to clarify one case following the expiration of the six-month rule. In this case, the Government provided the location of the place of detention.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

365. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 44 cases to the Government; of those, 14 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 12 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 18 cases remain outstanding.

Tajikistan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
6	0	0	0	0	6

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
6	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

366. The Government sent one response on 5 June 2007 concerning the six outstanding cases, where it indicated that investigations had been suspended. The Working Group decided that the information provided was not sufficient to clarify the cases.

Information from sources

367. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

368. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted eight cases to the Government; of those, two cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source and six cases remain outstanding.

Observations

369. The Working Group continues to be concerned about the suspension of investigations in disappearance cases and wishes to remind the Government of its obligations to conduct thorough and impartial investigations “for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified”, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration.

Thailand¹⁰

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
36	0	12	0	0	48

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
2	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

370. The Working Group transmitted 12 newly reported cases of disappearance to the Government of Thailand. The majority of these cases took place between 2004 and 2005 in Pattani and Yala Provinces.

Information from the Government

371. The Working Group received two communications from the Government, dated 5 February and 21 March 2007 concerning two outstanding cases. The Working Group found that the responses did not contain sufficient information to clarify the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons.

Information from sources

372. The Working Group received new information from the source on one case concerning a human rights lawyer. The source informed about the several legal steps taken in the pursuit of justice for his disappearance.

Meetings

373. Representatives of the Government of Thailand met with the Working Group at its eighty-third session to discuss developments connected to its outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

374. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 51 cases to the Government; of those, 1 case was clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, 2 cases were discontinued, and 48 cases remain outstanding.

¹⁰ See annex V for the list of names of the newly reported cases of disappeared persons.

Timor-Leste

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
425	0	0	0	0	425

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	Yes	Government response	No

Information from the Government

375. No communication has ever been received by the Working Group from the Government of Timor-Leste regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

376. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Request for a visit

377. On 12 December 2006, the Working Group requested to undertake a mission to Timor-Leste either in late 2007 or early 2008, in order to facilitate the clarification of outstanding cases. No response has been received from the Government.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

378. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 501 cases to the Government of the day; of those, 18 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 58 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government of Indonesia and 425 cases remain outstanding. The Working Group has copied these cases to the Government of Indonesia.

Observations

379. The Working Group encourages the Government of Timor-Leste, in cooperation with the Government of Indonesia, to communicate with the Working Group to further the clarification of the 425 outstanding cases.

380. The Working Group reaffirms its request to the Government of Timor-Leste for a country visit aimed at clarifying the 425 outstanding cases.

Togo

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
10	0	0	0	0	10

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

381. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Corr.1).

Turkey

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Discontinued cases	Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources		
83	0	0	12	0	1	70

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
17	Yes	5

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

382. The Working Group reviewed two communications from the Government of Turkey dated 29 January and 9 May 2007. In both communications, the Government of Turkey provided death certificates related to five cases, to which the Working Group decided to apply the six-month rule.

383. The Government also replied in 12 other cases, concerning people having disappeared between 1991 and 2001. Most of the replies indicated that investigations by local authorities were ongoing. In several cases, the Government indicated that the Prosecutor had concluded that the cases fell under the jurisdiction of military courts. The Working Group decided that the responses were considered insufficient to clarify the cases.

Information from sources

384. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

385. The Working Group decided to clarify 12 cases where the six-month rule had been previously applied. Since no new observations were received from the source, these cases are now considered clarified.

Discontinuation of cases

386. The Working Group decided, in accordance with its method of work, to discontinue consideration of one case. The Working Group has made numerous attempts to contact the source, but to no avail. The Working Group believes that it no longer has a useful role to play in trying to elucidate the whereabouts of the person involved, as no follow-up can be given to the case. The case can be reopened at any time if presented again to the Working Group.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

387. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 181 cases to the Government; of those, 49 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 61 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 1 case has been discontinued. For 3 cases, the Working Group decided to suspend the six-month rule. A total of 70 cases remain outstanding.

Observations

388. The Working Group would like to remind the Government that according to article 16 of the Declaration “persons alleged to have committed any of the acts referred to in article 4, paragraph 1, of the Declaration, shall be tried only by the competent ordinary courts in each State, and not by any other special tribunal, in particular military courts”.

Uganda

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
15	0	0	0	0	15

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

389. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Ukraine

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	0

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

390. On 7 June 2007, the Government of Ukraine transmitted one communication to the Working Group, concerning the three persons who reportedly disappeared together in 1995. However, the Working Group decided that the Government response was insufficient to constitute clarifications.

Information from sources

391. No information was received from the sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

392. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted four cases to the Government; of those, one case has been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and three cases remain outstanding.

United Arab Emirates

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
0	0	1	0	0	1

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Standard cases

393. The Working Group transmitted to the Government of the United Arab Emirates the case of **Abdullah Sultan al-Subaihat**, who was reportedly arrested at the Agricultural Administration Department in the Emirate of Ajman. State Security Forces are allegedly responsible for his disappearance.

Information from the Government

394. No new information was received from the Government regarding the outstanding case.

Information from sources

395. No new information was received from sources regarding the outstanding case.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

396. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted two cases to the Government; of those, one was clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and one case remains outstanding.

United States of America

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
0	0	0	0	0	0

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	Yes	Government response	Yes
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

General allegation

397. Information was submitted by NGOs to the Working Group concerning obstacles allegedly encountered in the implementation of the Declaration by the Government of the United States of America. This information was transmitted to the Government.

398. It was reported that, on 6 September 2006, the President of the United States of America, Mr. George W. Bush, stated that the United States runs a system of secret detention in the “War on Terror”. However, according to the information received, United States authorities have not disclosed how many individuals were secretly detained. The Government of the United States has reportedly constructed a wide-ranging detention system for terrorism suspects. It is alleged that this system includes detention in secret United States-controlled detention facilities outside the United States.

399. No reply was received from the Government regarding this general allegation.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

400. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group transmitted one case to the Government and that case was clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government. No cases remain outstanding.

Observations

401. The Working Group remains concerned about the continuing policy and practice of rendition by the United States of America. The Working Group reminds the Government of its observations contained in the 2006 annual report, in light of articles 1, paragraph 2 (right to life, liberty, recognition before the law and the right not to be subject to torture), 2 (right not to be disappeared), 7 (no circumstances, whether a threat of war, a state of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances), 8 (right to non-refoulement), 9 (right to a prompt and effective judicial remedy) and 10 (right to be held in an officially recognized place of detention and to be brought before a judicial authority promptly after detention) of the Declaration, which reflect generally accepted norms of international human rights law.

Uruguay

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
22	0	0	0	0	22

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

402. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2006 annual report (A/HRC/4/41).

Uzbekistan

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
13	0	0	6	0	7

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
7	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Urgent actions

403. According to the Working Group's methods of work, the Government of Uzbekistan received a copy of the case concerning **Abdulaziz Murodullayevich Boymatov**, who was allegedly arrested in the Sverdlovsk district of the Russian Federation by the Uzbek National Security Service and Interior Ministry officials, as well as by Russian police officers, and an agent of the Sverdlovsk district's Federal Migration Service Administration. The case was sent to the Government of the Russian Federation.

Information from the Government

404. The Government of Uzbekistan sent two communications to the Working Group, dated 29 May and 18 September 2007. The latter could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

405. In the communication dated 29 May 2007, the Government reported that all measures were being taken in order to find the possible whereabouts of the subjects in seven outstanding cases. The Working Group decided that the Government's response was insufficient to constitute clarifications for the outstanding cases.

Information from sources

406. No new information was received from sources concerning outstanding cases.

Clarifications

407. The Working Group also decided to clarify six cases in which the six-month rule had been previously applied.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

408. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 19 cases to the Government; of those, 1 case has been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 11 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 7 cases remain outstanding.

Venezuela

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
10	0	0	0	0	10

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

409. One communication was received from the Government of Venezuela on 1 June 2007. However, this communication could not be translated by the United Nations translation services in time for consideration by the Working Group for inclusion in the present report.

Information from sources

410. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

411. In previous years and during the period under review, the Working Group has transmitted 14 cases to the Government; of those, 4 cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government and 10 cases remain outstanding.

Yemen

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
73	0	0	73	0	0

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

412. No information was received from the Government regarding outstanding cases.

Information from sources

413. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Clarifications

414. During the period under review, the Working Group clarified the 73 outstanding cases of disappearances transmitted to the Government of Yemen, on the basis of information provided by the Government, following the expiration of the six-month rule.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

415. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted 150 cases to the Government; of those, 1 case has been clarified on the basis of information provided by the source, 135 cases have been clarified on the basis of information provided by the Government, and 14 cases have been discontinued. No cases remain outstanding.

Zimbabwe

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
3	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

Information from the Government

416. The Working Group examined two communications sent by the Government on 7 May 2007, and 8 August 2007 concerning the three outstanding cases. Regarding one case, the Government reported that the four people who had been charged with his murder had been acquitted. In the case of a 20-year-old woman alleged to have disappeared with her infant son on 1 April 1986, the Government reported that there were no records of the mother's case. The Government informed that these two cases are now closed. The Working Group decided that the Government information was insufficient to clarify these cases.

Information from sources

417. No information was received from sources regarding outstanding cases.

Total cases transmitted, clarified and outstanding

418. In previous years and during the year under review, the Working Group has transmitted a total of four cases to the Government; of those, one case was clarified by the Government and three cases remain outstanding.

Observations

419. The Working Group reminds the Government of its obligations to conduct thorough and impartial investigations "for as long as the fate of the victim of enforced disappearance remains unclarified", in accordance with article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration.

Palestinian Authority

Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the period under review		Cases clarified during the period under review by:		Number of outstanding cases at the end of the year under review
	Cases sent under the urgent action procedure	Cases sent under the standard procedure	Government	Non-governmental sources	
3	0	0	0	0	3

Number of cases on which the Government has replied	Multiple replies on some cases	Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)
0	N/A	N/A

General allegation	N/A	Government response	N/A
Prompt intervention letter	N/A	Government response	N/A
Working Group request for a visit	N/A	Government response	N/A

420. There was no activity during the period under review. A summary of the situation in the country appears in the 2005 report (E/CN.4/2006/56).

IV. AREAS OF CONCERN, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

421. In 2007, the Working Group transmitted 629 newly reported cases of disappearance to 29 Governments, 84 of which allegedly occurred during 2007. The Working Group used the urgent action procedure for 65 of these cases, which allegedly occurred within the three months preceding the receipt of the report by the Working Group. During the reporting period, the Working Group was able to clarify 224 cases of disappearance. The Working Group discontinued 6 cases. The Working Group is grateful for the cooperation received from a number of Governments. Nevertheless, it remains concerned that, of the 78 States with outstanding cases, some Governments (Burundi, Guinea, Israel, Mozambique, Namibia and Seychelles, as well as the Palestinian Authority), have never replied to the Working Group's communications. Some Governments provide responses that do not contain relevant information. The Working Group urges those Governments to fulfil their obligations under the Declaration, the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and its successor, the Human Rights Council. The cooperation of Governments is indispensable to discovering the fate or whereabouts of disappeared persons around the globe.

422. The Working Group is still very concerned about the phenomenon of underreporting. The Working Group considers that cases of disappearances are happening in certain parts of the world, without being reported to the Working Group. This is owing to a variety of reasons, including that in a number of countries, particularly in those which have been through internal armed conflict, national institutions, including the judicial system, as well as security forces have collapsed. The underreporting phenomenon may also be due to conditions of poverty, lack of effective civil society organizations and activities, policies limiting the activities of NGOs, harassment of human rights defenders, prosecutors and judges, families and victims of disappearances. The Working Group strongly urges States to establish solid legal frameworks that guarantee NGOs to undertake their work freely.

423. In various cases, countries that have gone through or are going through a difficult situation of internal disorder or with high rates of criminality, sometimes use the armed forces to undertake police activities, under the excuse that the police forces are incapable of coping with the maintenance of public order. The Working Group is convinced that the duties of the armed forces are different from those of the police force. In a large number of cases of reported disappearances worldwide, the armed forces themselves are reported to be responsible for the disappearances.

424. **The Working Group received information from a number of countries indicating that the investigating authorities are themselves part of the military forces. In addition, trials are being held before military tribunals, contrary to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Declaration. The Working Group finds that this does not guarantee the independence of the investigations or the impartiality of the courts, particularly when the presumed perpetrator is part of the military.**

425. **The Working Group received information that in some cases, investigations were suspended or closed, producing a situation that gives rise to impunity, in contradiction to article 18 of the Declaration. Governments are reminded of their obligations under article 13, paragraph 6, of the Declaration, which provides that investigations should be able to be conducted for as long as the fate of the victim remains unclarified.**

426. **In the same vein, the Working Group received allegations concerning the enactment or existence of amnesty laws. These laws not only have granted the benefit of grace to presumed perpetrators of grave human rights violations, including disappearances, but also exclude the possibility to conduct investigations that could lead to the fair implementation of justice and the right to truth. On the other hand, the Working Group also received reports on countries where laws of this nature have been declared invalid, an action that the Working Group considers highly commendable.**

427. **During this year, the Working Group adopted an important general comment intended to give an interpretation of the definition of enforced disappearance that is most conducive to the protection of the victims and their families. One of the issues highlighted by the general comment, which is a main concern to the Working Group, is the practice of short-term disappearances. Under international human rights law, if a detention, even if short-term, is followed by an extrajudicial execution, it is considered an enforced disappearance proper, as long as such deprivation of liberty was carried out by governmental agents or private individuals acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, and, subsequent to the detention, or even after the execution was carried out, the Government refuses to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the victim or refuses to acknowledge the act having been perpetrated at all.**

428. **The Working Group received reports of the enactment of legislation in a number of countries which weakens guarantees of due process and personal freedom, as part of the strategy against terrorism. The Working Group also received allegations of persons being arrested and kept in secret detention centres, sometimes in a country different from the country where they were arrested, and where they may be allegedly tortured. In many instances, their whereabouts remain unknown for a prolonged period of time. The Working Group reminds Governments to comply with their obligations under the Declaration, particularly with regards to articles 7 (no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances), 8 (no State shall expel, return (refouler) or extradite a person to another State where there are substantial grounds to believe that s/he would be in danger of enforced disappearance), 9 (right of all persons deprived of their liberty to a prompt and effective judicial remedy), and 10 (any person deprived of liberty shall be held in an officially recognized place of detention, accurate information on the**

detention and transfer of such persons should be made promptly available to their families and counsel, and an official up-to-date register of detainees must be available in every place of detention).

