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#### **Amnesty International reports & statements:**

**29 January: Cameroon:** Cameroon's government has routinely used killings and torture to repress political dissent, according to a new Amnesty International report.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/report/dissent-violently-repressed-cameroon-20090129>

**28 January: Israel/OPT:** Emergency medical rescue workers, including doctors, paramedics and ambulance drivers, have repeatedly come under fire from Israeli forces in the Gaza conflict while carrying out their duties.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/ambulance-20090128>

**28 January: Nigeria:** A bill now before the Nigerian National Assembly aims to outlaw marriages between individuals of the same sex – in a country where homosexuality is already criminalized.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/nigerias-proposed-ban-same-sex-partnerships-assault-human-rights-20090128>

**27 January: Brazil:** The vice-president of the Workers' Party in the Brazilian state of Pernambuco and human rights activist was assassinated on Saturday. Two hooded men broke into Manoel Mattos' house and shot him in the chest at point blank range.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/human-rights-activist-assassinated-brazil-20090127>

**26 January: Israel/OPT:** The Israeli authorities are being urged to disclose the weapons and munitions their forces used during the three week military campaign in Gaza which began on 27 December 2008.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/israel-must-disclose-weapons-used-gaza-20090126>

**22 January: Europe:** A coalition of human rights organizations called on EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels next week to help close the Guantánamo Bay prison by offering humanitarian protection to detainees who risk torture or persecution at home.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/europe-help-close-guant-namo-offer-humanitarian-protection-detainees-who>

**21 January: Turkey:** The Turkish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) solidarity organization, Lambda Istanbul, has won its appeal against the closure of the association.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/good-news/turkish-lgbt-organization-wins-appeal-against-closure-20090121>

**20 January: Somalia:** Amnesty reports on the struggle for women's rights in Somalia.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/feature-stories/struggling-womens-rights-somalia-20090120>

**19 January: Russia:** A prominent human rights lawyer with whom Amnesty International had worked on several occasions was shot dead in the centre of Moscow.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/prominent-human-rights-lawyer-murdered-moscow-20090119>

**19 January: Israel/OPT:** An Amnesty International fact-finding team has described how they found evidence of widespread use of white phosphorus by the Israeli army in densely populated areas in and around Gaza City.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/amnesty-international-team-gains-access-gaza-20090119>

**16 January: Sudan:** A Sudanese opposition leader has been arrested after calling on Sudan's president to present himself to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and face his responsibility for crimes under international law that have been committed in the conflict in Darfur.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/sudanese-opposition-leader-arrested-20090116>

**16 January: Zambia:** Following the commutation of the death sentences of 53 prisoners to custodial sentences by the President of Zambia, Amnesty International renewed its call for the government to join the worldwide trend towards the abolition of the death penalty.

<http://amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/fifty-three-death-sentences-commuted-zambia-20090116>

## **Children:**

**International:** Two United Nations agencies will be able to boost research into "child size" medicines designed and formulated specifically for children thanks to a \$9.7 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. *UN News Centre* (21 January):

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29605&Cr=World+health+organization&Cr1=>

**Israel/OPT:** After three weeks of fighting, the Office of the UN's Humanitarian Coordinator (OCHA) reports that nearly one-third of those killed in the Gaza Strip – some 340 – were children. *UNICEF* (16 January): [http://www.unicef.org/media/media\\_47247.html](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_47247.html)

**Niger:** In a country with the world's highest incidence of early marriage according to the UN, child rights activists say the phenomenon is changing in Niger from a village tradition to a cross-border business transaction. *IRIN* (16 January): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82419>

**Somalia:** There are several factors that force children into the streets, says Mohamed Gaab, a social worker. One is poverty caused by either unemployment of the main breadwinner of the family or by his or her death. *All Africa* (20 January): <http://allafrica.com/stories/200901210003.html>

**Sri Lanka:** A senior United Nations official today expressed concern over the fate of thousands of children caught up in the conflict in Sri Lanka pitting Government forces against the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). *UN News Centre* (21 January): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29608&Cr=sri+lanka&Cr1=>

**Sudan:** Many children are being forced to work as the state Kadugli, state capital of Southern Kordofan, which was badly affected by Sudan's 21 years of conflict, grapples with reconstruction challenges. *IRIN* (22 January): <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=82511>

**Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe's defunct health system and the growing humanitarian crisis have had a devastating impact on the lives of children, particularly those who are orphaned or vulnerable. *IRIN Plus News* (20 January): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82480>

