

International fact-finding mandates 1992-2013*

Name	Date of establishment	Legal basis / responsible body	Link to report
Commission of Experts for the former Yugoslavia	October 1992	UN Security Council Resolution 780 (1992)	http://www.icty.org/x/file/About/OTP/un_commission_of_experts_report1994_en.pdf
Commission of Inquiry concerning Somalia	16 November 1993	UN Security Council Resolution 885 (1993)	http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/at/f/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/SOMALIA%20%201994%20653.pdf
Commission of Experts to investigate violations of international humanitarian law during the Rwandan Genocide	July 1994	UN Security Council Resolution 935 (1994)	http://www.metafro.be/grandslacs/grandslacsdir300/0139.pdf/base_view
International Commission of Inquiry concerning Burundi	28 August 1995	UN Security Council Resolution 1012 (1995)	http://www.usip.org/files/file/resources/collections/commissions/Burundi-Report.pdf
International Commission of Inquiry concerning Rwanda to investigate reports relating to the sale or supply of arms and related material to former Rwandese Government Forces	7 September 1995	UN Security Council Resolution 1013 (1995)	http://www.genevaforum.ch/Reports/salw_vol1/19981207.pdf
Group of Experts for Cambodia	18 February 1999	UN General Assembly Resolution 52/135	http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/cambodia-1999.html
UN Inquiry into Possible Human Rights Violations in East Timor	September - November 1999	UN Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/S-4/1; Economic and Social Council decision 1999/293	http://www.unhcr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/(Symbol)/A.54.726.+S.2000.59.En

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UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission to verify compliance by Iraq with its disarmament obligations imposed after the Gulf War	17 December 1999	UN Security Council Resolution 1284 (1999)	http://www.unmovic.org
Mission of Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights to investigate the situation of human rights in Chechnya in the Russian Federation	March-April 2000	Mandate of a High Commissioner for Human Rights	http://reliefweb.int/report/russian-federation/statement-mary-robinson-high-commissioner-human-rights-situation-human
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Fact-finding mission to Zimbabwe, 24-28 June 2002	April-May 2001	29th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights of the African Union	http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/research/ICJ%20on%20Zimbabwe.pdf
Mission of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to Sudan	July 2004	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Resolution, 35 th Ordinary Session May-June 2004	http://www.achpr.org/files/sessions/41st/mission-reports/sudan/misrep_factfind_sudan_2004_eng.pdf
International Commission of Inquiry for Darfur	18 September 2004	UN Security Council Resolution 1564 (2004)	http://www.un.org/news/dh/sudan/com_inq_darfur.pdf
Commission of Experts to Review the Prosecution of Serious Violations of Human Rights in Timor-Leste (then East Timor) in 1999	January 2005	Letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council S/2005/96 and S/2005/97	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=15178&Cr=timor&Cr1=
OSCE Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) to the Occupied Territories of Azerbaijan Surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh	January 2005	Mandate of the Organization for Security and Cooperation of Europe (OSCE) Fact-Finding Mission as agreed by the parties	http://www.partnership.am/res/General%20Publications_Eng/050317_osce_report1.pdf
International Independent Investigation Commission to assist in investigation of all aspects of the assassination of the former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafiq Hariri, along with 22 others in Beirut on 14 February 2005	7 April 2005	UN Security Council Resolution 1595 (2005)	http://www.un.org/news/dh/docs/mehli_sreport/
Fact-Finding Mission to Zimbabwe to assess the Scope and Impact of Operation Murambatsvina	May 2005	UN Special Envoy on Human Settlements Issues in Zimbabwe	http://ww2.unhabitat.org/documents/ZimbabweReport.pdf
Colombia Fact-Finding Mission	March 2007	International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute	http://www.ibanet.org/Article/Detail.aspx?ArticleUid=32969BCD-78F8-4EDF-BD2E-2C716DD9F9D7