429. The Working Group reiterates that, in many cases where disappearances arise from conditions of armed conflict not of an international character, the way to an enduring and sustainable solution is for the international community to take concerted action aimed at tackling the root causes that give rise to such internal situations. It is crucial that early warning indicators pointing to the occurrence of or potential for disappearances be monitored with a view to preventing this phenomenon. The Working Group is convinced that well-thought-out policies and actions directed at breaking the vicious cycle of increasing poverty that gives rise to conflict are among the essential preventive measures to consider in this regard.

430. The preventive measures noted above are particularly aimed at democratizing the structures of governance, making human rights the cornerstone of public policy, and empowering civil society organizations to act as watchdogs. Governments should take steps to create and support specific bodies and institutions charged with addressing disappearances.

431. The principles of the Declaration should be disseminated through the mass media for the purpose of public education.

432. These principles, along with all other human rights norms, should be incorporated in the curriculum of the police academies and training programmes of security forces.

433. The Working Group reiterates its encouragement to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to promote the Declaration and to include in its programme of technical cooperation the strengthening of national capacities for the prevention and eradication of disappearances.

V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

434. At the eighty-third session, on 30 November 2007, the present report was adopted by the members of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. Expert member Stephen J. Toope (Canada) was unable to attend this session.

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ANNEXES

Annex I

REVISED METHODS OF WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP (adopted on 30 November 2007)

Mandate

1. The Working Group's methods of work are based on its mandate, as stipulated originally in Commission on Human Rights resolution 20 (XXXVI) and as developed by the Commission in numerous further resolutions. The parameters of its work are laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, the International Bill of Human Rights, Economic and Social Council resolution 1235 (XLI) and the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/133 of 18 December 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "the Declaration").

Definition of enforced disappearance

2. As defined in the preambular part of the Declaration, enforced disappearances occur when persons are arrested, detained or abducted against their will or otherwise deprived of their liberty by officials of different branches or levels of Government or by organized groups or private individuals acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, followed by a refusal to disclose the fate or whereabouts of the persons concerned or a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of their liberty, which places such persons outside the protection of the law. Enforced disappearance has been defined as a crime against humanity in article 7 (1) (i) of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Basic mandate

3. The basic mandate of the Working Group is humanitarian in nature, aimed at assisting families in determining the fate and whereabouts of their missing relatives who, having disappeared, are placed outside the protection of the law. To this end, the Working Group endeavours to establish a channel of communication between the families and the Governments concerned, with a view to ensuring that sufficiently documented and clearly identified individual cases which families, directly or indirectly, have brought to the Group's attention are investigated with a view to clarifying the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons.

The Declaration

4. In addition to its original mandate, the Working Group has been entrusted by the General Assembly, the former Commission on Human Rights and its successor, the Human Rights Council, with various tasks. In particular, the Working Group is to monitor States' compliance with their obligations deriving from the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and to provide to Governments assistance in its implementation. States are under an obligation to take effective measures to prevent and terminate acts of enforced disappearance by making them continuing offences under criminal law and establishing civil liability of those responsible. The Declaration also refers to the right to a prompt and effective judicial remedy, as well as unhampered access of national authorities to all places of

detention, the right to habeas corpus, the maintenance of centralized registers of all places of detention, the duty to investigate fully all alleged cases of disappearance, the duty to try alleged perpetrators of acts of disappearance before ordinary (not military) courts, the exemption of the criminal offence of acts of enforced disappearances from statutes of limitation, special amnesty laws and similar measures leading to impunity.

5. The Working Group reminds the Governments of these obligations not only in the context of clarifying individual cases but also that of taking action of a more general nature. It draws the attention of Governments and non-governmental organizations to general or specific aspects of the Declaration, it recommends ways of overcoming obstacles to the realization of the Declaration, it discusses with representatives of Governments and non-governmental organizations how to solve specific problems in the light of the Declaration, it assists Governments by carrying out on-the-spot visits, organizing seminars and providing similar advisory services. The Working Group also makes observations on the implementation of the Declaration when the concerned Government has not fulfilled its obligations related to the rights to truth, justice and reparation. The Working Group adopts general comments whenever it considers that a provision of the Declaration requires further clarification or interpretation.

Admissibility of reports on disappearances

6. Reports on disappearances are considered admissible by the Working Group when they originate from the family or friends of the missing person. Such reports may, however, be channelled to the Working Group through representatives of the family, Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other reliable sources. They must be submitted in writing with a clear indication of the identity of the sender; if the source is other than a family member, it must be in a position to follow up with the relatives of the disappeared person concerning his or her fate.

7. The Working Group does not deal with situations of international armed conflict.

Elements for admissibility

8. In order to enable Governments to carry out meaningful investigations, the Working Group provides them with information containing at least a minimum of basic data. In addition, the Working Group constantly urges the senders of reports to furnish as many details as possible concerning the identity of the disappeared person and the circumstances of the disappearance. The Group requires the following minimum elements:

(a) Full name of the missing person and, if possible, age, gender, nationality, and occupation or profession;

(b) Date of disappearance, i.e. day, month and year of arrest or abduction, or day, month and year when the disappeared person was last seen. When the disappeared person was last seen in a detention centre, an approximate indication is sufficient (for example, March or spring 1990);

(c) Place of arrest or abduction, or where the disappeared person was last seen (indication of town or village, at least);

(d) Parties presumed to have carried out the arrest or abduction or to be holding the disappeared person in unacknowledged detention;

(e) Steps taken by the family to determine the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person, or at least an indication that efforts to resort to domestic remedies were frustrated or have otherwise been inconclusive;

(f) A case should be submitted to the Working Group by a reliable source, which, if other than a family member, must indicate whether the reported victim's family has given their direct consent that this case be submitted to the Working Group on their behalf.

9. If a case is not admitted, the Working Group sends a response to the source indicating that the information received did not fulfil the established requirements, in order to permit the source to provide all relevant information.

Communication with Governments

10. In transmitting cases of disappearance, the Working Group deals exclusively with Governments, basing itself on the principle that Governments must assume responsibility for any violation of human rights on their territory.

Perpetrators

11. The Working Group operates on the basis that, and in accordance with the definition contained in the Preamble of the Declaration, for purposes of its work, enforced disappearances are only considered as such when the act in question is perpetrated by State actors or by private individuals or organized groups (e.g. paramilitary groups) acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government. Based on the above, the Working Group does not admit cases when they are attributed to persons or groups not acting on behalf of, or with the support, direct or indirect, consent or acquiescence of the Government, such as terrorist or insurgent movements fighting the Government in its own territory.

Standard procedure

12. Reported cases of disappearances are placed before the Working Group for detailed examination during its sessions. Those which fulfil the requirements outlined above are transmitted, upon the Working Group's specific authorization, to the Governments concerned with the request that they carry out investigations and inform the Working Group about the results. These cases are communicated by letter from the Working Group's Chairperson to the Government concerned through the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

13. Any substantive additional information which the sources submit on an outstanding case is placed before the Working Group and, following its approval, transmitted to the Government concerned. If the additional information received amounts to a clarification of the case, the Government is informed immediately without awaiting the Group's next session.

Urgent appeals

14. Cases that have occurred within the three months preceding receipt of the report by the Working Group are transmitted directly to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the country concerned by the most direct and rapid means. Their transmission can be authorized by the Chairman on the basis of a specific delegation of power given to him by the Working Group. Cases which occurred prior to the three-month limit, but not more than one year before the date of their receipt by the Secretariat, provided that they had some connection with a case which occurred within the three-month period, can be transmitted between sessions by letter, upon authorization by the Chairman. The Working Group provides the source with a copy of the summary of each urgent action, thus helping it to enter into communication with the authorities on the case concerned.

Pregnancy

15. In the case of the disappearance of a pregnant woman, the child presumed to have been born during the mother's captivity should be mentioned in the description of the case of the mother. The child would be treated as a separate case when witnesses reported that the mother had actually given birth to a child during detention.

Situations of vulnerability

16. With respect to reported cases of disappearances, the Working Group highlights the condition of people in situations of vulnerability, including women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

Cases concerning two or more countries

17. Reports on a disappearance indicating that officials from one country are directly responsible for or involved in a disappearance in another country, or cases where officials from more than one country were directly responsible for or involved in the disappearance would be communicated to all Governments concerned. However, the case would only be counted in the statistics of the country in which the person was reportedly arrested, detained, abducted or last seen. The same principles are applied with respect to the transmission of general allegations and prompt interventions.

Government replies

18. All replies received from Governments concerning reports of disappearances are examined by the Working Group and summarized in the Working Group's annual report to the Human Rights Council. Any information given on specific cases is forwarded to the sources of those reports, who are invited to make observations thereon or to provide additional details on the cases.

Reminders

19. The Working Group reminds every Government concerned once a year of the cases which have not yet been clarified and twice a year of all urgent action cases transmitted during the preceding six months for which no clarification has been received. On request, the Working Group provides to the Government concerned or the source, to the extent possible, updated information on specific cases.

Clarification

20. Clarification occurs when the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared persons are clearly established as a result of investigations by the Government, inquiries by non-governmental organizations, fact-finding missions by the Working Group or by human rights personnel from the United Nations or from any other international organization operating in the field, or by the search of the family, irrespective of whether the person is alive or dead.

The six-month rule

21. Any reply of the Government containing detailed information on the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person is transmitted to the source. If the source does not respond within six months of the date on which the Government's reply was communicated to it, or if it contests the Government's information on grounds which are considered unreasonable by the Working Group, the case is considered clarified and is accordingly listed under the heading "Cases clarified by the Government's response" in the statistical summary of the annual report. If the source contests the Government's information on reasonable grounds, the Government is so informed and invited to comment.

Closed cases

22. The Working Group may consider a case closed when the competent authority specified in the relevant national law pronounces, with the concurrence of the relatives and other interested parties, on the presumption of death of a person reported missing. Presumption of death should at all times respect the right to adequate compensation.

Discontinuation of cases

23. In exceptional circumstances, the Working Group may decide to discontinue the consideration of cases where the families have manifested, freely and indisputably, their desire not to pursue the case any further, or when the source is no longer in existence or is unable to follow up the case and steps taken by the Working Group to establish communication with other sources have proven unsuccessful.

Outstanding cases

24. The Working Group considers cases as outstanding for as long as they have not been clarified, closed or discontinued in accordance with the methods of work. This principle is not affected by changes of Government in a given country nor in the event of State succession.

Reopening of cases

25. If sources provide well-documented information that a case has been considered clarified or closed erroneously, because the Government's reply referred to a different person, does not correspond to the reported situation or has not reached the source within the six-month period referred to above, the Working Group transmits the case to the Government anew, requesting it to comment. In such instances, the case in question is again listed among the outstanding cases and a specific explanation is given in the Working Group's report to the Human Rights Council, describing the above-mentioned errors or discrepancies.

General allegations

26. The Working Group regularly transmits to the Governments concerned a summary of allegations received from relatives of missing persons and non-governmental organizations with regard to obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Declaration in their respective countries, inviting them to comment thereon if they so wish.

Prompt intervention

27. Cases of intimidation, persecution or reprisal against relatives of missing persons, witnesses to disappearances or their families, members of organizations of relatives and other non-governmental organizations, human rights defenders or individuals concerned with disappearances are transmitted to the pertinent Governments, with the appeal that they take steps to protect all the fundamental rights of the persons affected. Cases of that nature, which require prompt intervention, are transmitted directly to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs by the most direct and rapid means. To that end, the Working Group has authorized its Chairperson to transmit such cases between sessions.

Cooperation with other mechanisms

28. If a case or allegation contains information relevant to other thematic mechanisms of the Council, the information is transmitted to the mechanism concerned.

Country missions

29. The Working Group carries out visits to countries on invitation, but also takes the initiative of approaching Governments with a view to carrying out visits to countries, when considered appropriate. Such visits are intended to enhance the dialogue between the authorities most directly concerned, the families or their representatives and the Working Group, and to assist in the clarification of the reported disappearances. The Working Group reports to the Council on its country visits in an addendum to its annual report.

Follow-up

30. With regard to countries in which visits have been carried out, the Working Group periodically reminds the Governments concerned of the observations and recommendations formulated in the respective reports, requesting information on the consideration given to them, and the steps taken for their implementation or the constraints which might have prevented their implementation. The Working Group may also take the initiative to carry out follow-up visits.

Meetings

31. The Working Group meets three times a year to consider the information brought to its attention since its previous session. Its meetings are held in private. However, the Working Group regularly meets with representatives of Governments, non-governmental organizations, family members and witnesses.

Reports

32. The Working Group reports annually to the Human Rights Council on the activities which it has carried out from the end of Council's previous session up until the last day of the Working Group's third annual session. It informs the Council of its communications with Governments and non-governmental organizations, its meetings and missions. Reports on missions are contained as addenda to the main report. The Working Group reports on all cases of disappearance received by the Working Group during the year, on a country by country basis, and on the decision it has taken thereon. It provides the Council with a statistical summary for each country of cases transmitted to the Government, clarifications, and the status of the person concerned on the date of clarification. It includes graphs showing the development of disappearances in countries with more than 100 transmitted cases as of the date of the adoption by the Working Group of its annual report. The Working Group includes conclusions and recommendations in its report and makes observations on the situation of disappearances in individual countries. The Working Group further reports on the implementation of the Declaration and the obstacles encountered therein, and periodically reports on broader issues surrounding the phenomenon of enforced disappearance.

