

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 sent to States between January 2011 and December 2021.



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### SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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#### Mr. GERARD QUINN (IRELAND)

Since September 2020 (Until September 2026)

#### FORMER SPECIAL RAPPOREURS:

- Ms. Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR (Costa Rica),  
2014 – 2020



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## WORK SUMMARY

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### COUNTRIES VISITED

#### ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Canada** – (April 2019) Report, para. 94c

#### DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Norway (October 2019)
- Kuwait (November-December 2018)
- France (October 2017)
- Kazakhstan (September 2017)
- DPR Korea (May 2017)
- Zambia (April 2016)
- Republic of Moldova (September 2015)
- Paraguay (November 2015)

## ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

**The rights of persons with disabilities in the context of armed conflict**  
July 2021 (76th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Gerard Quinn**  
January 2021 (46th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SOGI  
(In the context of intersectionality as one of the key elements of the Special Rapporteur's vision)  
Para. 34

**Disability-inclusive international cooperation**  
July 2020 (75th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief reference to SOGI  
(In the context of international cooperation investing in groups in a marginalized situation.)  
Para. 64

**The impact of ableism in medical and scientific practice**  
December 2019 (43th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

No SOGIESC references.

**Older persons with disabilities**  
July 2019 (74th Session GA)

Brief reference to SOGI, LGBTI  
(In the context of participation in decision-making processes.)  
Paras. 27, 62

**Right to liberty and security**  
March 2019 (40th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

**Right to health**  
July 2018 (73rd Session GA)

Brief reference to SOGI.  
(In the context of intersectionality.)  
Para. 43.

**Legal capacity reform and supported decision-making**  
March 2018 (37th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

**Sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls and young women with disabilities**  
July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Good references to LGBTI, SO, "sexual minorities".  
(Reference to LGBTI persons with disabilities; barriers to asserting their SO encountered by girls with disabilities because of their parents' and guardians' denial; "sexual minorities" in the context of intersectionality.)  
Paras. 21, 35.

**Access to rights-based support for persons with disabilities**  
March 2017 (34th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SOGI.  
(In the context of multiple discrimination.)  
Para. 42.

**Disability-inclusive policies**  
August 2016 (71st Session GA)

Brief reference to SO.  
(In the context of inclusive development.)  
Para. 5.

**The right of persons with disabilities to participate in decision-making**  
March 2016 (31st Session HRC)

Brief references to SO, LGBTI.  
(Reference to SO in the context of diversity; LGBTI persons with disabilities and inclusiveness.)  
Paras. 25, 60.

**The right of persons with disabilities to social protection**  
August 2015 (70th Session GA)

Brief reference to LGBTI.  
(LGBTI persons with disabilities in the context of multiple discrimination.)  
Para. 40.

**Vision of the mandate, working methods and work plan for the first three years of the mandate**  
March 2015 (28th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

### COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
<b>Hungary</b> 22 March 2021	SOGI Disability Health Human rights defenders Older persons Religion or belief Women and girls	Information received concerning the abolition of the Equal Treatment Authority (“ETA”).
<b>Canada</b> 3 February 2021	Disability Older persons Poverty	Information received concerning the new policy on medical assistance in dying, enshrined in Bill C-7 as adopted by the House of Commons on 10 December 2020, which amends relevant provisions of the Criminal Code by expanding access to medical assistance in dying to persons with disabilities, whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable.
<b>United States of America</b> 8 June 2020	African descent Arbitrary detention Disability Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Hazardous substances Health Housing Independent of judges and lawyers Mercenaries Minority issues Older persons Poverty	Information received concerning several recent killings of people of African descent in apparently State-endorsed operations in the United States.

Racism  
SOGI  
Torture

**Canada**  
19 December 2018

Cultural Rights  
Disability  
Education  
Freedom of opinion and expression  
Health  
SOGI  
Violence against women  
Women in law and in practice

Information received concerning changes to the sexuality education curriculum of the Province of Ontario. The Ontario Minister of Education announced that the Province's schools would be returning to teaching a sexuality education curriculum first promulgated in 1998, replacing the one adopted in 2015. The Premier of Ontario declared that any teachers who continued teaching the curriculum of 2015 would be sanctioned. The differences between the two curriculum include, in particular: discussion in the curriculum of 2015 of differences among people such as SOGI and the need for acceptance and appreciation of diversity along with further discussion around SOGI in the curriculum for grades 6-8; and the inclusion of the words "gay", "lesbian", "transgender", and "cyberbullying" that are lacking in the 1998 curriculum.

**Russian  
Federation**  
9 May 2018

Disability  
Freedom of opinion and expression  
Health  
Women in law and in practice

Information received concerning the removal of two foster children from the home of Yulia Savinovskih as a result of Savinovskih's perceived gender identity, linked with the categorisation of "transsexualism" as a mental disorder and stereotyped roles for men and women.