## **Death Penalty:**

**China:** A Chinese court on Thursday sentenced two men to death for their role in a tainted milk scandal that killed at least six children, while the woman most widely blamed for the tragedy got life in jail. *Reuters* (22 January): <http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE50LOZX20090122>

**Japan:** Japan has carried out the execution of four prisoners on death row, according to media reports quoting justice ministry sources. *BBC News* (29 January): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/7857437.stm>

**Mexico:** Mexico's Congress has agreed to hold forums on the possibility of reinstating the death penalty for some crimes. Mexico formally abolished the death penalty in 2005 but has not held an execution since 1961. *The Associated Press* (21 January): <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hitRYWRCgwFRB9KTNKoWHb9qVPyAD95RTC580>

**Uganda:** Uganda's Supreme Court has refused an appeal by more than 400 death row inmates to abolish the death penalty. *BBC News* (21 January): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7841749.stm>

## **Health Services:**

**UK:** The Commission for social Care Inspection's fourth and final report on the state of social care services in England, published today, offers a comprehensive overview of social care services

across the public, private and voluntary sectors. *The Guardian* (28 January): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/joepublic/2009/jan/28/denise-platt-social-care-inspection>

**Zimbabwe:** In a new report, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) assert that the Government of Zimbabwe has abrogated the most basic state functions in protecting the health of the population. *Medical News Today* (21 January): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/136151.php>

## Health Workers:

**Iran:** Two prominent Iranian AIDS doctors have been jailed for a total of nine years for their part in an alleged coup plot. *BBC News* (22 January): [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/7843207.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/7843207.stm)

**Israel/OPT:** Doctors in Gaza struggle to treat deadly burns consistent with white phosphorus. *The Guardian* (20 January): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/21/gaza-phosphorus-israel>

**UK:** Safeguards to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse are an unlawful infringement of the human rights of staff working in the NHS and social care, five law lords ruled yesterday in a test case brought by the Royal College of Nursing. *The Guardian* (22 January): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/jan/22/publicsectorcareers-nhs>

## HIV and AIDS:

**Australia:** An HIV-positive Australian who hosted parties where he deliberately had unprotected sex to infect his gay partners was Friday given an 18-year jail sentence by a Melbourne court. *Health 24* (16 January): [http://www.health24.com/news/HIV\\_AIDS/1-920,49293.asp](http://www.health24.com/news/HIV_AIDS/1-920,49293.asp)

**Kenya:** Makeni District Hospital in eastern Kenya has recorded a significant drop in the weight of several of its HIV-positive patients in the past three months, which nutritionists ascribe to severe food shortages across much of the country. *IRIN Plus News* (23 January): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82524>

**Liberia:** More than half of the pregnant women who test positive for HIV do not return for counselling and treatment, according to Liberia's National AIDS Control Programme (NACP). *IRIN* (20 January): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82471>

**Senegal:** Nine HIV activists were sentenced to eight years in prison in Dakar, Senegal for indecent and unnatural acts. They were arrested in December, just after the 15th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), on suspicion of having engaged in homosexual acts. *RH Reality Check* (21 January): <http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2009/01/15/hypocrisy-watch>

**Southern Africa:** For many women, pregnancy is a time of anticipation and celebration, but for those living positively it can be frustrating when their status – and not their pregnancy – takes centre stage. Being pregnant and positive often comes with its own brand of stigma. *IRIN Plus News* (25 January): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82567>

**South Africa:** Persons aged 15 to 24 account for 34% of all new HIV infections in South Africa and have an HIV prevalence of 10.3%, statistics that are fuelling the debate on whether to distribute condoms in schools. *Health 24* (21 January): [http://www.health24.com/news/HIV\\_AIDS/1-920,49336.asp](http://www.health24.com/news/HIV_AIDS/1-920,49336.asp)

**South Africa:** Health minister Barbara Hogan is optimistic that the rate of new HIV/AIDS infections can be halved within the next two years through the One Love campaign, which was launched in Orlando, Soweto. *Health 24* (26 January): [http://www.health24.com/news/HIV\\_AIDS/1-920,49383.asp](http://www.health24.com/news/HIV_AIDS/1-920,49383.asp)

**USA:** Hospitals in states where Medicaid does not pay for routine male circumcision are only about half as likely to perform the procedure, and this disparity could lead to an increased risk of HIV infection among lower-income children later in life, according to a UCLA AIDS Institute study. *UCLA Newsroom* (27 January): <http://www.newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/male-circumcision-rates-lower-78871.aspx>