Titles

33. Titles are for reference only and should not be considered as part of the methods of work.

Annex II

DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP DURING 2007

Countries	Cases which allegedly occurred in 2007	Cases transmitted to the Government during 2007		Clarification by:		Discontinued cases
		Urgent actions	Normal actions	Government	Non-governmental sources	
Algeria	6	7	326	-	3	-
Argentina	-	-	-	55	-	-
Bahrain	1	1	-	-	1	-
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chad	-	-	12	-	-	-
China	2	1	-	-	-	-
Colombia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Democratic Republic of Congo	-	-	2	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ethiopia	1	1	-	-	-	-
Gambia	-	-	1	-	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	2
Honduras	-	1	3	2	-	-
India	-	-	8	2	-	-
Indonesia	-	-	5	-	-	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Japan	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	1	-	-	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2	2	1	-	-	-
Mexico	1	1	1	-	-	-
Morocco	-	-	-	34	-	-
Myanmar	4	4	-	-	-	-
Nepal	-	-	21	3	2	-
Nigeria	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pakistan	1	2	29	14	2	-

Countries	Cases which allegedly occurred in 2007	Cases transmitted to the Government during 2007		Clarification by:		Discontinued cases
		Urgent actions	Normal actions	Government	Non-governmental sources	
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	3
Philippines	3	3	13	-	2	-
Russian Federation	2	2	1	7	-	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	1
Saudi Arabia	1	1	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	58	37	107	1	-	-
Sudan	-	-	14	5	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	-	-	3	1	1	-
Thailand	-	-	12	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	12	-	1
United Arab Emirates	-	-	1	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	6	-	-
Yemen	-	-	-	73	-	-

Annex III

STATISTICAL SUMMARY: CASES OF ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE REPORTED TO THE WORKING GROUP BETWEEN 1980 AND 2007

Countries/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Clarification by:		Status of person at date of clarification			Discontinued cases
	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	
	No. of cases	Female	No. of cases	Female						
Afghanistan	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria	1 973	19	1 952	18	9	12	8	6	7	-
Angola	10	1	3	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
Argentina	3 445	772	3 303	746	59	20	19	5	-	-
Bahrain	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
Bangladesh	2	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Belarus	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	48	3	28	3	19	1	19	-	1	-
Brazil	63	4	13	-	46	4	1	-	49	-
Bulgaria	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Burkina Faso	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Burundi	53	-	52	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cambodia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cameroon	18	-	14	-	4	-	4	-	-	-
Chad	25	-	22	-	3	-	2	-	1	-
Chile	908	65	816	64	69	23	2	-	90	-
China	114	13	31	6	72	11	48	33	2	-
Colombia	1 225	122	957	92	201	67	157	24	87	-
Congo	114	3	114	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
DPRK	9	5	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRC	52	11	43	11	6	3	9	-	-	-

Countries/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Clarification by:		Status of person at date of clarification			Discontinued cases
	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	
	No. of cases	Female	No. of cases	Female						
Denmark	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Dominican Republic	4	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Ecuador	26	2	11	-	11	4	6	4	5	-
Egypt	23	-	15	-	7	1	1	7	-	-
El Salvador	2 661	332	2 270	295	318	73	196	175	20	-
Equatorial Guinea	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	54	4	54	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	119	2	112	1	3	4	1	4	-	-
France	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambia	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Greece	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Guatemala	3 155	390	2 899	372	177	79	187	6	63	-
Guinea	28	-	21	-	-	7	-	-	7	-
Haiti	48	1	38	1	9	1	1	4	5	-
Honduras	207	34	127	21	37	43	54	8	18	-
India	390	12	331	10	49	10	31	7	22	-
Indonesia	162	2	159	2	3	-	3	-	-	-
Iran	530	99	513	99	13	4	6	2	9	-
Iraq	16 517	2 311	16 387	2 294	107	23	115	6	9	-
Israel	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Japan	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kazakhstan	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laos	6	-	0	-	-	5	-	4	1	1
Lebanon	320	19	312	19	2	6	7	1	-	-
Libya	10	-	8	-	-	2	2	-	-	-

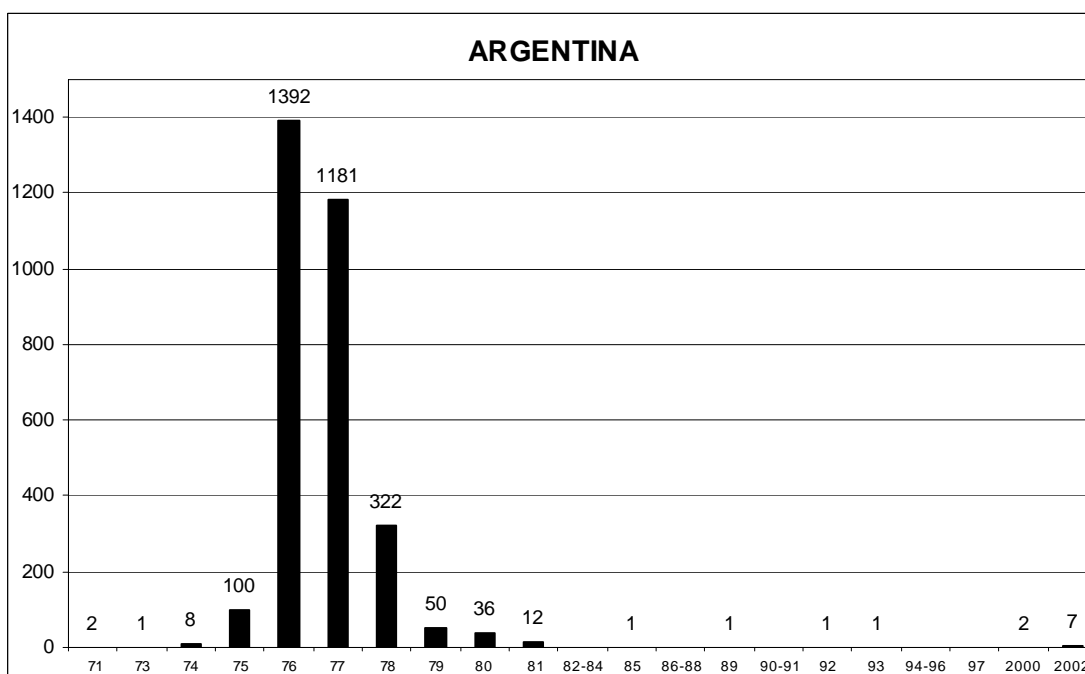
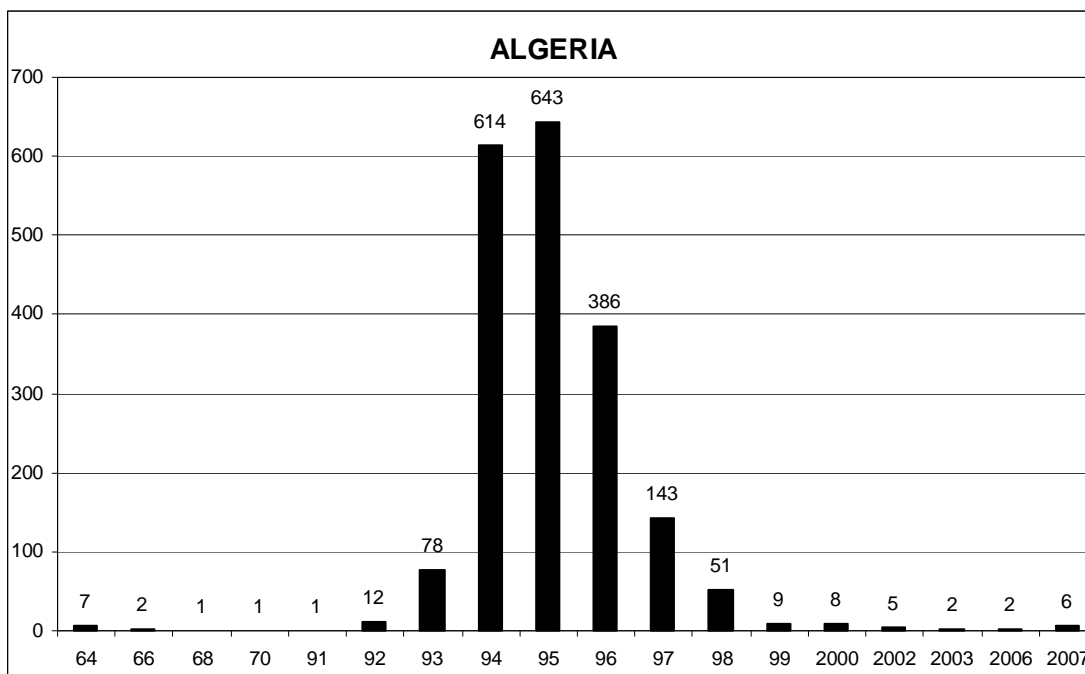
Countries/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Clarification by:		Status of person at date of clarification			Discontinued cases
	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	
	No. of cases	Female	No. of cases	Female						
Malaysia	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Mauritania	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	379	27	208	17	133	22	76	18	61	16
Montenegro	16	1	15	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Morocco	248	28	63	9	139	46	139	1	45	-
Mozambique	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	7	1	5	-	2	-	1	1	-	-
Namibia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	531	61	320	47	132	79	150	59	1	-
Nicaragua	234	4	103	2	112	19	45	11	75	-
Nigeria	6	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-
Pakistan	116	2	92	2	18	6	22	2	-	-
Paraguay	23	-	-	-	20	-	19	-	1	3
Peru	3 006	311	2 368	236	253	385	450	85	103	-
Philippines	774	90	615	70	124	35	105	19	29	-
Romania	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Russian Federation	468	26	457	24	1	10	11	-	-	-
Rwanda	24	2	21	2	-	2	1	1	-	1
Saudi Arabia	6	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Serbia	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Seychelles	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	11	1	-	-	3	2	1	1	3	6
Spain	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka*	12 085	147	5 516	81	6530	39	101	24	6 444	-