UN Security Council Kosovo Fact Finding Mission	April 2007	Security Council fact-finding mission to Kosovo requested by Russia to inform the vote on Kosovo's independence	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=22516&Cr=kosovo&Cr1=#.UWV9UavOnd4
African Union fact-finding team for Darfur	November 2008	African Union authorization	http://unamid.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=10997&ctl=Details&mid=14162&ItemID=16942&language=en-US
OHCHR Fact-finding Mission to Kenya	6-28 February 2008	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	http://responsibilitytoprotect.org/OHCHR%20Kenya%20Report.pdf
Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Conflict in Georgia	2 December 2008	Council of the European Union Decision 2008/901/CFSP	http://www.ceig.ch/Report.html
Commission of Inquiry into the Benazir Bhutto assassination	3 February 2009	Letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council	http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/Pakistan/UN_Bhutto_Report_15April2010.pdf
UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict	3 April 2009	UN Human Rights Council Resolution S-9/1	http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/specialsession/9/factfindingmission.htm
International Commission of Inquiry mandated to establish the facts and circumstances of the events of 28 September 2009 in Guinea	28 October 2009	UN Secretary-General	http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/4b4f49ea2.html
International Fact-Finding Mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance	2 June 2010	Human Rights Council in resolution 14/1	http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/15session/A.HRC.15.21.en.PDF
Danish Immigration Service's Fact-Finding Mission to Colombo, Sri Lanka	19 June - 3 July 2010	Danish Immigration Service	http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/pdfid/4cc6d0492.pdf
Fact-Finding Missions of the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office into the Mass Rapes and Other Human Rights Violations Committed by a Coalition of Armed Groups along the Kibua-Mpofi Aix in Walikale Territory, North Kivu, from 30 July to 2 August 2010	August 2010	United Nations Joint Human Rights Office; The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/ZR/BCNUDHRapportViolsMassifsKibuaMpofi_en.pdf

Independent International Commission of Inquiry into the Events in southern Kyrgyzstan	September 2010	An initiative from the Nordic countries; the President of the Kyrgyz Republic; OSCE; UN	http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_490.pdf
OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs conducted a Field Assessment Mission to the seven occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh	7-12 October 2010	Organization for Security and Cooperation of Europe (OSCE)	http://www.osce.org/mg/76209
African Union Fact-Finding Mission in Côte d'Ivoire	February 2011	African Union	http://www.english.rfi.fr/africa/20110210-au-panel-finish-cote-divoire-fact-finding-visit
UN Fact-Finding Mission for Libya to Investigate Allegations of Abuse by All Sides	April 2011	UN Human Rights Council	http://www.tripolipost.com/articledetail.asp?c=1&i=5919 http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/LTD/G11/141/80/PDF/G1114180.pdf?OpenElement
Fact Finding Mission on Syria	29 April 2011	UN Human Rights Council Resolution S-16/1	http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/countries/SY/Syria_Report_2011-08-17.pdf
Fact-finding mission in Kenya to identify perpetrators of killings and cattle raiding in a conflict-prone border region.	August 2011	Intergovernmental Authority on Development (Conflict Early Warning and Early Response Unit)	http://www.kituogetheria.or.ke/index2.php?option=com_docman&task=docview&gid=93&Itemid=44
UNASUR Fact-Finding Mission in Bolivia to investigate a clash in the Pando province in September 2008	December 2011	Union of South American Nations	
Independent Civil Society Fact-Finding Mission to Libya	2012	Arab Organization for Human Rights; Palestinian Centre; International Legal Assistance Consortium	http://www.pchrgaza.org/files/2012/FFM_Libya-Report.pdf
ECOWAS Commission fact-finding mission to the Republic of Mali	16-18 March 2012	Economic Community of West African States	http://news.ecowas.int/presseshow.php?nb=065&lang=en&annee=2012
International Fact-Finding Mission on Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	22 March 2012	UN Human Rights Council Resolution 19/17	http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session22/A-HRC-22-63_en.pdf
OAS Fact-Finding Mission to Paraguay	July 2012	Organization of American States	http://en.mercopress.com/2012/07/03/-fact-finding-mission-presents-report-to-permanent-council-next-monday

UN Fact-Finding Mission to investigate allegations of the reported use of chemical weapons in Syria	March-April 2013	UN Secretary General after the consultations with the World Health Organization and Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44592&Cr=syria&Cr1#.UWXMrqvOnd4
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