**USA:** An investigation into the participation of New York City foster children in clinical drug trials for HIV and AIDS over a nearly 20-year period has found no evidence that any children died as a result of the trials or that the foster children were selected because of their race. *The New York Times* (27 January): <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/28/nyregion/28foster.html?hp>

### **Malaria, TB and Other Diseases:**

**Myanmar:** The Three-Diseases (3-D) Fund has provided nine non-governmental organizations in Myanmar with a total of 630,000 U.S. dollars to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria this year. *China View* (27 January): [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/27/content\\_10723536.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/27/content_10723536.htm)

**South Africa:** About 3 000 people in South Africa have been struck by Cholera since its outbreak in November last year. *Health 24* (21 January): <http://www.health24.com/news/Cholera/1-899,49355.asp>

**Zimbabwe:** Zimbabweans have been encouraged to get tested for tuberculosis, which is one of the major killer diseases in the country and Africa. HIV is the other major killer disease and prevention efforts should be made in both. *ZBC News* (28 January): <http://www.newsnet.co.zw/index.php?nID=14905>

**Zimbabwe:** More than 60,000 people in Zimbabwe have now been infected by cholera, the World Health Organization says. *BBC News* (30 January): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7860070.stm>

### **Mental health:**

**Ireland:** The Government is to press ahead with the controversial sale of 12 psychiatric hospitals but insisted last night the €800m raised will go to mental health services. *The Independent* (28 January): <http://www.independent.ie/national-news/sale-of-12-hospitals-to-raise-8364800m-for-mental-health-sector-1614518.html>

**UK:** The Mental Disability Advocacy Center MDAC calls on the UK Government to ratify the Disability Rights Convention without reservation or delay. *MDAC* (23 January): <http://www.mdac.info/en/node/175>

**UK:** In a landmark ruling, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) was found to be in breach of the Human Rights Act after deciding not to pursue the case of an assault victim in court on the grounds that the victim had a mental health problem. *The Medical News Today* (28 January): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/136932.php>

## Food Security:

**Ethiopia:** As Ethiopia struggled with high food prices and a lack of relief aid in 2008, the UN children's agency, UNICEF, initiated one of the biggest responses to fight severe malnutrition ever undertaken. *Relief Web* (28 January): <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/LSGZ-7NQGCY?OpenDocument>

**International:** The Madrid high-level Meeting on Food Security called for better coordination to combat hunger. Ban Ki-Moon said the ever-increasing problem of world hunger and poverty is shocking and intolerable. Ban urged the whole world to join their efforts in fighting hunger and poverty. *China View* (28 January): [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/28/content\\_10727305.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/28/content_10727305.htm)

**International:** Food price inflation has sparked a debate between aid agencies who want to return to food transfers rather than providing cash transfers. *IRIN* (20 January): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82482>

**Somalia:** In the wake of the killings of two of its staff members earlier this month, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is calling on local authorities and armed groups in South and Central Somalia to provide concrete security commitments to allow the agency to continue providing life-saving assistance to millions in need in the strife-torn nation. *UN News Centre* (22 January): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29621&Cr=Somali&Cr1=>

## Prisons:

**Cuba:** The Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez on Wednesday demanded that the U.S. return the Guantanamo naval base to Cuba, though he welcomed President Barack Obama's order to close the detention centre there. *The Associated Press* (28 January): [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jxQHEuofDgB\\_4zqicWNNI6nsNXyQD960BN7G1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jxQHEuofDgB_4zqicWNNI6nsNXyQD960BN7G1)

**Israel/OPT:** Seven Israeli human rights groups demanded an inquiry on Wednesday into the "inhuman" treatment meted out to Palestinians taken prisoner during Israel's offensive on the Gaza Strip. *The Age* (29 January): <http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-world/israelis-protest-gaza-prison-conditions-20090129-7s6l.html>

**USA:** The US president has ordered to close the network of secret prisons around the world - known as CIA "black sites" - which contain an untold number of "ghost detainees" whose existence has never properly been confirmed. *The Guardian* (23 January): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/23/secret-prisons-closure-obama-cia>

**USA:** The UN human rights chief on Thursday warmly welcomed President Barack Obama's decision to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and called on the new U.S. administration to follow up by reviewing its approach to detaining people in other countries, including Afghanistan and Iraq. *The International Herald Tribune* (23 January): <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2009/01/23/news/UN-UN-Suspected-Terrorists.php>

