

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We hope that you will enjoy the 2009 edition of the *Human Rights Monitor*. As in previous years, the Monitor provides an analysis of key developments and trends in the United Nations' human rights bodies and discussion fora. The *Human Rights Monitor* has been ISHR's flagship publication for over twenty years now and will remain an important reference and tool for human rights defenders, academics, students and UN colleagues. A new feature in this year's edition is the presence of a glossary and list of definitions for abbreviations to help navigate through UN language and acronyms.

rights and a thematic piece by a guest writer on the new Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. ISHR's New York Office will be providing articles on critical developments at the Security Council, thus completing this global picture of the human rights scene at the international and regional level.

The Quarterly will also highlight events, meetings and opportunities for NGO/NHRI engagement in the upcoming quarter and beyond.

Further information can be found at www.ishr.ch/quarterly and we would be happy to receive your questions, comments or feedback at information@ishr.ch.

Best regards,
The International Service for Human Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR QUARTERLY

In 2010, we are also introducing a new publication, the *Human Rights Monitor Quarterly*, to be launched at the end of April 2010. This quarterly format will replace and regroup the *New York Monitor*, *Treaty Body Monitor*, *UPR Monitor* and *Council Monitor* publications. The first edition of the *Human Rights Monitor Quarterly* will be published at the end of April 2010, followed by editions in late July and late October 2010. The fourth edition will be incorporated into ISHR's annual *Human Rights Monitor*, which will be updated to include events from October to December 2010.

The April 2010 edition of the *Human Rights Monitor Quarterly* will include articles on the 45th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the 76th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the 98th session of the Human Rights Committee, the 4th session of the Advisory Committee, the 7th session of the UPR and the 13th session of the Human Rights Council. The Quarterly will also include an article on the upcoming 47th session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples'