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Amnesty International reports & statements:

10 March: USA: A US federal judge has ordered the administration of President Barack Obama to provide him with updated information on the detainees held by the USA in Bagram airbase in Afghanistan by 11 March. District Court Judge John Bates is considering whether the detainees may challenge their detention before courts in the USA.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/news/transparency-bagram-detentions-needed-from-obama-administration-20090310>

6 March: Kenya: Amnesty International today called on the Kenyan government to investigate immediately yesterday's execution-style killings of two human rights activists.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/kenya-amnesty-international-calls-immediate-investigation-execution-styl>

5 March: Azerbaijan: The Azerbaijani authorities have dropped a defamation suit against a prominent human rights defender Leila Yunus, director of the Institute for Peace and Democracy.

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/good-news/charges-dropped-against-azerbaijani-activist-20090305>

5 March: Sudan: Amnesty International today warned that 2.2 million people face the risk of starvation and disease following yesterday's decision by the Sudanese government to expel more than 10 aid agencies, including Oxfam, Care, Save the Children and Medecins Sans Frontieres. <http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/sudan-amnesty-international-warns-22-million-risk-darfur-after-aid-agenc>

4 March: Kenya: With remarkable access to the inner areas of the Kibera slum in Nairobi, this film introduces just a few of the thousands of women, whose daily lives are blighted by poverty and serious human rights violations. <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/video-women-kibera-kenya-20090304>

4 March: Zimbabwe: Human rights workers Jestina Mukoko and Broderick Takawira have been released after three months in prison. Both were victims of enforced disappearance, unlawful arrest, detention, and torture. <http://www.amnesty.org/en/features-news-and-updates>

27 February: Iran: Kurdish student Hana Abdi was released from prison after spending nearly 16 months in detention. She had been charged with "enmity against God" and "gathering and colluding to harm national security". <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/good-news/kurdish-womens-rights-activist-released-iran-20090227>

Children:

Cambodia: Cambodian police have arrested an American and a French national on suspicion of molesting children. One organization that helped police catch the suspects worries that, despite increasing arrests, foreign paedophiles are still making Cambodia one of their prime destinations. *Voice of America* (4 March): <http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-03-04-voa17.cfm>

Costa Rica: Costa Rica registered in the last 10 years 4,085 cases of pregnant women between 10 and 14 years old, according to information given on Sunday by the Costa Rican National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC). *China View* (9 March): http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-03/09/content_10973903.htm

Democratic Republic of Congo: Executive Director Hilde F. Johnson has urged armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to release all children associated with the conflict. *UNICEF* (3 March): http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/drcongo_48408.html

India: Laws banning child marriages were introduced in the country in 1929 but 80 years down the line, the social ill continues to be as grave as ever. *Time of India* (11 March): <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Almost-half-of-Indian-women-married-as-minors-Study/articleshow/4251067.cms>

International: A landmark treaty adopted 20 years ago has transformed the way the world views children but greater efforts are needed to ensure that their rights are protected and advanced, the United Nations human rights chief said. *UN News Centre* (11 March): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30151&Cr=Child&Cr1=Rights>

Nigeria: In 2008, as many as a thousand children were hospitalised with diarrhoea and vomiting after taking "My Pikin" teething syrup. At least 84 children are known to have died. *IPS* (9 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46030>

Pakistan: North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) is one of the least developed regions of Pakistan. According to recent national data, 1 in 10 children here dies before reaching age five, 33 per cent of children in the tribal areas are underweight and 16 per cent are severely malnourished. *UNICEF* (10 March): http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/pakistan_48558.html

Saudi Arabia: Recent press reports on child bride marriage in Saudi Arabia sparked a wave of criticism among columnists and social activists, who called for abolishing the custom and for setting a minimum age for marriage in Saudi law. *Middle East Media Research Institute* (8 March): <http://www.memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=ia&ID=IA50209>