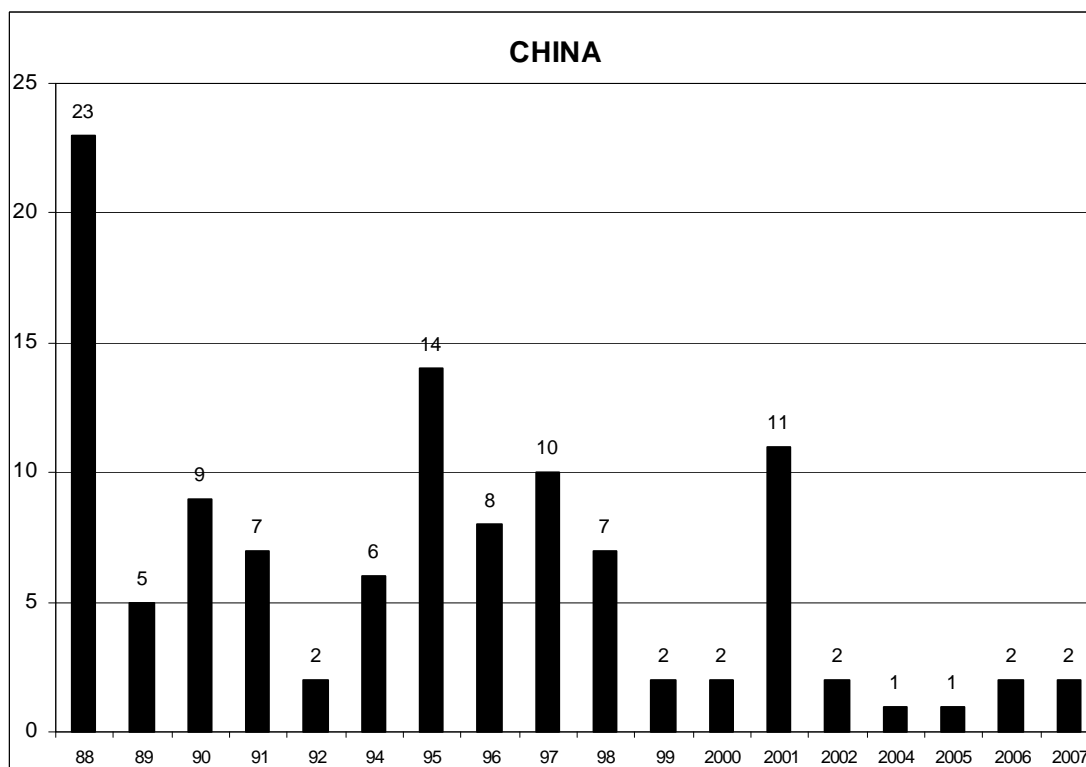
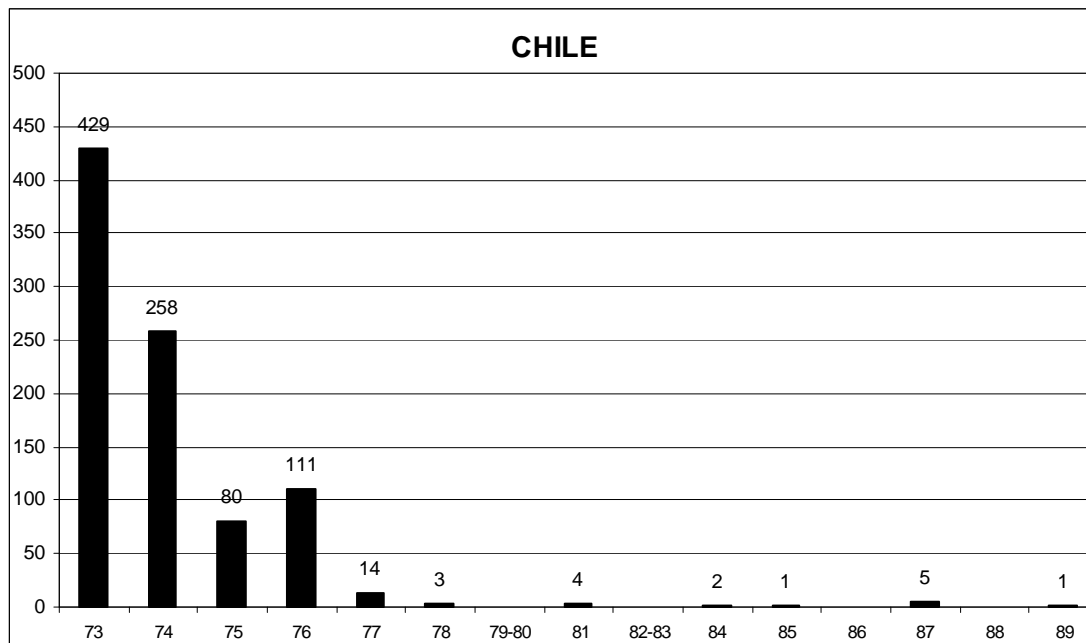
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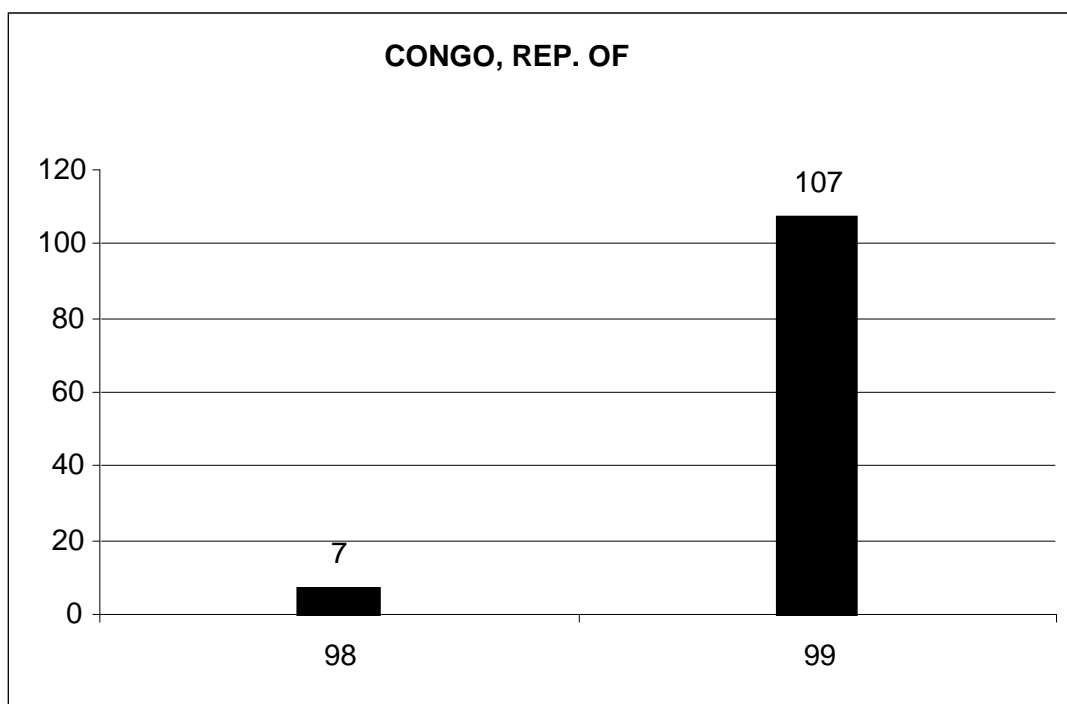
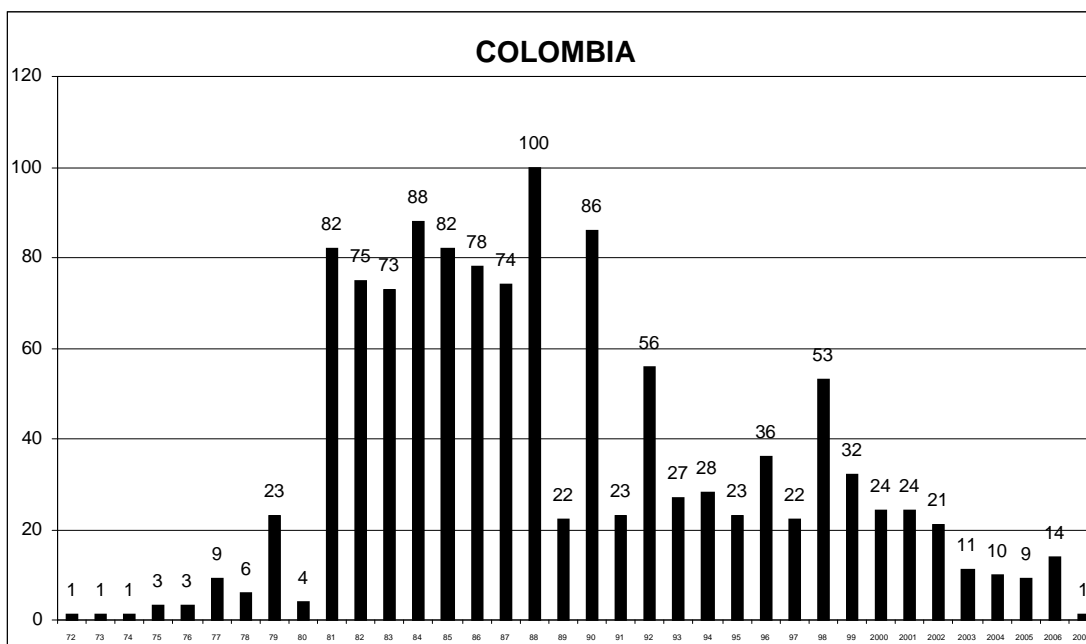
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	Total		Outstanding		Government	Non-governmental sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	
	No. of cases	Female	No. of cases	Female						
Sudan	381	35	172	5	204	4	208	-	-	1
Syrian Arab Republic	44	3	18	3	12	14	17	5	4	-
Tajikistan	8	-	6	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
Thailand	51	5	48	5	1	-	1	-	-	2
Timor-Leste	501	36	425	28	58	18	50	23	2	-
Togo	11	2	10	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tunisia	17	1	-	-	12	5	1	16	-	-
Turkey	181	11	70	3	61	49	65	24	21	1
Turkmenistan	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Uganda	22	4	15	2	2	5	2	5	-	-
Ukraine	4	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-
UAE	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
United Kingdom	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tanzania	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
USA	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	31	7	22	3	7	1	4	4	-	-
Uzbekistan	19	-	7	-	11	1	2	10	-	-
Venezuela	14	2	10	1	4	-	1	-	3	-
Yemen	150	-	-	-	135	1	63	-	73	14
Zambia	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Zimbabwe	4	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Palestinian Authority	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

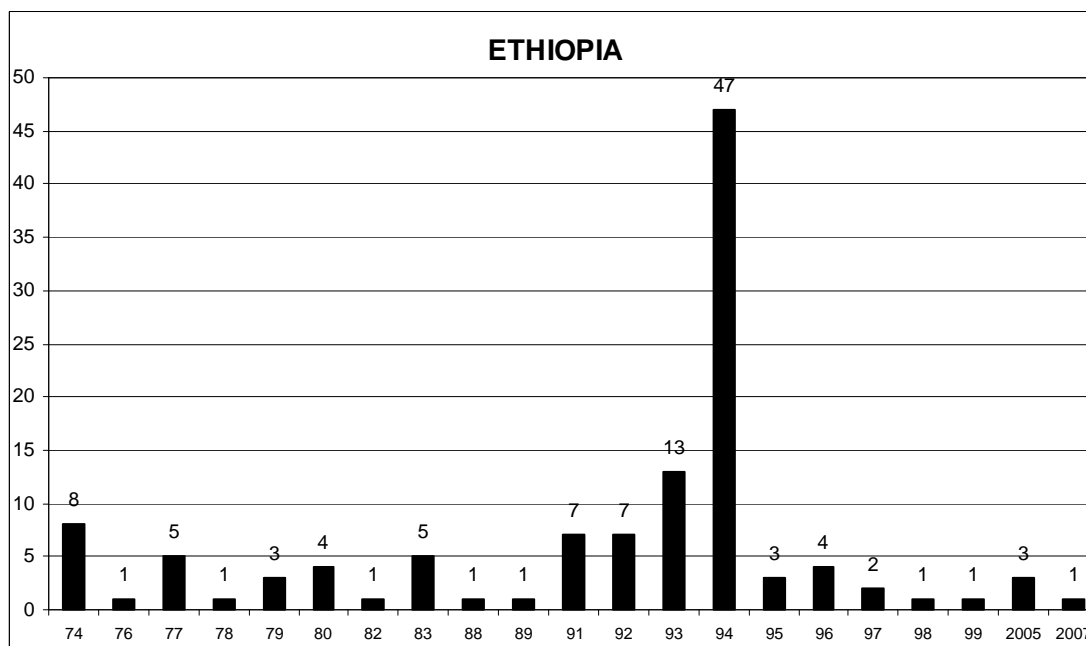
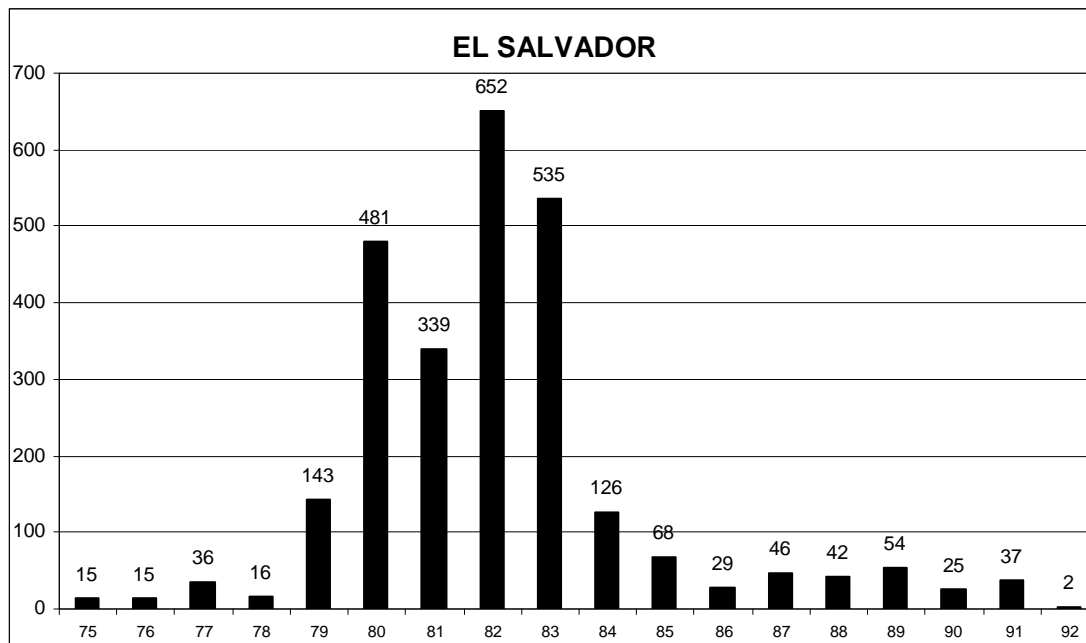
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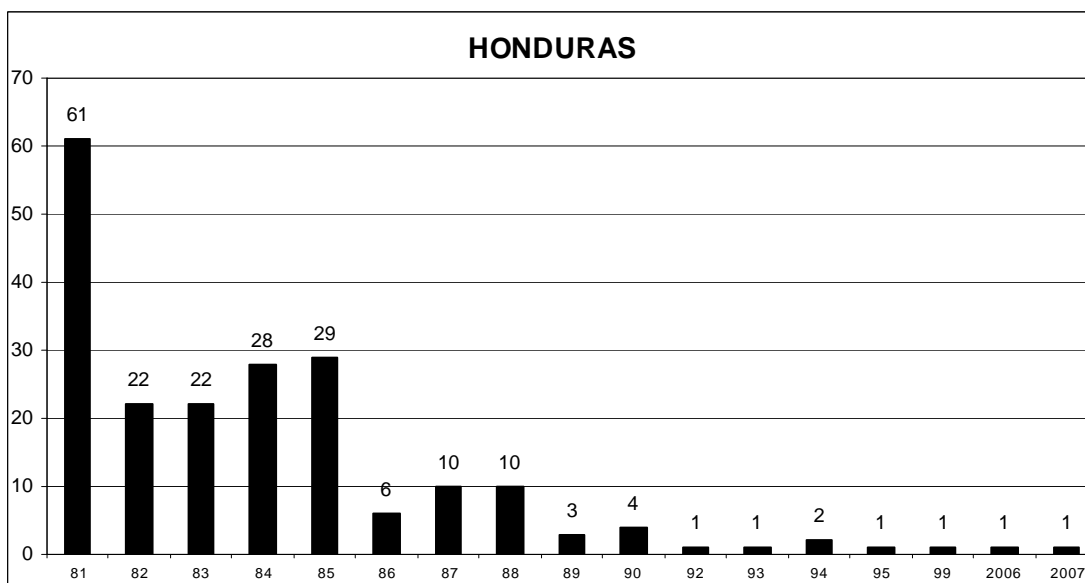
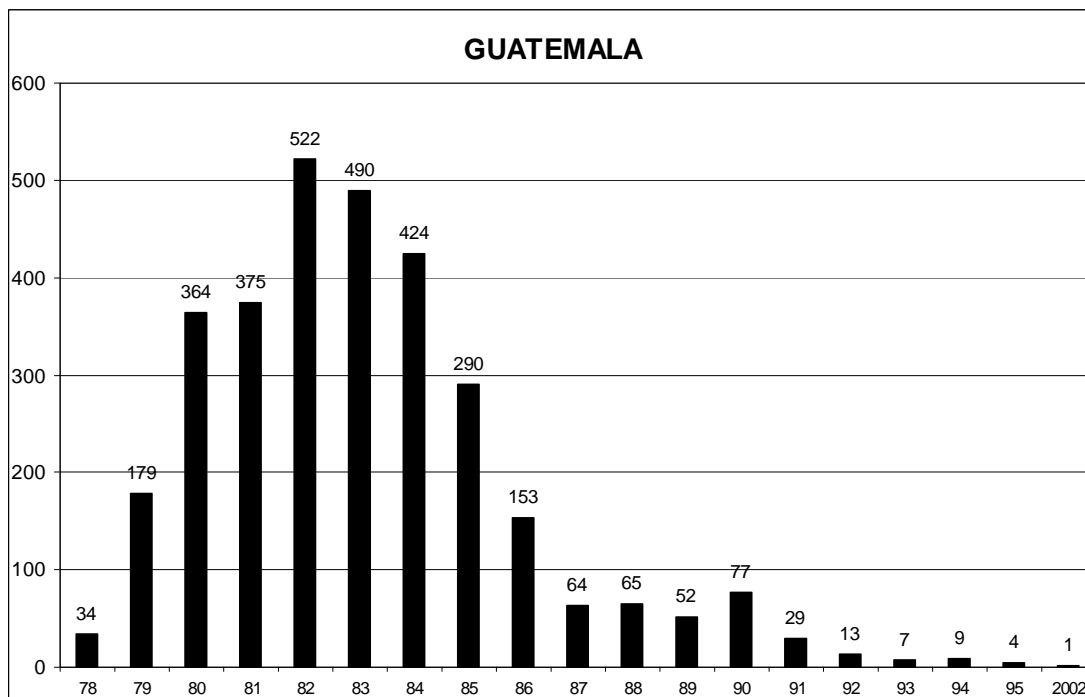
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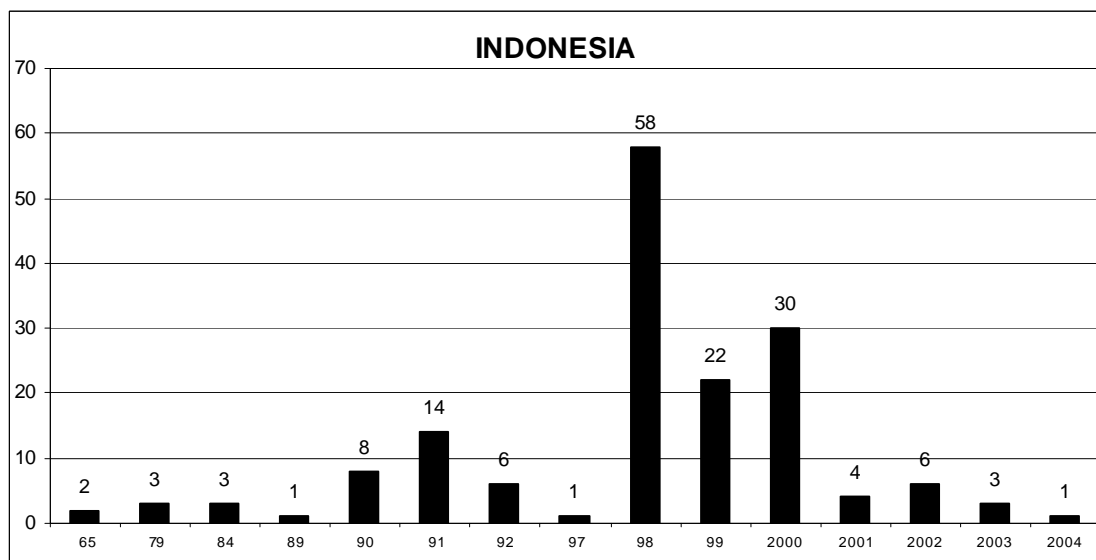
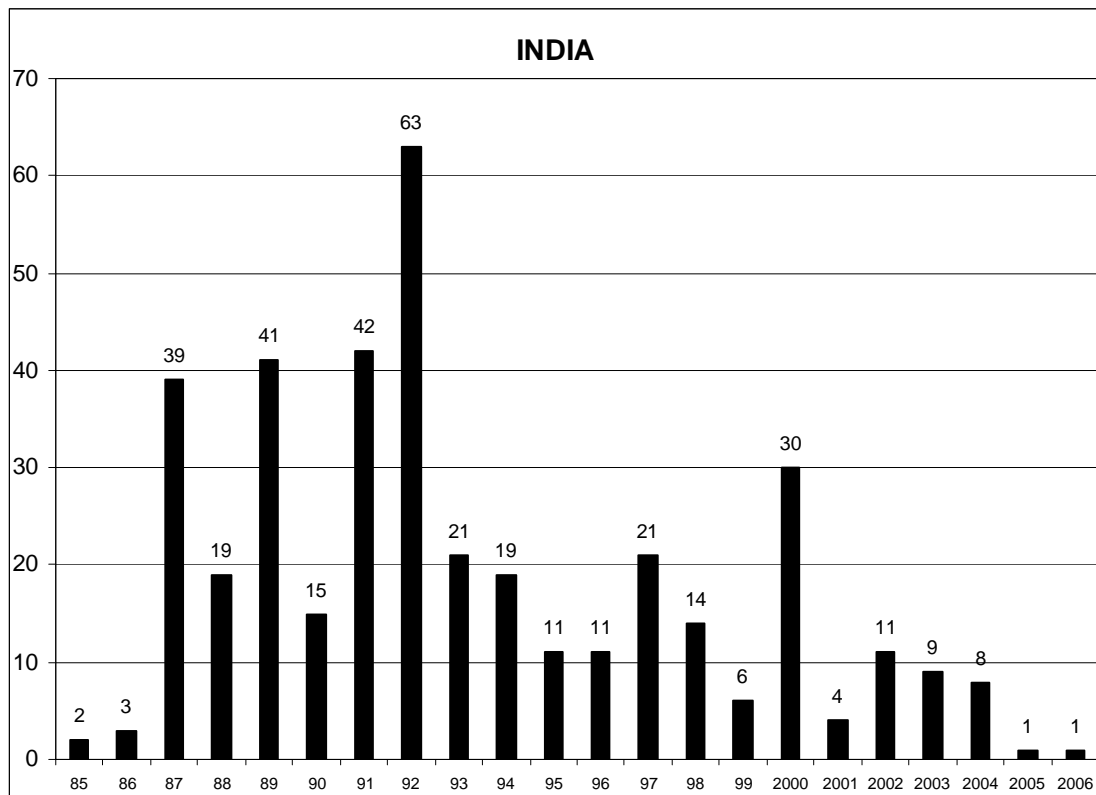


