



**UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SALAZAR VOLKMANN AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBIA**

March 2, 2009

BOGOTÁ — The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, which is based in Geneva, announces the appointment of Mr. Christian Salazar Volkmann, a German citizen, as his Representative in Colombia. Mr. Salazar Volkmann was selected through the standard United Nations recruitment process and will start functions on 2 March 2009.

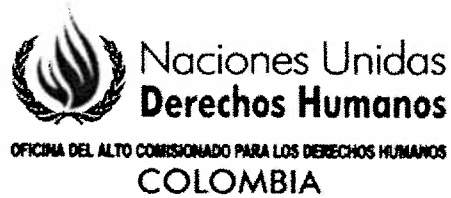
Mr. Salazar Volkmann brings to this position proven commitment to the work of human rights, through his work in Guatemala, Vietnam and Iran, as well as strong skills in interagency coordination, programming and management.

Mr. Salazar Volkmann has worked with UNICEF and the German Society for Technical Cooperation GTZ. He has consistently supported the rights of the child and the prevention of juvenile executions and has researched, extensively applied, and trained on human rights based approach to programming.

In Guatemala, he provided technical advice to the Human Rights Office of the Archdioceses of Guatemala, to the Truth Commissions of Guatemala and to the Inter-American Court for Human Rights on gross violations of children's rights on behalf of UNICEF and GTZ. Furthermore he was responsible for a variety of programmes related to peace building, peace education, legal reform and alliances of child rights defenders.

Mr. Salazar Volkmann holds a masters' degree in communication sciences, philosophy and economics as well as a PhD in political sciences. He has published extensively, in several languages, on issues related to juvenile justice, social policy, equity, governance, human rights and civil society and coordinated the elaboration of numerous thematic reports on children's rights. In recent publications, he promotes intercultural dialogue on child rights, women's rights and juvenile justice in Islam.

Mr. Salazar Volkmann, 47 years old, is married and has four children.



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal Data:

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### Work Experience:

March 2009 to date HCHR: United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Representative in Colombia

2005 to 2009 UNICEF Representative in Iran  
RC Assessment (recommended for appointment)

2005 UNICEF Representative a.i. for Vietnam

2002 to 2004 UNICEF Senior Programme Coordinator in Vietnam

1999 to 2002 UNICEF Senior Programme Coordinator, Guatemala

1997 - 1999 Senior Technical Advisor for Adolescents and Human Rights for GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation) in Guatemala; Advisor to the Guatemalan Truth Commission and to the Office for Human Rights of the Archdioceses for Guatemala

1994 - 1997 Deputy Executive Director of the German Committee for UNICEF (Bereichsleiter Grundsatz und Information)

1990 - 1993 Director of the Press Department of Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs Inc.

1988 - 1989 Trainee at the Messe Frankfurt Trade Fair Inc.

**Higher Education:**

- 2008 Social Budgeting and Public Finance Management (Oxford University postgrad. Course, School for Policy Management)
- 2006-2007 Evidence Based Social Policy (postgrad. course, Maastricht University, School of Governance)
- 1988 - 1992 Ph. D, Political Sciences (Development Policy) at the University of Marburg
- 1982 - 1988 M.A. Communications, Economics and Philosophy at the University of Bochum
- 1981 - 1982 B.A. German Philology, Philosophy and International Literature at the University of Essen

- Secondary and Elementary School:**
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| 1980 - 1981 | International College, Hamburg |
| 1976 - 1980 | German School, Quito           |
| 1972 - 1976 | Max-Planck School, Bielefeld   |
| 1969 - 1972 | Stapenhorst School, Bielefeld  |
| 1967 - 1969 | Petrarch School, Munich        |

- Languages:**
- Spanish, German, English: fully proficient  
Portuguese, French, Italian: conversant, Russian: basic

**List of Publications:**

**Child Rights, Child Poverty and Islam: a comparative analysis of Islamic and rights-based approaches to child poverty reduction with particular reference to the Islamic Republic of Iran. In: New School University (Ed): Rethinking Poverty: Making Policies work for Children. The Policy Press: Bristol 2008 (forthcoming)**