## Refugees and Migrants:

**Burma:** Rights group, Human Rights Watch, is calling for India to provide access to the United Nations to assist up to 100,000 Burmese ethnic Chin who have fled persecution and poverty in Burma. *Voice of America* (28 January): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-01-28-voa19.cfm>

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** The flood of Congolese civilians fleeing raids by the Ugandan rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) are in dire need of food, shelter, medicines, clothes and other aid items. *UN News Centre* (20 January):

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29601&Cr=lra&Cr1>

**Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka's military declared a "safety zone" to enable some 250,000 trapped civilians to cross into government-controlled territory from the diminishing area held by Tamil Tiger rebels in the war-torn north. *The Associated Press* (21 January):

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gVoaDFmbCYS-Usz9ACDRlengj21QD95RK5180>

**Sudan:** The Southern Sudanese state of Western Equatorial has registered thousands of refugees and displaced civilians but lacks the resources to support them, officials said. *IRIN* (20 January):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82464>

**Thailand:** Thailand's new prime minister was under pressure today to answer allegations that hundreds of Burmese and Bangladeshi migrants were set adrift at sea with little food and water by the armed forces. *The Guardian* (19 January):

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/19/thailand-migrant-allegations>

**UK:** Hundreds of failed asylum seekers and foreign ex-offenders are being held in detention centres for indefinite periods because political sensitivity means the Home Office cannot remove or release them, according to a report. *Medical Justice News* (29 January):

<http://www.medicaljustice.org.uk/content/view/570/69/>

## **Sexual and Reproductive Rights:**

**Burkina Faso:** Women performing excisions in Burkina Faso are cutting babies instead of young girls to escape increased scrutiny, according to the government and organisations fighting female genital mutilation/cutting. *IRIN* (27 January):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82600>

**Canada:** The number of medical interventions during childbirth is rising in Canada, prompting new calls from medical societies to promote normal childbirth and to reduce the practice of "routine" medical intervention during low-risk pregnancies. *Medical News Today* (29 January):

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/137138.php>

**Myanmar:** According to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), in Myanmar an estimated 3,800 women die in pregnancy and childbirth each year, mainly from post-partum haemorrhaging, infection, unsafe abortion, eclampsia and obstructed labour. *IRIN* (20 January): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82465>

**USA:** Hundreds of human rights and health organizations around the world are lauding U.S. President Barack Obama's move to repeal the so-called Global Gag Rule, which stipulated the United States may not fund any foreign healthcare organization that provides abortion counseling, advocacy, or referrals. *One World* (26 January): <http://us.oneworld.net/article/359698-repeal-global-gag-rule-key-womens-health>

**USA:** President Barack Obama and his predecessor, George W. Bush, differ sharply on abortion and other reproductive-health issues. Here are some of their views. *The International Herald Tribune* (22 January): <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2009/01/22/america/NA-US-Abortion-Obama-Bush.php>



**Yemen:** The maternal mortality rate remains high as a result of poor health care and harmful social practices, including child marriage and female genital mutilation, a UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) official in Yemen has said. *IRIN* (20 January):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=82463>

## **Torture:**

**International:** The International Criminal Court begins its first full trial today of a Congolese militia leader, Thomas Lubanga, over the forced recruitment of child soldiers who were part of a rebel army responsible for mass killings, rape and torture of civilians. *The Guardian* (26 January):

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/26/hague-trial-child-soldiers-congo>

**Myanmar:** Myanmar's military regime is committing widespread abuses against the mainly Christian Chin ethnic group, who face famine, forced labour, torture and persecution, a human rights group said. *AFP* (28 January):

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gjqP4j378-lhdyHqhCHKPcFUSEXQ>

**Turkey:** A landmark trial opened in Turkey yesterday of 60 police officers, soldiers and prison officials implicated in the death of a political activist from injuries allegedly sustained under torture. *The Guardian* (22 January): <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/22/human-rights-in-turkey>

## **Violence against Women:**

**Afghanistan:** From acid attacks, murder, torching of schools and sexual assault, violence against female students is dashing the dreams of thousands of Afghan girls and women who are thirsty for an education that may help rejuvenate the fractured economy and society of their war-torn country. *The International Herald Tribune* (29 January):

<http://www.iht.com/articles/reuters/2009/01/29/asia/OUKWD-UK-AFGHAN-EDUCATION-feature.php>

**Australia:** Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Islamic leaders have condemned a Melbourne Muslim cleric who told followers it was permissible to hit their wives and force them to have sex. *The Sydney Morning Herald* (22 January): <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/wifebeating-call-was-metaphoric-cleric-20090122-7nky.html>