South Africa: The statistics are shocking. Last year alone, more than 11,000 children were raped in Gauteng. Three institutions – the provincial government, the Teddy Bear Clinic and child line in Johannesburg – released the shock rape-statistics yesterday. *Digital Journal* (11 March): <http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/268980>

Sri Lanka: The UN has deplored the diversion of high-energy therapeutic food supplies intended for severely malnourished children to Liberation Tigers of Tamils Eelam (LTTE) fighters in combat zones in Sri Lanka's north. *IRIN News* (12 March): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83430>

UK: Overstretched children's social workers will be given extra training to address nationwide failures in child protection, the government said. *Reuters* (12 March): <http://uk.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUKTRE52B00220090312>

Death Penalty:

Democratic Republic of Congo: A former Congolese militia leader was sentenced to death by a military court in southeastern Democratic Republic of Congo for war crimes and other offences, a judicial source said Friday. *AFP* (6 March): <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jILFQuJRjh3EtHTOMu5ejAZjNy8w>

Japan: This is the 1st instalment in a 3rd series of articles focusing on capital punishment. When handing down rulings in serious criminal cases, judges have to decide whether defendants should pay the ultimate penalty for their crimes or continue to live and atone for their sins. *Death penalty News* (3 March): <http://deathpenaltynews.blogspot.com/2009/03/japan-unmasking-capital-punishment-is.html>

South Korea: Criminal law professors launched a signing campaign against the death penalty amid growing public calls to resume executions after the arrest of serial killer Kang Ho-sun. *The Korea Herald* (13 March): http://www.koreaherald.co.kr/NEWKHSITE/data/html_dir/2009/03/14/200903140010.asp

USA: Supreme Court justices have been debating the rights of convict's to DNA testing, but some of them would like to know that the prisoner is at least willing to swear that he is innocent. *The Washington Post* (3 March): <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/03/02/AR2009030202462.html>

USA: A dozen lawmakers have introduced a bill to impose a moratorium on capital punishment in Nevada until 2011, while a study is done on the cost of the death penalty. *Reno Gazette-Journal* (3 March): <http://www.rgj.com/article/20090303/NEWS18/90303060>

Food Security and Poverty:

Afghanistan: Wheat flour, rice and cooking oil prices have dropped by over 15 percent in the past three months but adequate food is still unaffordable for millions of Afghans living on less than US\$1 a day, according to officials. *IRIN News* (12 March):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83417>

Chad: Aid agencies in eastern Chad are bracing for a possible influx of men, women and children from Darfur after the Sudanese government expelled NGOs providing water, food and health care to millions of people. *IRIN News* (10 March):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83396>

International: The United Nations Millennium Development Goals were an ambitious agenda for reducing global poverty from the day it was endorsed in 2000, critics say, and may now appear altogether unrealistic as the world grapples with the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. *Reuters* (12 March): <http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE52B0D620090312>

Sudan: A joint United Nations and Sudanese Government mission to evaluate the need for food, water, health and emergency shelter in Darfur commenced today, as the humanitarian community attempts to recover from the expulsion of 13 major aid groups assisting some 4.7 million people.

UN News Centre (11 March):

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30160&Cr=darfur&Cr1=>

Health Services:

Kenya: When public health facilities are so often short of drugs that a community worker has to buy basic medicines like painkillers in bulk for use by the community, then there is a problem.

IPS (12 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46076>

UK: Risk is a constant concern of all those involved in healthcare and law now permeates all medical procedures. The Public Accounts Committee has found that medical negligence affects one in ten hospital patients. Nearly a million people have suffered unnecessarily as a result of medical accidents. *Medical News Today* (12 March):

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/141966.php>

USA: The U.S. health care system puts the country at a disadvantage in the global economy because of high costs and low standards in the delivery of care, according to a study to be released by the Business Roundtable. *Medical News Today* (13 March):

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/142133.php>

Health Workers:

Iraq: Prompt medical care is at last on offer in Iraq, for those who can find the dollars for it. *IPS*