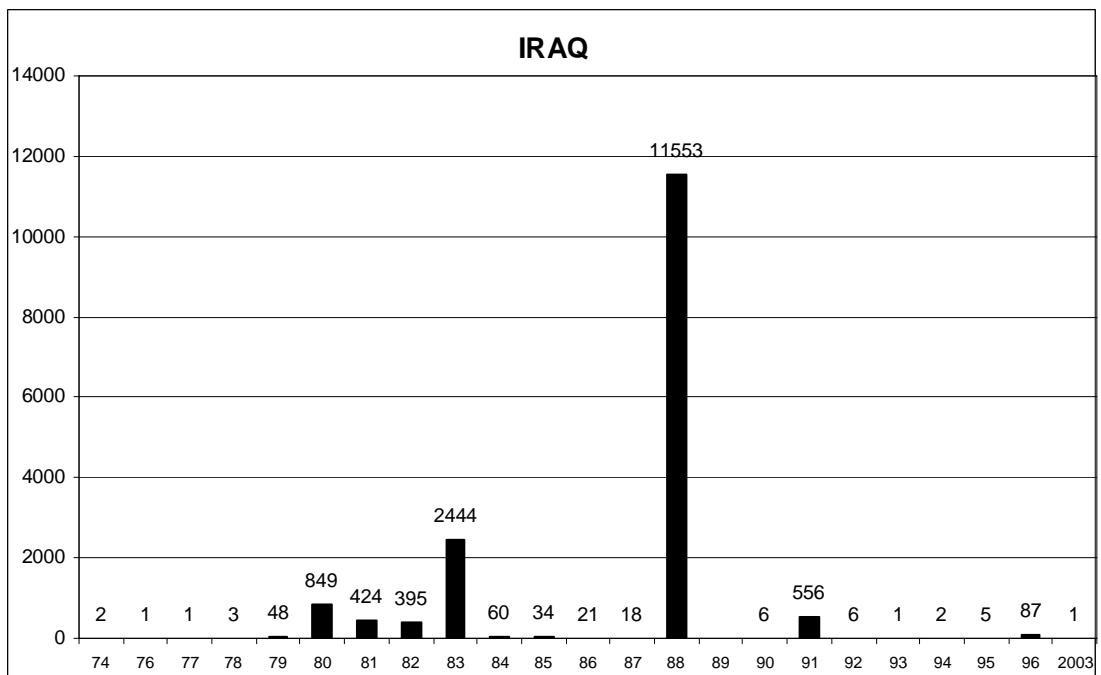
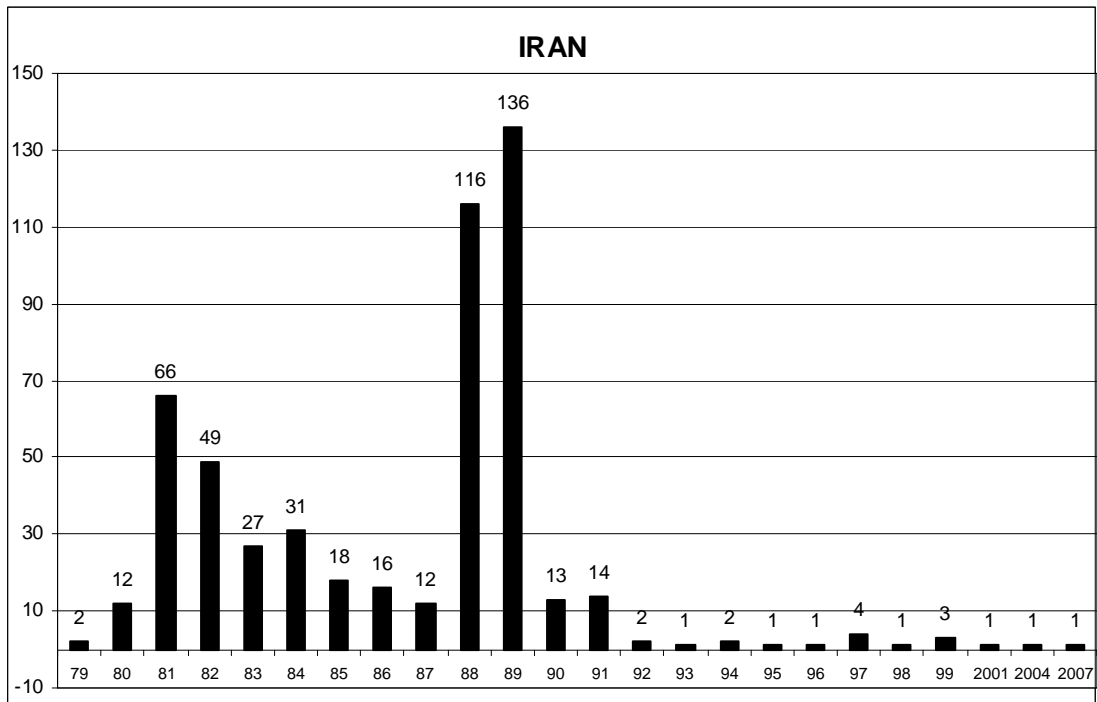


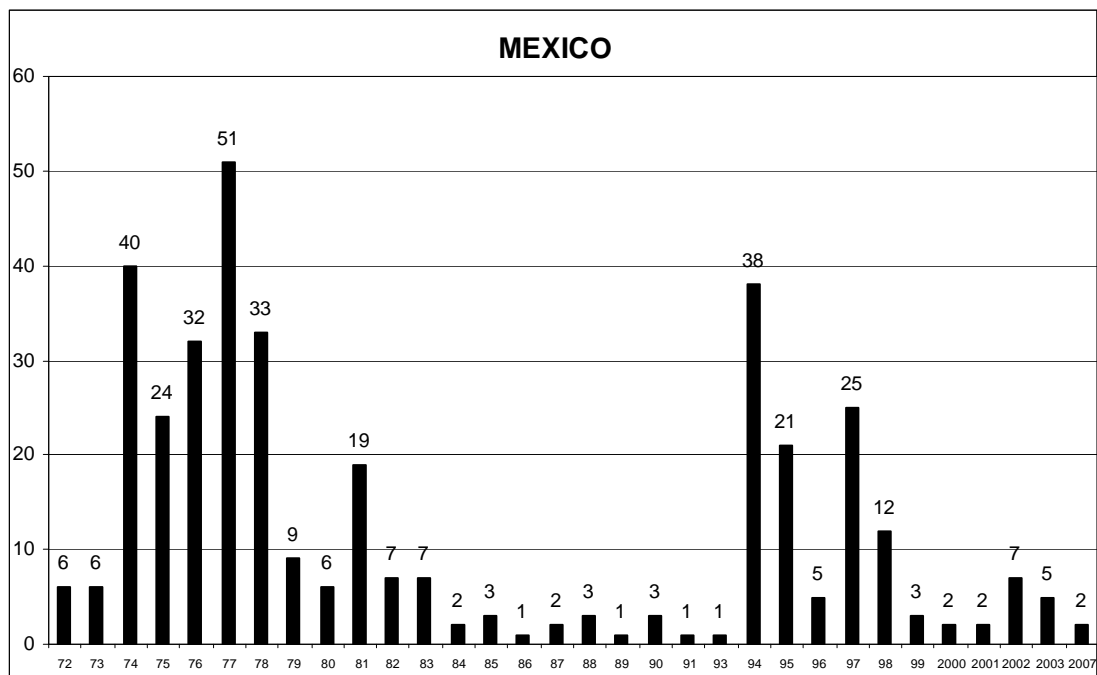
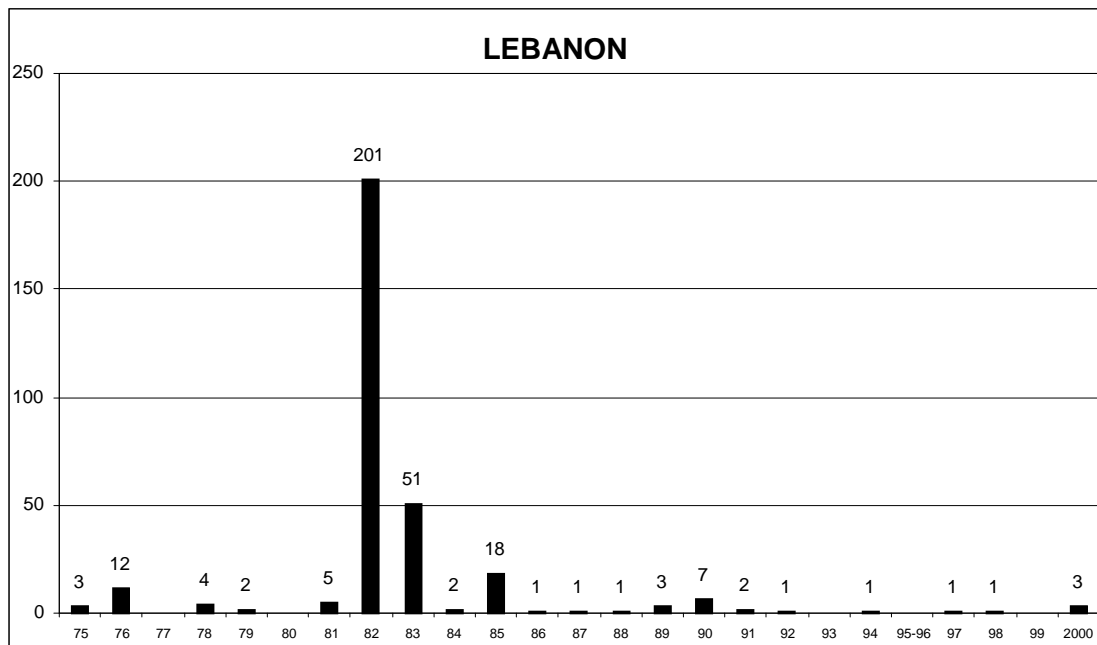