**International:** A new study has found women who experience domestic violence are 50 per cent more likely to lose their baby in at least one pregnancy. *In the news* (23 January):

[http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/property/health/domestic-violence-can-lead-foetal-loss-\\$1263012.htm](http://www.inthenews.co.uk/news/property/health/domestic-violence-can-lead-foetal-loss-$1263012.htm)

**International:** Early marriages -- marital unions between women under age 20 and their peers or older men -- should be considered a crime against humanity due to the risk it poses to their wellbeing, a National Commission for Child Protection officer proposed on Wednesday. *The Jakarta Post* (28 January):

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/01/28/early-marriage-a-crime-against-humanity-child-commission.html>

**Papua New Guinea:** In Papua New Guinea, research indicates, two-thirds of women experience domestic violence, and 50 percent of women have experienced forced sex. *Human Rights Watch* (28 January): <http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/01/27/where-violence-against-women-rampant>



**Sri Lanka:** Civilians who have been caught by the Sri Lanka Army, have complained to their relatives that the Sri Lankan soldiers have taken several women into their custody and were sexually abusing them, said Jaffna district parliamentarian S. Gajendran on Wednesday. *Tamilnet* (28 January): <http://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=13&artid=28176>

**UK:** Disabled charities have condemned the sentences of three men who raped a girl and left her permanently disfigured by throwing caustic soda over her. *BBC News* (20 January): [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/london/7839280.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/london/7839280.stm)

**UK:** More than 100 councils could face legal action for not providing specialist support services for women affected by sexual violence. *BBC News* (30 January): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7859764.stm>

## **Women's Rights:**

**International:** The resumption of United States funding after a seven-year lull will augment efforts by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to improve the health and human rights of women. *UN News Centre* (27 January): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29689&Cr=women&Cr1=barack+obama>

**Nigeria:** Women's rights activists say divorced women are often thrown out of their homes, lose custody of their children, and many end up destitute. *BBC News* (19 January): <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7837512.stm>

## **Conferences/Seminars/Courses:**

### **Conference: Queering the Health Gap: LGBT Health Disparities and the Law**

27-28 February 2009 at Harvard Law School, USA. The fourth annual Harvard Lambda Legal Advocacy (HaLLA) Conference will examine LGBT health disparities and the law. The panelists - leading academics, activists, advocates, community members, and health practitioners from around the country - will speak on topics including health in prisons, reproductive technology, access to and delivery of care, HIV/AIDS, disabilities, mental health, and intersectionality as applied to the Queer Health Gap. For further information visit: <http://hlslambda.org/events/halla2009/>

### **Conference: Social and Societal Influences on Equity in Health**

5th International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health in partnership with Greek School of Public Health and Canadian Society for International Health, 9-11 June 2009, Crete, Greece. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 28 February 2009. More details are available at the following website: <http://www.iseqh-conference2009.com/>

### **Call for Submissions: The Sexual Rights Initiative: 6th round of the Universal Periodic Review**

The Sexual Rights Initiative looks for organizations, researchers and/or activists interested in producing brief reports (5 pages) on pressing concerns in their countries with respect to sexual rights issues, including -but not limited to- reproductive rights, sexual diversity, sexuality education, HIV/AIDS, and so on - to be submitted for the 6th round of the Universal Periodic Review in the UN Human Rights Council. Deadline: 27 February 2009. More information is available at: <http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/Calls-for-Participation2/Call-for-Submissions-The-Sexual-Rights-Initiative-SRI-6th-round-of-the-Universal-Periodic-Review-UPR>

**Position: Deputy Director - The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network**

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network is one of the world's leading non-governmental organizations working exclusively on HIV/AIDS-related legal and human rights issues, in Canada and internationally. They are seeking a full-time Deputy Director in Toronto. Application deadline: 13 February 2009. More information is available at:  
[http://www.aidslaw.ca/EN/about\\_us/how\\_to\\_get\\_involved/careers.htm](http://www.aidslaw.ca/EN/about_us/how_to_get_involved/careers.htm)

## **Publications:**

Bischoff A, Schneider M, Denhaerynck K, and Battegay E, "Health and ill health of asylum seekers in Switzerland: an epidemiological study", *Eur J Public Health* 2009 19: 59-64. Available online at: <http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/19/1/59?etoc>

Chan M, "Primary health care as a route to health security", *The Lancet*, 15 January 2009. Available at: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(09\)60003-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60003-9/fulltext)

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