

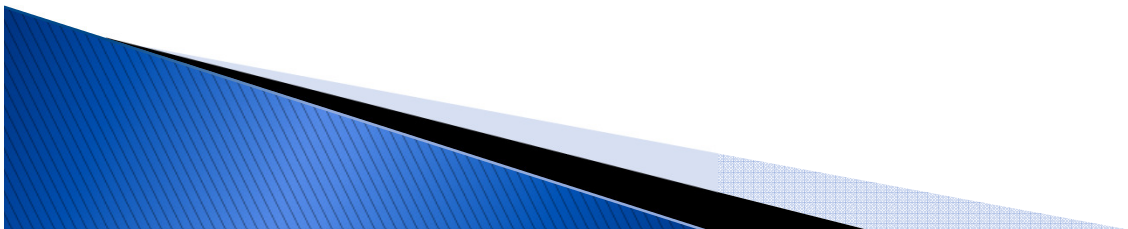
An introduction to advocacy at the UN



What is the United Nations?

- ▶ The United Nations is an international organization
- ▶ It has over 190 members: Vietnam is a member

- ▶ Goals:
 1. Peace – friendly relations among nations
 2. Improve standards of living and human rights



The United Nations

www.un.org

- Peace and Security
- Development
- Human Rights
- Humanitarian Affairs
- International Law

The screenshot shows the United Nations website homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and a language selector with options for Arabic, Chinese, English, Français, Русский, and Español. The main header features the UN logo and the text "UNITED NATIONS We the peoples... A stronger UN for a better world." Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for "Peace and Security", "Development", "Human Rights", "Humanitarian Affairs", and "International Law". The "Human Rights" tab is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing from the "Human Rights" bullet point in the list on the left. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Your United Nations" (with links like "UN at a Glance", "UN Charter", "Structure and Organization", etc.), "Main Bodies" (listing "General Assembly", "Security Council", "Economic & Social Council", "Trusteeship Council", and "International Court of Justice"), "Secretary-General" (with links to "Secretariat" and "Spokesperson"), "In Focus" (listing "Syria", "Central African Republic", "Ukraine", etc.), "Global Issues" (listing "Africa", "Environment", "Women"), "Social Media" (with icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.), "Resources and Services" (listing "Emergency Info", "Documents", "Library", etc.), and "Conferences, Meetings, Events" (listing "UN General Assembly 68th session", "UN Security Council meetings"). A "More Info >>" link is also visible.

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Special Rapporteurs
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Independent Experts



Heiner Bielefeldt, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

- Completely independent
- Clarifications / Urgent Actions
- Thematic / State-specific

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- In July 2014, the Special Rapporteur visited Vietnam. He met religious leaders, human rights defenders, officials.
- “There are violations of the right to freedom of religion or belief in Vietnam.”
- Now, he is asking for information from us as he prepares his report.

- ▶ Exercise: write down five things you know about the United Nations and share them with your group. Explain their relevance to Vietnam.
- ▶ Discussion point: what do you think the rest of the world thinks about religious freedom in Vietnam? What do you think?