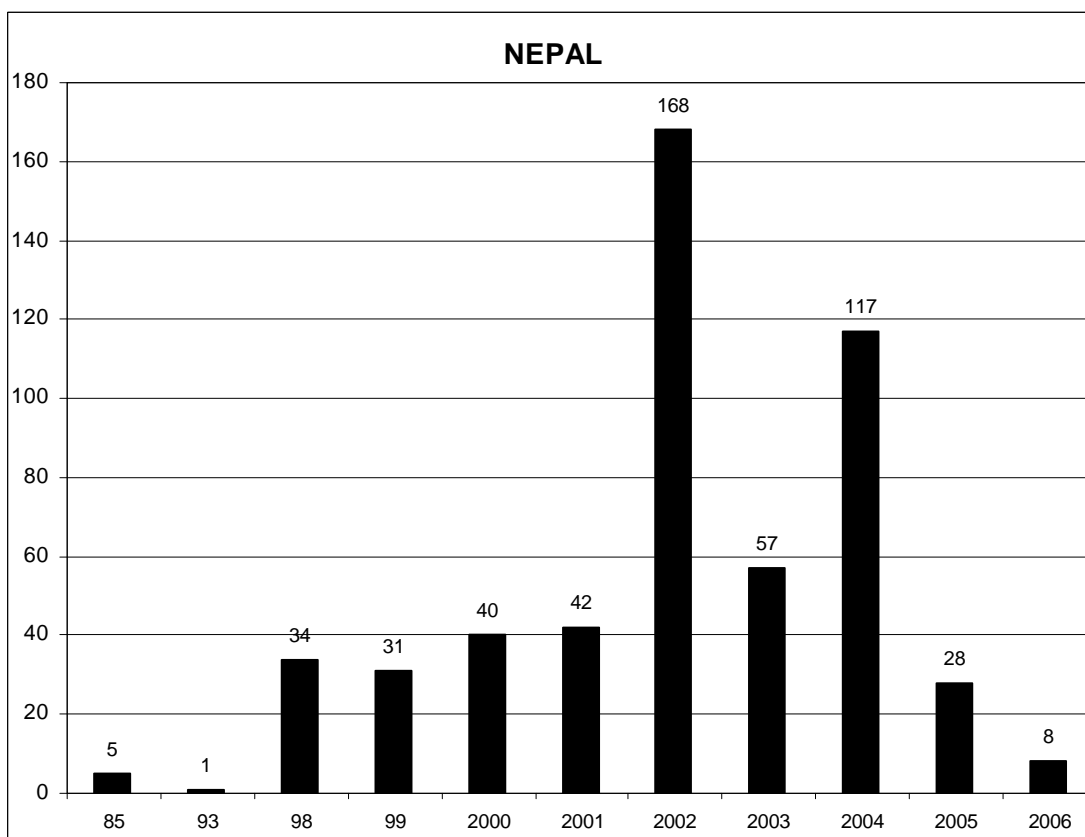
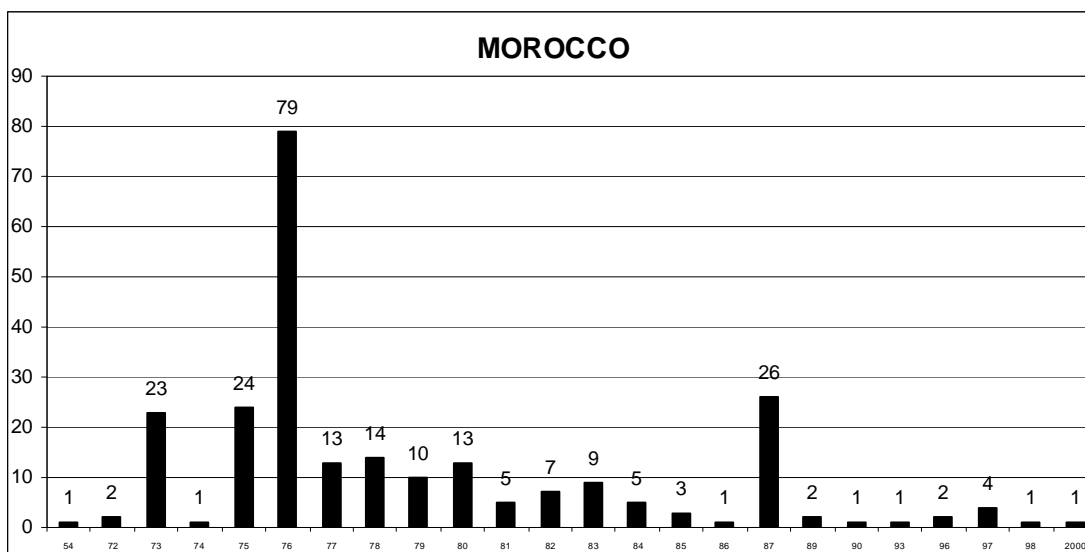


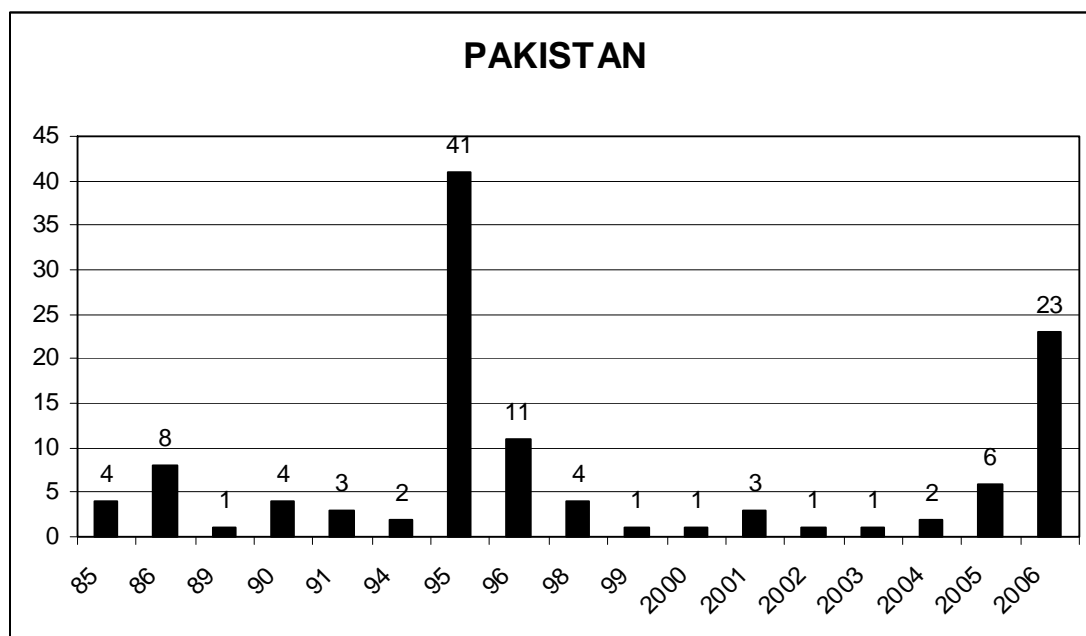
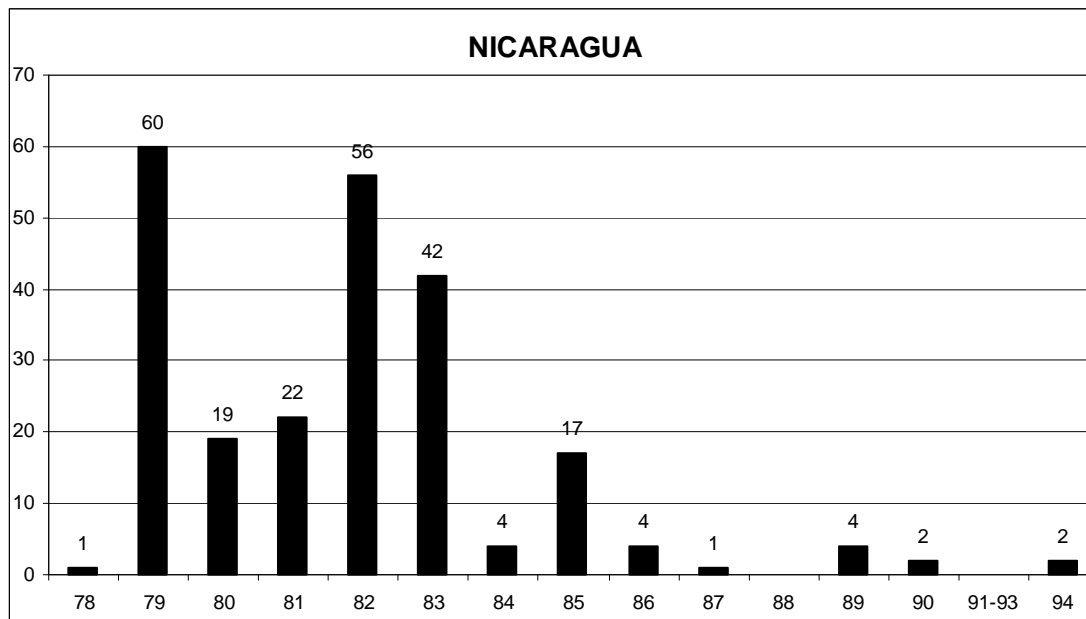


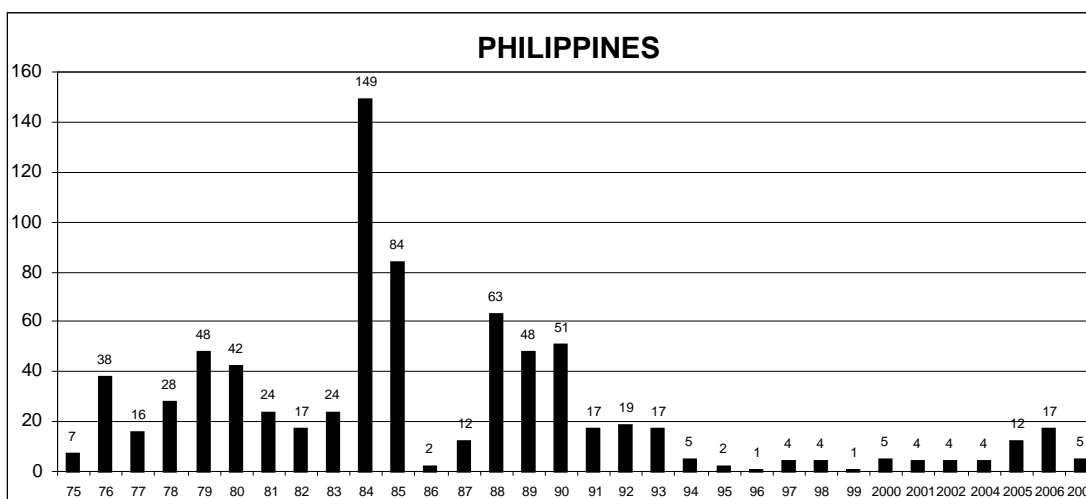
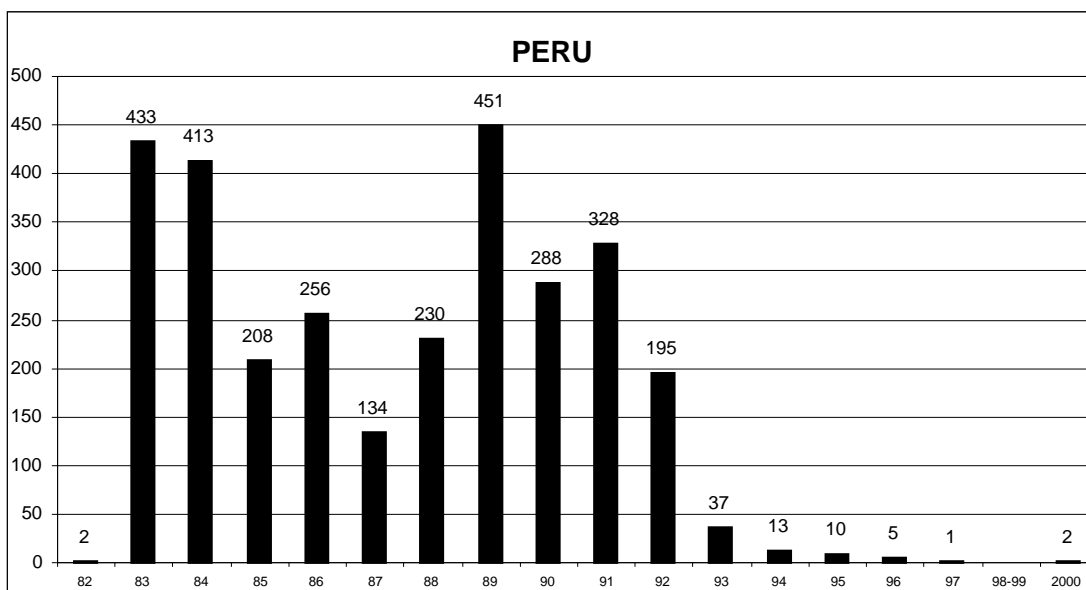