**The role of Civil Society in the realization of child rights in Iran. In: Journal for Children, Youth and the Environment. New York: 2008 (forthcoming)**

**Child Poverty and Islam - a rights-based perspective with special reference to Iran. In: European Journal on Child and Youth Policy 2008**

**Why and how UNICEF cooperates with religious leaders in Iran. UNICEF Iran: 2008**

**Violence against Children: some global thoughts and national action to protect children from harm. In: Human Rights Journal No 4 2008. Mofid University: Qom 2008 (forthcoming)**

**Opportunities and Challenges for the Engagement of Islamic Religious Leaders with Children's Rights.** Mofid University: Qom 2007 (in Farsi and English)

**Vietnam: Transition towards Market Economy from a Child Rights Perspective.** In: Minujin, Alberto et al (Eds.): **Poverty and Children: Policies to Break the Vicious Cycle.** New School University: New York 2006

**Child Rights and MDGs: The Right to Health within Vietnam's Transition towards a Market Economy.** In: **Health and Human Rights.** Harvard University Press. 2006

**The UN Common Country Assessment in Vietnam and the Human Rights Approach to Programming.** Paper for the Regional Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights in Bangkok. (Bangkok: OHCHR 2005)

**30 years after the war: Children, Families and Rights in Vietnam.** In: **International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family.** (Oxford University: January 2005)

**Key challenges and entry points for a human rights-based approach to programming in Vietnam. A case study.** (New York/Hanoi: UNICEF 2004) (English/Vietnamese)

**Prevention and protection of children in contact with the law in the Islamic Republic of Iran.** Policy paper prepared for UNICEF-School of Governance of University of Maastricht course on Social Policies together with Kleijburg, Jan-Pieter Kleijburg and Yousefzadeh, Sepideh. Tehran: 2007

**The Rights of the Child and the Role of the Police in Islamic Countries.** In: **Interpol, Iranian Police (Eds.): Report of the First Conference of Police Commanders of Islamic States.** 15.-17.5.2006: Esfahan 2006, 66-70

**Street children in Vietnam: some thoughts about successes and challenges from UNICEF's perspective.** In: **Population, Family and Children, Organ of Vietnam Commission for Population, Family and Children.** March/April 2004, 14-16

**Peace Education.** In: **Children, crisis and cannons: Approaches towards violence and crisis prevention in development cooperation.** GTZ: Eschborn 2004 (German)

**Identity building among Mayan youth after the genocide.** (English, UNICEF-Paper unpublished)

**"Between war and peace: young people on the wings of the phoenix".** (together with Liz Gibbons and Guenay Sari) (German, English, Spanish) Lamuv: Goettingen 2003

**"Monitoring Project Impact on Adolescents. A Case Study from Guatemala".** GTZ. Eschborn, 2000. (German, Spanish)

**"The Treatment of the Past".** In: Securing Peace and Crisis Prevention. GTZ. Eschborn 2000.

**"Problems and Perspectives of Youth in Developing Countries"**. In: Galtung, Johan (Ed): *Human Rights. Challenges of Mankind in the new Millenium*. Frankfurt, New York: Peter Lang, 2000.

**"Remember or Forget? The Impact of Human Rights Reports in Guatemala"**. In: Der Ueberblick - Sept., 1999, 56-61 (German) (In Spanish: *Development and Cooperation*, Bonn, 2000)

**"Can Human Rights be Denied to Children? Opposition and Defence of the Code for Children and Youth in Guatemala"**. UNICEF, European Union, Radda Barnen, CALDH, GTZ. Guatemala, 1998 (with Frank La Rue and Harvey Taylor)

**"Youth in UNICEF and WHO"**. In: Kotowski-Ziss, Joanna: Cooperation Strategies of International Agencies in the Area of Youth. GTZ. Eschborn, 1999 (German, English)

**"Guatemala: Since Three Years, Adolescents Await "Their" Law"**. In: GTZ: Solidarity as a Factor for Development. Children and Youth Between Strengthening their Rights and the Absence of Solidarity. Eschborn, 1999. (German)

