#### #26 – UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES & LGBTI ISSUES





The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association – ILGA World and the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) have compiled a series of factsheets highlighting the work that UN special procedures – independent human rights experts, appointed to monitor and report on human rights violations – have undertaken to defend the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) persons. The factsheets compile the references and recommendations made by these experts to LGBTI persons, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC). They cover all thematic reports, country visit reports, and communications published between January 2011 and November 2019.



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#### **WORK SUMMARY**

#### **COUNTRIES VISITED<sup>1</sup>**

#### **ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:**

N/A.

### DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

N/A.

#### **ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS**

Health-Related Data
August 2019 (74th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief reference to GIE. (Intersectionality; particular care in the collection and management of some data, including gender markers.)
Paras. 6, 41.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Special Rapporteur has conducted country visits to Germany (October/November 2018), United Kingdom (June 2018), France (November 2017) and United States (June 2017). However, no reports are available as of 13 November 2018.

#### Security and surveillance; privacy and gender; health data protection

February 2019 (40th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Good reference to SOGIESC, LGBTQI, LGB,

(SOGI as covered by the concept of privacy in the HRCtee's practice; LGBTQI and internet; surgeries towards intersex children as a privacy intrusion; image-based abused experienced by LGB; reference to YP+10.)

Paras. 51, 57, 70, 73, 76, 100, 103, 106, 110(e).

# Summary of activities and final report of the Big **Data Open Data Taskforce**

October 2018 (73rd Session GA)

Good reference to SOGIESC. (The Indian Supreme Court has read down S. 377 of the Penal Code, "significant impact" on gender and privacy; SR has launched a consultation on gender perspectives of privacy, specific focus on SOGIESC experiences; Taskforce: Privacy experienced differently based on GI. Privacy a heightened concern for LGBTIQ, intrusive data collection a barrier to accessing services.) Paras. 10, 11(2), 11(3), 76, 77, 78, 79.

## Work undertaken in the first three years of the mandate, with a particular focus on the work done on surveillance and privacy

March 2018 (37th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO. (The SR's intention to monitor cases following a decision by the Indian Supreme Court which considered SO as an essential attribute of privacy.) Para. 88.

### Work of the Big Data Open Data Taskforce established by the Special Rapporteur on Privacy October 2017 (72nd Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

# Governmental surveillance activities from a national and international perspective

March 2017 (34th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO. (Everybody has the right to privacy, irrespective of, inter alia, SO.) Para. 45.

### First report to the General Assembly

August 2016 (71st Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

The Special Rapporteur's vision for the mandate, together with his working methods and a three-year workplan

March 2016 (31st Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO. ("Sexual preferences" mentioned with regard to corporate online business models and personal data use.) Para. 8.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
<b>Kazakhstan</b> 22 July 2019	Independence of judges and lawyers Privacy SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Information received concerning acts of harassment and discrimination directed towards a young lesbian couple and the unauthorized filming and posting of a video in social media, affecting their right to privacy.
Indonesia 13 February 2019	Health Privacy SOGI	Information received concerning discriminatory policy proposals and actions by local government officials in West Java province against LGBT people.
<b>Egypt</b> 31 October 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Privacy SOGI	Alleged unlawful arrests, detention, and incrimination of persons based on actual or perceived SOGIE, and/or their actual or perceived expression and advocacy for protection of LGBT rights, including HRDs Ahmed Alaa and Sarah Hegazy.
<b>Haiti</b> 22 September 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Privacy SOGI	Adoption by the Senate on 28 June 2017 of a draft legislation on reputation and good morals and life certificate, and on I August 2017 of a draft legislation on the reinforcement of provisions in the Civil Code relating to marriage and protection of the family.