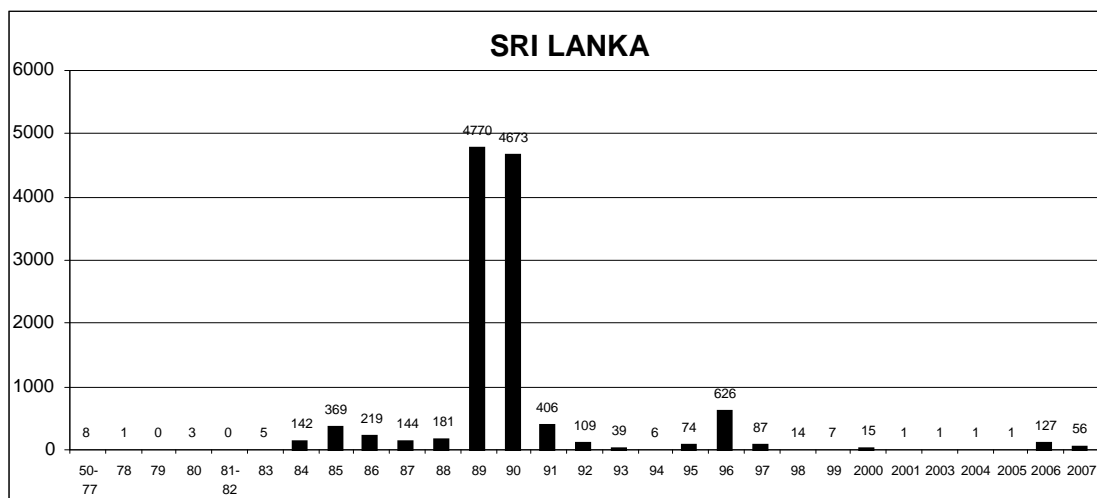


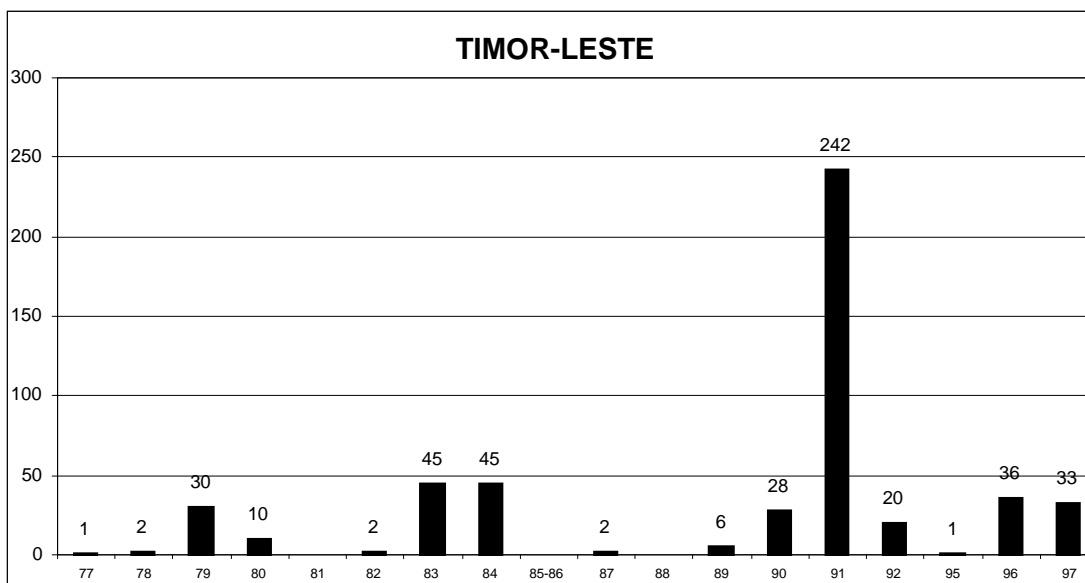
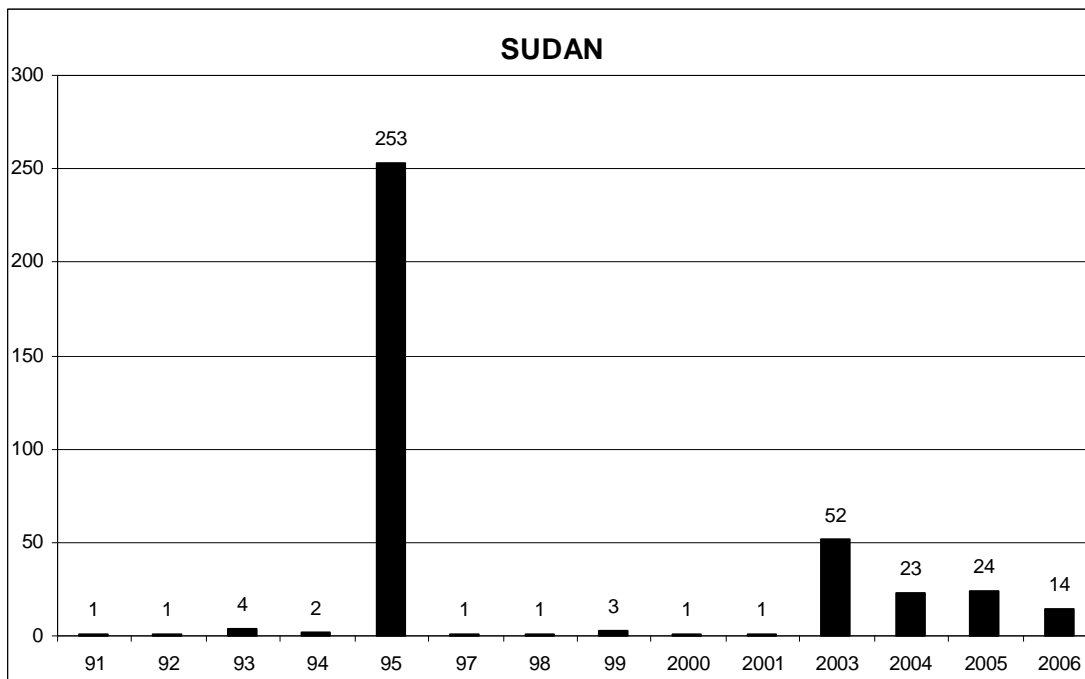


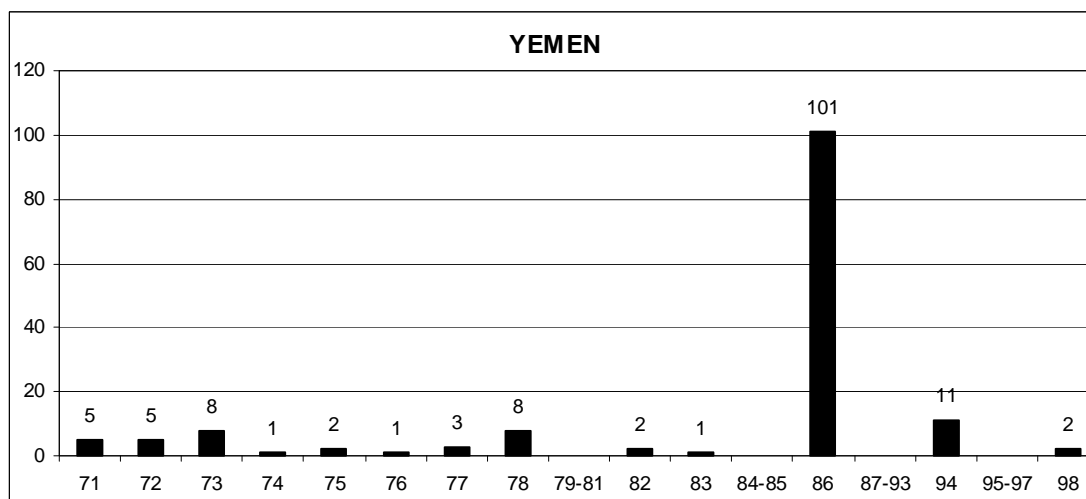
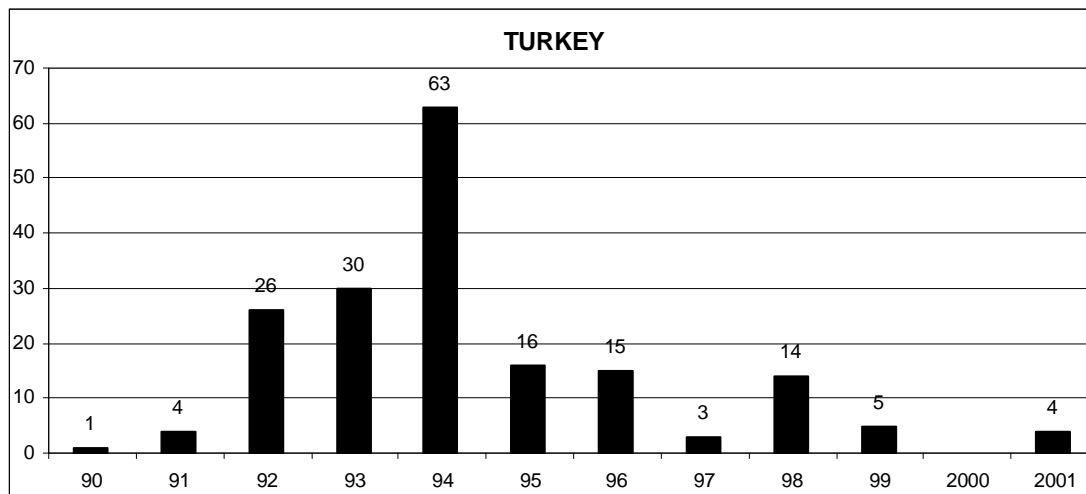












Annex V

**LIST OF NAMES OF NEWLY REPORTED CASES, FROM COUNTRIES
WHERE THERE WERE MORE THAN 10 NEWLY TRANSMITTED
CASES DURING THE LAST YEAR**

Algeria		
10000861	Mohamed	Abas
10000408	Omar	Abbassi
10000862	Houari	Abbou
10000863	Abdelhadi	Abdelhadi
10000409	Mouloud	Abdellaoui
10000410	Nasser	Abdellaoui
10000864	Kheieddine	Abdelli
10000973	Sadek	Abdeslam
10000974	Rabah	Abid
10000865	Abdelhamid	Abrikh
10000866	Said	Absi
10000411	Kamal	Adbemeziane
10000412	Belabbes	Adjal
10000413	Hocine	Aftis
10000711	Ahmed	Aissani
10000867	Mounir	Aissani
10000559	Said	Aliane
10000560	Youcef	Aliane
10000561	Ali	Allag
10000975	Abdellah	Allal
10000414	Ahmed	Allaoua
10000868	Mohamed	Alouani
10000869	Kamel	Ammour
10000870	Rachid	Ammour
10000976	Toufik	Anene
10000871	Brahim	Aouabdia
10000415	Ali	Aous
10000872	Mokhtar	Atallah
10000873	Hocine	Atrous
10000693	Abdelkader	Azzemou
10000977	Abdelmalek	Bachiri
10000701	Kamel	Bahlouli
10000702	Smain	Bahlouli
10000874	Ayache	Bakhouche
10000875	Mohamed	Bala
10000416	Amar	Bechkoun
10000417	Ahmed	Behli
10000978	Mohamed	Bekaddour
10000979	Abdelhafid	Bekchiche

Algeria (continued)		
10000876	Mohamed	Bekhtari
10000418	Mahmoud	Belabed
10000562	Mustapha	Belaid
10000710	Mustapha	Belarbia
10000709	Mohamed	Beldjilali
10000694	Djelloul	Beldjillali
10000419	Mohamed	Belhadj
10000692	Larbi	Belhaoui
10000877	Farid	Belkhiri
10000700	Kamel	Belmekki
10000878	Reda	Ben Brik
10000563	Mohamed	Ben Sidi Aissa
10000420	Mohamed	Benaouda
10000879	Rachid	Benarbia
10000705	Amar	Benayache
10000880	Ali	Benayache
10000980	Belabes	Benbouzid
10000981	Darradji	Bendaas
10000982	Lakhdar	Bendadi
10000983	Hadj	Bendali
10000984	Ouadah	Bendali
10000714	Ayachi	Bendir
10000713	Kheirredine	Bendjenahi
10000881	Mustapha	Benhabria
10000985	Mohamed	Benhadjeba
10000882	Omar	Benkhedidja
10000883	Hacene	Benmoussa
10000696	Mohamed	Bensaada
10000421	Ali	Bensalah
10000986	Belkacem	Bensalem
10000987	Djamel	Bensalem
10000988	Mohamed	Bensalem
10000884	Boudali	Bensid Ahmed
10000695	Cherif	Bentouil
10000885	Omar	Benzerouda
10000886	Amar	Bezaz
10000431	Ahmed	Bouachiba
10000715	Brahim	Bouachir
10000887	Djamel	Bouaroura
10000712	Mohamed	Bouatrousse
10000989	Kamel	Bouazara
10000888	Nacerddine	Bouaziz
10000432	Nourredine	Boubekour
10000889	Ahmed	Bouchachia
10000890	Nabil	Boucheham