**"Adolescence 2000 - The Challenge for Social Development of Latin America"**. GTZ. Eschborn, 1999 (Ed. together with Hans Heiner Rudolph) (Spanish, English)

**"Child Labour, Education and Economy"**. Guatemala, 1999. (Spanish)

**"Journalism and Human Rights"**. Guatemala, 1999. (Spanish)

**"Children's Rights in Guatemala. A Summary of the Truth Commission and the REMHI Report"**. Guatemala, March, 1999.

**"Violation of Human Rights of Street Children. A Report on Impunity"**. *Casa Alianza*, GTZ, UNICEF Guatemala, 1999 (technical supervision).

**"Children and Mental Health"**. Guatemala, 1998.

**"Do Children Need Rights?" Comments on Children's Rights in Germany**. In: Amnesty International (Ed.): Human Rights and Civil Society in the Next Century. Opladen: Leske y Budrich, 1998. (German)

**"The Children's Code, Family, Development and Peace"**. Guatemala, 1998. (Spanish)

**"Never Again. A Summary of the Report by the Inter-diocesan Project for the Recuperation of Historical Memory, ODHAG"**. Guatemala, 1998. (Spanish)

**"What to Do Against Violence? A constructive approach"**. Guatemala, *Siglo XXI*, 1998. (Spanish)

**"Psychosocial consequences of trauma that children and adolescents suffered in Guatemala due to political repression and armed conflict."** A Review of international research. A contribution for Guatemalas Truth Commission. GTZ. Guatemala, 1998. (Spanish)

**"Child Workers in Latin America"**. In: Der Überblick No.2, 1997 (German)

**"Human Rights in Guatemala - The Mental Health Programme for Victims of Human Rights Violations"**. Guatemala, 1997.

**"Technical Cooperation and the Peace Process: Human Rights and Youth Projects in Guatemala"**, Guatemala, 1997.

**"Children in the Street - Youth in the Cities"**. Guatemala, 1997.

**"Children Have Rights. A commentary on the Convention on the Rights of the Child"**. Koln: UNICEF Germany, 1996. (German)

**"Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Prostitution of Minors, Trafficking of Children, Pornography"**. Koln: UNICEF Germany, 1996.

**"School Instead of Work. UNICEF's Position on Child Labour."** Koln: UNICEF Germany, 1996.

**"Evaluation of the Media"**. In: Baerns, Barbara (Hg.): Control and Evaluation of Public Relations. Frankfurt: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Institut fuer Medienkommunikation, 1996. (German)

**"Children in War: The Situation of Un-accompanied Children in the Refugee Camps of Rwanda"**. In: Children in War. An Anthology for Schools. Francoforte: Arena ,1996 (German)

**"Do rich countries fulfill rights? Political and programme experiences with the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Germany"**. UNICEF, 1996. (English)

**"The Destruction of Childhood. Civil Wars Cause Grave Mental Damage to Children"**. In: Der Überblick No.2, 1995, 21-24. (German, Spanish)

**"Children's Rights and the Judicial Movement"**. Guatemala, 1995.

**"Doing Good and Talking About It"**. On information strategies of cooperation agencies for development. Cologne: 1995 (German)

**"Children's Rights in Industrialised Countries. The Summary of a Qualitative Survey"**. UNICEF, 1995. (English)

**"Electronic Banking in Ecuador"**. Frankfurt: Peter Lang Edition ,1994. (German)

"Chances for Girls. The situation of girls in developing countries". Koln: UNICEF Germany, 1994.

"Demographic Growth and Family Planning". Koeln: UNICEF Germany, 1994.

"Marketing Strategies and the Communications System". In: Publizistik 2, 1994, 190-204.

"Electronic Banking in Ecuador". In: Chasqui No. 46, 1993, 119 ff.

"The Corporate Philosophy of Transnational Companies". In: Das Argument No.5, 1991, 711-724. (German)

"The Latin American Press Agency ALASEI". In: Publizistik 1-2, 1989, 122-131. (German).