(6 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46000>

Israel/OPT: Hospital staff are struggling to provide medical care with intermittent electricity supplies and shortages of items like wheelchairs and medication. *IRIN* (5 March):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83312>

Nigeria: The Minister of Health has raised an alarm on the danger the recent outbreak of Lassa fever poses to health workers. Osotimehin has also lamented the shortage of vaccines for the control of the recent Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM) epidemic that has killed over 333 persons and affected 5,323 others. *The Guardian (Nigeria)* (9 March):

http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/news/article05/indexn2_html?pdate=090309&ptitle=Minister%20warns%20health%20workers%20of%20Lassa%20fever%20risk

Paraguay: Around 95 percent of the health workers who have left the country since 2006 were nurses with a certain level of seniority in their workplaces, and with degrees from respected local universities like the National University of Asunción, where education is tuition-free. *IPS* (10 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46051>

HIV and AIDS:

Asia: Female migrants from Asia have become "highly vulnerable" to HIV during the global financial crisis, according to a United Nations Development Programme report released in Manila, the Philippines. *The Medical News Today* (12 March): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/141997.php>

Caribbean: The fight against widespread sexual violence in the Caribbean has been joined by a high-profile new women's coalition that warns it could be a major reason for the spread of HIV among women and girls in the region. *IPS* (12 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46082>

International: A Nobel prize-winning French researcher, who co-discovered the virus that leads to AIDS but sparked controversy after his colleague said he had claimed all the glory, has now been accused of stealing the rights to a revolutionary invention that may provide a cure to the disease. *The Telegraph* (9 March): <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/4959505/Man-who-co-discovered-HIV-accused-of-stealing-rights-to-Aids-cure.html>

International: The number of older people with HIV may be increasing worldwide, but doctors seldom consider screening them for HIV, thus delaying diagnosis, according to an article in the World Health Organisation's March Bulletin. *IRIN Plus News* (3 March): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83270>

South Africa: Despite high rates of teen pregnancy and HIV, South African high schools will remain largely condom-free zones while confusing government policies mix with morals to keep the prophylactics out of pupils' pockets. *IRIN Plus News* (5 March): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83327>

Southern Africa: International donors and top health experts from southern Africa began a meeting on Wednesday on how to improve and expand the European Commission's efforts in fighting the HIV-AIDS crisis in the region. *AFP* (11 March): <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h7TYyzocATPY1vvQcrKC3uor994Q>

Uganda: Ugandan researchers are conducting the first study to find workable HIV interventions to help the country's highly vulnerable fishing communities. *IRIN Plus News* (12 March): <http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83424>

Uganda: Another 50,000 people living with HIV/AIDS are now eligible for free treatment under the new guidelines which the Ministry of Health released. *New Vision* (12 March): <http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/12/674468>

USA: Futures Group International has received USD1.7m from the president's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) to strengthen enabling environment for prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS. *IPP News* (1 march): <http://ippmedia.com/ipp/guardian/2009/03/11/133136.html>

USA: Between 1990 and 2005, the percentage of new AIDS cases diagnosed among women more than doubled, increasing from 11 percent to more than 26 percent. *News Wise* (9 March): <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/549886/>

Malaria, TB and Other Diseases:

International: The United Nations-backed Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria today welcomed an announcement by the United States Congress that it will donate \$900 million to its cause for this year. *UN News Centre* (11 March): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30156&Cr=Global+fund&Cr1>

USA: Tuberculosis kills 1.7 million people annually around the world and, in 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) counted more than 13,000 cases of TB in the country. *Medical News Today* (11 March): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/141771.php>

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe's crumbling health system makes it almost impossible to detect and treat tuberculosis (TB), doctors say. As a result, they suspect the country has large numbers of unidentified cases of multi-drug resistant (MDR) as well as extensively drug resistant (XDR) TB. *IPS* (3 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=45946>

Mental health:

Russia: On 27 February 2009, the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation decided its first case concerning regulations and procedures for assessing legal capacity, one of the key issues affecting people with mental disabilities and their participation on an equal basis with others in exercising basic human rights. *MDAC* (3 March): <http://www.mdac.info/en/node/178>