Algeria (continued)		
10000891	Mounir	Boucherit
10000892	Mohamed	Boucherit
10000893	Djelloul	Bouderhem
10000564	Makhlouf	Boudjellal
10000894	Smail	Boudjellal
10000895	Kamel	Boudjouabi
10000703	Abdelhamid	Boufiala
10000896	Amar	Boufoula
10000433	Rachid	Bougherra
10000990	Kamel	Bouhenni
10000706	Abdenmour	Bouhnika
10000991	Hachemi	Bouilouta
10000897	Samir	Boukanoune
10000898	Saadi	Boukarma
10000899	Hocine	Boukedida
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10000994	Abdelbaki	Boukeroucha
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10000995	Djillali	Boukhari
10000707	Mohamed	Boukhedoua
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10000996	Abid	Boulmenadjel
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10000565	Mouloud	Boumezioud
10000566	Abdelhak	Bounab
10000998	Messaoud	Bouneguet
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10000999	Tahar	Bourefis
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10000698	Nadjib	Boutaleb
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10000439	Abdelkrim	Brahimi
10000708	Yacine	Brek
10000704	Achour	Chabani
10000699	Bouzned	Chairia

Algeria (continued)		
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10001004	Belkacem	Cherouat
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10000445	Ali	Chouia
10000581	Ali	Chouiten
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10001006	Boualem	Dahmani
10001007	Habib	Dahmani
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10000602	Abdenacer	Djadour
10000603	Omar	Djebbari
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10000912	Arezki	Djouidi
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10000913	Abdelhasset	Drif
10000914	Brahim	El Boathi
10000915	Lahouari	El Moukeffess
10000916	Ali	Esslimani
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10000606	Rachid	Faham
10000607	Mohamed	Feliout
10000608	Ahmed	Fellah
10000609	Farid	Feraoun
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10000610	Djamel	Fersadou
10000448	Lamine	Genfoud
10000449	Djamel	Genfoud
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10000918	Abdelkader	Gharab
10000919	Mahdjoub	Ghazali
10000920	Abderrahmane	Ghazali
10000450	Ghessoum	Ghelifet
10000921	Farid	Ghellab
10000922	Abdellah	Gouaoura
10000923	Lyes	Gozim
10000925	Karim	Graifia
10000611	Abdelmalek	Grimes

Algeria (continued)		
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10000636	Djeloul	Henni
10000647	Mahmoud	Houli
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10000935	Adel	Kerouane
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10000936	Touati	Khelif
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10000939	Mokhtar	Laaradj
10000664	Khaled	Laaredj

Algeria (continued)		
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10000467	Mohamed	Lorabi
10000670	Mohamed	Loutiat
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10000575	El Sedik	Maaza
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Algeria (continued)		
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10000952	Houari	Reguig
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10000558	Ali	Yahiaoui

Algeria (continued)		
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10001041	Boualem	Yousfi
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10000515	Sid Ali	Zanoune
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10000688	Ahmed	Zennouche
10000689	Djamel	Zennouche
10000690	Samir	Zennouche
10000971	Benattia	Zerrougui
10001044	El Gaoui	Zid El Kheir
10000908	Abdelaziz	Zitouni
10001002	Mohamed	Zouba
10001045	Houari	Zouba
10000691	Mohamed	Zouid
Chad		
10000761	Adoum	Ahmat
10000763	Guy	Béckam
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10000765	Khamis	Doukoune
10000757	Abakar	Gawi
10000762	Ahmat	Haroun
10000764	Issaka Adam	Hassan
10000766	Mahamat Saleh	Idriss
10000759	Abdoulaye	Issaka
10000760	Adil	Ousman
10000853	Ali	Ousman
10000767	Youssouf	Seid
Nepal		
10000428	Rajendra	Barvan
10000429	Yub Raj	Bhandara
10000440	Bishwa Chandra	Buddha
10000442	Shiva Charan	Chaudhari
10000443	Puna Ram	Chaudhary
10000462	Rajandra Raman	Khanal
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10000470	Rajdev	Mandal
10000476	Gopal	Mijar
10000482	Dharma Raj	Parajuli
10000490	Jhup Bahadur	Shahi
10000494	Asim	Siwakoti
10000601	Gh. Mohammad	Sofi
10000501	Mahabir	Tharu

Nepal (continued)		
10000502	Bal Kisun	Tharu
10000503	Chaitu	Tharu
10000504	Dayaram	Tharu
10000505	Dharma Prakash	Tharu
10000506	Ghoshu	Tharu
10000507	Jamuna	Tharu
10000508	Masuhad	Tharu
Pakistan		
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10000476	Gopal	Mijar
10000381	Ghulam	Muhammad Baloch
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10000482	Dharma Raj	Parajuli
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10000485	Hassan	Raza
10000486	Muhammad Faisal	Sami
10000487	Safdar	Sarki
10000488	Abdul Rauf	Sasoli

Pakistan (continued)		
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10000601	Gh. Mohammad	Sofi
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10000502	Bal Kisun	Tharu
10000503	Chaitu	Tharu
10000504	Dayaram	Tharu
10000505	Dharma Prakash	Tharu
10000506	Ghoshu	Tharu
10000507	Jamuna	Tharu
10000508	Masuhad	Tharu
10000512	Muhammad Zafar	Yaseen
10000513	Sayed Jamil	Zaidi
10000514	Liaqat Hussain Nayyer	Zaidi
Philippines		
10000598	Leopoldo	Ancheta
10000724	Nelly	Bakiran-Intise
10000427	Rajeev Mohan	Balakrishnan
10000726	Cesar	Batralo
10000725	Federico	Benabente-Intise
10000519	Sabalaimuthu Mati	Bolton
10000441	Sivakanthan	Bunjupillai
10000740	Jonas Joseph	Burgos
10000595	Rogelio	Calubad
10000596	Gabriel	Calubad
10000403	Soosaiappu Victor	Croos
10000447	Kuruparan	Ehamparam Tharmakulasigham
10000456	Nisantha Chandrasiri	Idamgoda Arachchige
10000457	Rajeev Mohan	Ilayakuddy Balakrishnan
10000458	Thileepan	James Chadrapalan Premapalan
10000390	Delikkumar	Kanthaia Selvaratnam
10000459	Udaya Priyadarshana	Kathaluwa Hewage
10000460	Nadarajalingam	Kathiran
10000593	Reynaldo	Manalo
10000594	Raymundo	Manalo
10000473	Hamilton Mareendran	Mariampillai Soosaitas
10000388	Sivaraman	Markandu Sivasothi
10000387	Janarthanan	Murukar Ayathurai
10000478	Vaseekaran	Nagamany Sadasivam
10000479	Vasanthakumar	Nagan Kanthasamy
10000480	Kandeepan	Narayanamoorthy
10000384	Sri Sundarajah	Pandaram Puvirajah
10000597	Tomas	Paras
10000483	Mathrage Anton Roshan	Perera

Philippines (continued)		
10000383	Tomsan Mowsak	Pethurupillai Mariathas
10000397	Sivasubramaniam	Raveendranath
10000382	Kalarani	Santhirakumar
10000380	Alfred Arulnesan	Sellaiya Arulambalam
10000489	Uthayaraj	Selvaratnam
10000493	Kandeepan	Sinathampi Narayanamoorthy
10000386	Vaikunthan	Sinnaiah Achchuthan
10000385	Jasuthan	Sinnathurai Kanthaiah
10000495	Reginauld Yokananth	Soosaipillai
10000496	Hamilton Marinthirao	Soosaithas
10000498	Jayasinghe	Steven
10000517	Ketheeswaran	Suyambu Nadar
10000518	Kanapathy Nadar	Suyambu Nadar
10000499	Tharmasri	Thambiah
10000500	T. Preminy	Thanuskody
10000389	Muththaiya	Thiruchchelvam
10000509	Senthan	Thurai Selvaraja
10000511	Suresh	Velan Sithamparanadarajah
10000723	Leo	Velasco
Sri Lanka		
10000858	Thadchanamoorthy	Ahilarajah
10000797	Maruthai	Ajanthan
10000852	Soosainather	Anthonippillai
10000848	Satheeskaran	Arulnesarasa
10000532	Christy Balendran	Croos
10000798	Madasamy	Devalingam
10000855	Pattacomay Xavear Sotherajn	Dias
10000799	Vadivel	Divakaran
10000539	Antony Paul	Eldrin Mathew
10000836	Yoharatan	Emmanuel Mariyasubre
10000854	Joseph Lawrence Prasanna	Fernando
10000844	Kasinathar	Ganeshalingam
10000800	Sivarajah	Haran
10000787	Sivakumar	Jathavakumar
10000542	Thomas	Jesudasan
10000801	Subramanian	Jesuthasan
10000522	Savunthararajan	Jevakumar Sharmila
10000837	Tharshan	Jeyachandran
10000802	Ramiah	Jeyaraja
10000543	Madasamy	Jeyasankar
10000803	Kanagalingam	Jeyathan
10000849	Ravindran	Kailayapillai
10000544	Thuruaiappa	Kalaichelvan
10000856	Sivakadadcham	Kamaleswaran
10000838	Sritharan	Kanthasamy

Sri Lanka (continued)		
10000788	Yoganadan	Kapeelan
10000843	Thangarasa	Kathirkamar
10000804	Balasubramaniam	Kirupalan
10000528	Thavapalan	Krishnakaran
10000805	Sivathanan	Kugathanan
10000545	Ahamed Jalal	Lal Premaratne
10000546	Nishanthi	Lal Premaratne
10000789	Alakaiya	Logeswaran
10000806	Mahendran	Madanakasan
10000547	Thamodaram	Mahendran
10000729	Matheesh	Mahendran
10000845	Balraj	Maheswaran
10000807	Kunachelvam	Mahinthan
10000808	Shanmugalingam	Manivannan
10000809	Gnasiththan	Manoranajan
10000810	Yogarasa	Mathanarasa
10000533	Sabapathy	Matheeswaran
10000790	Sebamalaimutthu	Maxie Bolton
10000811	Thangavel	Mayuran
10000791	Mohamad	Mazreen
10000792	Luis	Moris Satkunanathan
10000793	Janap Saheed	Muhammathu
10000812	Paranjothipillai	Navarathna
10000813	Thurairasa	Nimalan
10000548	Subramaniam	Paramasivam
10000794	Pathmanathan	Pradeepan
10000814	Sanmugathas	Pratheep
10000815	Mary Joseph Jugin	Premkumar
10000816	Yoganathanpillai	Pushpakumar
10000817	Ariyathas	Pushpathas
10000529	Kanapathipillai	Puvaneshwaran
10000549	Ramakrishnan	Raj Kumar
10000550	Sriharan	Rajagajan
10000795	Anthony Christy	Rajan
10000551	Karunakaran	Rajkumar
10000523	Jayakanthan	Ramaiyah
10000841	Rajakumar	Ramakrishnan
10000552	Balakrishna	Ramar
10000527	Raveendran	Ranjith
10000530	Balendran	RatheesKanth
10000818	Kailayapillai	Raveenthiran
10000819	Subramaniam	Ravees
10000820	Kanapathipillai	Ravindran
10000821	Mariyam Pillai	Robin Ruston
10000521	Satheesh	Sabaratnam

Sri Lanka (continued)		
10000553	Muthiah	Sathyaseelan
10000554	Selladurai	Selvakumar
10000846	Sujendran	Shanmuganathan
10000822	Kunju Pillai	Sivakanthan
10000842	Thivyathas	Sivasothy
10000823	Kanagasapai	Steepan
10000824	Joseph	Suganthakumar
10000525	Kanapathy Nadar	Sujampu Nadar
10000526	Ketheeswaran	Sujampu Nadar
10000825	Mahalingam	Suppaiah
10000826	Puniamurthi	Surendrakumar
10000555	Murugiah	Surendran
10000531	Palanisamy	Suresh
10000827	Ramachandra	Susilakumar
10000828	Palanivel Pillai	Sutharshan
10000847	Vasantharajan	Thambiraja
10000829	Rathnasingham Jagan	Thanapal
10000857	Ponniah	Thangavelli
10000859	Thevaraja	Thavaprasath
10000830	Thangarasa	Thavaputhran
10000540	Nivarshan	Thavarajah
10000831	Kanagarathnam	Thawatheeban
10000839	Jeyaganesh	Theivendram
10000850	Rajaratnam	Thevachandaran
10000851	Stanis Jeyakumar	Thevasahayampillai
10000832	Thamotharam Pillai	Thirubalasingam
10000556	Muthaiya	Thiruchelvam
10000524	Harigari Dasan	Tyron
10000833	Mathuraveeran	Udayakumar
10000834	Markandu	Vadivanathan
10000557	Morrison	Varapragasam
10000541	Vairamuththu	Varatharasan
10000534	Nadesan	Velayuthan
10000786	Vinasithambi	Vellanayagam
10000796	Nadaraja	Vijayakumar
10000835	Daniel	Yogarajan
10000840	David	Yogarajan

Thailand		
10000627	Salam	Adduloh
10000628	Ku-amad	Ahmeeden
10000732	Wae Abdul Waheng	Baning
10000733	Muhammadsimee	Guna
10000629	Adduloh	Hayimasaleh
10000630	Ya	Jaodohlaoh
10000631	Sakariya	Kajeh
10000632	Imrohim	Kayo
10000633	Waeharong	Rorhing
10000634	Muhamad	Senren
10000626	Waesainun	Waenawae
10000731	Budeman	Woni
