



UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STUDY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

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In February 2003, the UN Secretary-General appointed Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro as Independent Expert, at the Assistant Secretary-General level, to prepare an in-depth study on violence against children.

Professor Pinheiro is a visiting professor of international relations at Watson Institute of International Studies, Brown University, and a research associate at the Center for the Study of Violence, University of Sao Paulo, which he founded in 1987. He was director of the Center until 2001. He is Professor (retired) of Political Science, University of São Paulo, Brazil. He has also taught at Columbia University and Notre Dame University, Oxford and at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris. He has published many articles, essays and books on social history, democracy, violence and human rights.

In the UN, Professor Pinheiro also holds the position of Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar. He is a member of the Sub-Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights. He was appointed in July 2006 by the UN Secretary-General as Chairman of the International Commission of Inquiry on Timor Leste.

Over the last 20 years, Professor Pinheiro has been involved in many civil society organizations. He is a member of the Justice and Peace Commission of São Paulo, the Teotonio Villela Commission on Human Rights (São Paulo), and the board of the São Paulo Institute against Violence. He is a member of the board of the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, COHRE, Switzerland and the advisory councils of the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, CELS, Buenos Aires and Realizing Rights, Ethical Global Initiative, New York.

Professor Pinheiro also served as Secretary of State for Human Rights, Brazil; Special Counsel to the Governor of São Paulo State, Brazil; and Rapporteur of the Brazilian National Human Rights Plan.

Professor Pinheiro lives between Geneva and São Paulo, with his wife Ana Luiza and his children Daniela, André and Marina.