UK: A mental health charity Mind today welcomes the Government's commitment to invest £93m in mental health services to prepare for the human cost of the recession. *Health Care Today* (13 March): <http://www.hc2d.co.uk/content.php?contentId=10598>

USA: One in five U.S. workers say the recession is causing them mental health problems, as they battle anxiety and fear over the potential loss of their jobs, new research shows. *Reuters* (12 March): <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE52B15J20090312>

Refugees and Migrants:

Afghanistan: Ten Afghan citizens being detained in Pekanbaru for illegally entering Indonesia hope to meet representatives from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Jakarta in a bid to seek asylum. *The Jakarta Post* (12 March): <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/03/12/afghan-refugees-hope-meet-with-unhcr.html>

Asia: Thousands of Asian women flock to the affluent sheikhdoms of the Middle East annually, seeking jobs as domestic workers. For many this quest for a livelihood comes to a humiliating end when they test positive for HIV. *IPS* (13 March): <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46094>

Europe: Human rights group Amnesty International appealed to the European Union on Thursday to stop what it called Italy's violations of the rights of asylum seekers. *The International Herald Tribune* (12 March): <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2009/03/12/europe/EU-EU-Italy-Immigrants.php>

Myanmar: The United Nations' refugee chief toured Myanmar's border with Bangladesh Tuesday as he followed the route of migrants who say they are fleeing the country for fear of persecution by authorities. *AFP* (11 March):

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i3yo4CjB49bNUUgJmMTe-r7-Svmg>

Somalia: Hawa Salad Halane and her two children are among the families returning to Heliwa district of north Mogadishu after 18 months in an overcrowded camp on the outskirts of the capital. *IRIN* (5 March): <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83308>

Sexual and Reproductive Rights:

Brazil: A senior Vatican cleric has defended the excommunication in Brazil of the mother and doctors of a young girl who had an abortion with their help. *BBC News* (7 March):

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7930380.stm>

Kenya: A shortage of free female condoms in public hospitals in Kenya's Coast Province is compromising the ability of women to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. *IRIN Pw News* (9 March):

<http://www.plusnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83381>

Nigeria: Nigerian activists have said that a new bill outlawing same-sex marriage will lead to increased arrests and abuse of anyone suspected to be gay. *Pink News* (11 March):

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/articles/2005-11565.html>

Mexico: Officials in the Mexican state of Guanajuato should stop preventing pregnant rape victims from having abortions, though the law guarantees them access, and should stop prosecuting other women seeking abortion services, Human Rights Watch and Centro Las Libres said today in letters to the state government. *AWID* (6 March):

<http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-s-Rights-in-the-News/Women-s-Rights-in-the-News/Mexico-Stop-Blocking-Abortions-for-Rape-Victims>

Torture:

China: China's former vice-minister of justice criticised torture in the country's prisons, state media said on Friday, after the death of a prisoner was originally covered up as a game of "hide and seek". *Reuters* (13 March): <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-38486220090313>

UK: The Conservative party leader David Cameron called for a full inquiry into British intelligence agencies' involvement in torture amid mounting concern that they may be guilty of serious breaches of international law. *The Guardian* (11 March):

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/mar/11/cameron-demands-torture-inquiry>

USA: The UN is to investigate the use of secret detention centres allegedly used by the CIA and other groups as part of US counter-terrorism efforts. *BBC News* (10 March):

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7935926.stm>

Violence against Women:

Argentina: Argentina now has an ambitious new law to prevent, punish and eradicate physical, psychological and economic violence against women, in both the private and public spheres. But the big challenge, say experts, will be to put it into practice. *IPS* (12 March):

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46092>

Democratic Republic of Congo: Armed violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the provinces of North and South Kivu, includes widespread rape and countless other forms of sexual violence. *Relief Web* (2 March):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EDIS-7PRQ48?OpenDocument>

