

**NATIONS UNIES
HAUT COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES
AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME**

**PROCEDURES SPECIALES DU
CONSEIL DES DROITS DE L'HOMME**

**UNITED NATIONS
OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food

REFERENCE: AL.Food (2000-9)
OTH 4/2011

17 June 2011

Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on the right to food pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/251 and to Human Rights Council resolution 13/4. The Human Rights Council requested me, inter alia, to promote the full realization of the right to food and the adoption of measures at the national, regional and international levels for the realization of the right of everyone to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger.

In this connection, I wish to bring to the attention of the European Commission, in particular President José Manuel Barroso and Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development Dacian Cioloș, my views about the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), now framed in particular by the Communication of the European Commission, The CAP towards 2020, of 18 November 2010. One underestimated part of the debate on the CAP reform concerns its impacts on the right to food in developing countries, particularly on poor, net-food-importing countries that are in particularly vulnerable situations. It is my view that the reform of the CAP offers a unique opportunity to take into account explicitly these impacts on the agricultural policies of the European Union.

In this regard, I attach an analysis of how the CAP reform process can contribute to the realization of the right to food globally. I remain at your disposal to support this effort and to provide substantive advice as the reform of the CAP is concluded. I would be grateful for your observations on the proposals put forward.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Olivier de Schutter
Special Rapporteur on the right to food