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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS :  
STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Question of the death penalty**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In its resolution 2004/67, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to submit his quinquennial report on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, paying special attention to the imposition of the death penalty against persons younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offence.
2. The quinquennial reports on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards have been prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at Vienna (formerly the Centre for International Crime Prevention at the United Nations Office at Vienna). To date, six quinquennial reports have been submitted, the most recent one in 2000 (E/2000/3), covering the period from 1994 to 1998.
3. The seventh quinquennial report on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards, covering the period from 1999 to 2003, will be prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as document E/2005/3. This report will be made available to the Commission on Human Rights at the present session.

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