Liberia: As Liberians hail the launch of a court dedicated to prosecuting sexual violence crimes, a rural women's group told IRIN that people in the interior of the country should not be deprived access to this new legal route. *IRIN News* (4 March):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83307>

Nepal: Implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA) has been abysmally poor in some states. This was the conclusion at a recent consultation of women's groups, government officials, law enforcement agencies and civil society organisations held in the Capital. *The Rising Nepal* (12 March):

http://www.gorkhapatra.org.np/detail.php?article_id=15534&cat_id=7

Sudan: As the International Criminal Court issues a landmark warrant for the arrest of Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir over war crimes in Darfur, CNN's Nic Robertson interviews a man who was told to rape and kill children. *CNN* (4 March):

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/africa/03/04/darfur.rape/?iref=mpstoryview#cnSTCText>

Turkey: Physical and sexual aggression against women -- a problem with global implications -- is on the rise in Turkey. Speaking with the Anatolia news agency, Sexual Education Institute President Dr. Cem Keçe emphasized that sexual aggression was a global problem not unique to Turkey. *Today's Zaman* (4 March):

<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/detaylar.do?load=detay&link=168595&bolum=101>

UK: More funding to help improve the emergency centres that help victims of sexual assault, was announced by Health Minister Ann Keen today. The National Support Team on Response to Sexual Violence will receive a £1.4 million funding boost to improve Sexual Assault Referral Centres across England that provide support for the victims of sexual violence. *Medical News Today* (11 March): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/141574.php>

Zambia: The First Lady Thandiwe Banda has urged the Zambian government to consider meting out stiffer penalty on people perpetrating sexual violence against girls and women in the country. *Lusaka News* (11 March): <http://www.lusakatimes.com/?p=9347>

Women's Rights:

International: On the run-up to International Women's Day, 8 March, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has warned that the specific health-care needs of women are often ignored or insufficiently taken into account in war situations. *ICRC* (5 March):

<http://www.icrc.org/Web/Eng/siteeng0.nsf/html/women-news-050309?OpenDocument>

International: United States President Barack Obama's release of \$50 million to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will help curb poverty and improve the health of women and children in over 150 nations, the agency said. *UN News Centre* (12 March):

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30164&Cr=population&Cr1=>

Israel: Recently published research shows Bedouin tribes in Israel's southern Negev area no longer practice female genital mutilation/cutting. *IRIN* (4 March):

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83287>

Conferences/Courses/Calls for Proposals:

Conference on The Human Right to Health

London, 14-15 May 2009

UCL Centre for Philosophy, Justice and Health, in association with The Lancet, The UCL Institute of Global Health, and the UCL Institute for Human Rights present a conference on the Human Right to Health on May 14th and 15th 2009. The conference aims to take forward the debate begun by The Lancet in their December 2008 special issue on the human right to health. For more information, and to register, visit: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cpih/human-rights-conf>

First International Conference on Alcohol and HIV

Mumbai, India, 3-4 August 2009

The International Institute for Population Sciences (Mumbai, India), The Institute for Community Research (USA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, N.I.H. (USA) are sponsoring the "First International Conference on Alcohol and HIV in India". The conference will be preceded by a two-day training workshop on 1-2 August. For further details visit:

<http://www.alchivconf2009.in/>

Conference: Innovating for the health of all / Innovando para la salud de todos

Havana, Cuba, 16-20 November 2009: Forum 2009

Innovating for the Health of All is organized by the Global Forum for Health Research. This event will bring together some 800 leaders and experts from around the world to share ideas and forge new partnerships. It will include a unique mix of stakeholders from health and science ministries, research agencies and institutions, development agencies, foundations, nongovernmental organizations, civil society, the private sector and media. Registration is now open on:

http://www.globalforumhealth.org/Site/004_Annual%20meeting/000_Forum%202009/004_Home.php

Annual African Regional Course in Research Methods in Reproductive Health & HIV/AIDS

3 – 28 August 2009

2009 sees the 13th year of The Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Research Methods Course (RHRMC), which is organised by the Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit (RHU), a research entity of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of the Witwatersrand and a designated World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre. This is a specialised intensive postgraduate training for clinicians, researchers and professionals working in sexual & reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. For more information visit:

<http://www.rhu.co.za/Course-Info/METHODS-COURSE.asp>

Call for Proposals: Closing the Gap on the Implementation of National and Local Laws, Policies and Action Plans that Address Violence against Women

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women launched its global annual call for proposals to support country-level efforts to end violence against women and girls on 6 March 2009. The deadline for application is 17 April 2009. The complete call for proposals detailing criteria, eligibility requirements and complete guidelines on how to apply is available at:

<http://www.unifem.org/untfevaw/>

Call for Nominations: The Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research

The Guttmacher Institute is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 2009 Darroch Award. The award recognizes an emerging researcher in the field of sexual and reproductive health, where scientific evidence is essential to guiding the policies and programs of the future. The award honors Jacqueline E. Darroch, PhD, whose three decades of directing research exemplifies

rigorous and innovative work in this field and commitment to the practical application of research to policy and programs. The deadline for nominations is 15 May 2009. For more information visit: <http://www.guttmacher.org/media/nr/2009/02/20/Darrochaward.html>

Call for Proposals: UNIFEM: "Ending Violence against Women and Girls through Education"

The sub-contracted organization/network will develop a knowledge asset on ending violence against women and girls through education. The emphasis of the knowledge asset is to deliver 'distilled' programming knowledge that is based on the global state-of-the-art, promising practices and expert recommendations that will be identified through research, the institutions in-house knowledge, experience, network and contacts. Deadline for proposal submissions is 12 March 2009. Read more at: http://www.unifem.org/about/procurement_solicitation.php?SolicitationID=23

International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights

After the successful launch of first academic year of International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights at the ILS Law College, (Pune, India), the Indian Law Society and the World Health Organization are pleased to announce admissions for academic year 2009-10. Applications for this academic year (2009-2010) can be submitted online at:

<http://www.mentalhealthlaw.in/admission.html> More information about the Diploma is also available at: www.mentalhealthlaw.in

Publications:

Please note that subscriptions may be required to access some of these publications.

Arab Association for Human Rights "The Right to Health of the Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel: A Status Report", February 2009. Available online at:

<http://www.arabhra.org/HraAdmin/UserImages/Files/Health%20Discrimination-%20English.pdf>

Baerlocher M, Detsky A, "Professional Monopolies in Medicine", *JAMA*. 2009;301(8):858-860. - Vol. 301 No. 8, February 25, 2009. Available online at: <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/301/8/858>

Colvin C, "Report on the Impact of Sonke Gender Justice Network's 'One Man Can' Campaign in the Limpopo, Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal Provinces, South Africa", Sonkhe Gender Justice, DFID, 2009. Available online at:

http://gender.developmentgateway.org/index.php?id=10976&tx_dgcontent_pi1%5btt_news%5d=490525&cHash=dfc861ab01&MP=10976-8519

Frank C and Nason E, "Health research: measuring the social, health and economic benefits", *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 180(5), 3 March 2009. Available online at:

<http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/180/5/528?etoc>

Human rights Watch, ""Please, do not make us suffer any more..." Access to Pain Treatment as a Human Right", 2009. Available online at:

http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/health0309web_0.pdf

Kalucy L, Jackson Bowers E, McIntyre E, Ann-Louise H, Reed R, "Exploring the impact of primary health care research", Primary Health Care Research & Information Service, February 2009.

Available online at:

http://www.phcris.org.au/phplib/filedownload.php?file=/elib/lib/downloaded_files/publications/pdfs/phcris_pub_8108.pdf

Khosla R and Hunt P, "Human Rights Guidelines for Pharmaceutical Companies in relation to Access to Medicines: the Sexual and Reproductive Health Context", Human rights Centre, University of Essex. Available online at:
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