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SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Ecuador** – (October 2018) Report, paras. 41, 56, 84c.
- **Turkey** – (November 2016) Report, paras. 49, 61, 65.
 - **Italy** – (November 2013) Report, para. 66.
- **Montenegro** – (June 2013) Report, paras. 21, 65, 66, 67.
- **Macedonia** – (June 2013) Report, paras. 77, 78, 82, 94.
 - **Honduras** – (August 2012) Report, para. 79.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Ethiopia (December 2019)
- Liberia (March 2018)
- Mexico (November 2017)
- Japan (May 2016)
- Tajikistan (March 2016)
- Israel (December 2011)
- Algeria (April 2011)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

<p>Gender justice and freedom of opinion and expression July 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA))</p>	<p>Good reference to LGBTQ+ (suppression of SOGI expression, hate speech, laws prohibiting “LGBT propaganda”). Paras. 8, 11-12, 17-19, 23-24, 27-31, 34, 37, 41, 55, 83, 90, 112f, 115, 121d.</p>
<p>Disinformation and freedom of opinion and expression April 2021 (47th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Academic freedom July 2020 (75th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Artistic Freedom of Expression July 2020 (44th Session HRC)</p>	<p>Good reference to LGBT, sexual minorities (suppression of LGBTQ activists, artists, and artistic events and expression). Paras. 1, 28, 32-35.</p>
<p>Online hate speech October 2019 (74th Session GA)</p>	<p>Brief reference to SOGI. Para. 9.</p>
<p>Surveillance and human rights June 2019 (41st Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Artificial intelligence and its impact on human rights August 2018 (73rd Session GA)</p>	<p>Brief reference to SO. Para. 34.</p>
<p>Online content regulation June 2018 (38th Session HRC)</p>	<p>Brief references to LGBTQ, sexual minorities (suppression of LGBTQ activism and advocacy, real-name requirements, user and trusted flagging, homophobic harassment). Paras. 27, 29-30, 34, 43.</p>
<p>The state of access to information with regard to the activities of international organizations August 2017 (72nd Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>The roles played by private actors engaged in the provision of Internet and telecommunications access June 2017 (35th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Contemporary challenges to freedom of expression</p>	<p>Brief reference to SOGI (laws that explicitly attacking expression on the basis of SOGI).</p>

September 2016 (71st Session GA)	Para. 47.
Freedom of expression, States and the private sector in the digital age June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)	Brief references to sexual minorities. Paras. 57, 80.
Protection of sources of information and whistle-blowers September 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Use of encryption and anonymity to exercise the rights to freedom of opinion and expression in the digital age June 2015 (29th Session HRC)	Brief references to SOGI and sexuality. Paras. 1, 12.
Right of the child to freedom of expression August 2014 (69th Session GA)	Good reference to LGBT, sexual minorities (blocking access to information on alleged child protection arguments, the role of social networking sites, and specific cases in US and Rep of Korea). Paras. 39, 53, 58, 68.
Right to freedom of expression in electoral contexts June 2014 (26th Session HRC)	Brief reference to “homosexuals” (hate speech during electoral campaigns). Para. 5.
Right to access information September 2013 (68th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
State’s surveillance of communications on the exercise of the human rights to privacy and to freedom of opinion and expression June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Hate speech and incitement to hatred September 2012 (67th Session GA)	Brief references to SO and sexuality (situation in Africa, equality and non-discrimination). Paras. 27, 34, 44d, 75.
Protection of journalists and media freedom June 2012 (20th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Freedom of opinion and expression exercised through the Internet August 2011 (66th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Key trends and challenges to the right of all individuals to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds through the Internet June 2011 (17th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Israel 27 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Occupied Palestinian territories Privacy Terrorism Trafficking in persons Violence against women Women and girls 	Information received that Pegasus spyware developed by NSO Group Technologies (the NSO Group) was identified in at least six devices belonging to staff members of Palestinian non-governmental organizations only two weeks after the designation of these organizations as “terrorist associations by your Excellency’s Government.
Tunisia 21 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture 	Information received regarding alleged acts of harassment, physical assault, threats and intimidation perpetrated by two state agents against Mr. Badr Baabou, director of the Association Damj, Tunisian Association for Justice and Equality (hereinafter "Association Damj"), because of his activity as a defender of the human rights of LGBT persons.
Guatemala 25 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI 	Information received regarding draft law 5940 (Law to guarantee the comprehensive protection of children and adolescents against disorders of gender identity), pending approval by the Congress of the Republic, which presents serious inconsistencies with human rights standards, particularly affecting the rights of LGTBI persons.
Poland 18 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human rights defenders Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI 	Information received regarding the criminalisation of a defender of the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (LGBT) persons.
Brazil 29 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racism African descent Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Violence against women Women and girls 	Information received concerning allegations of incidents of political violence against Afro-Brazilian women, particularly transgender Afro-Brazilian women, in Brazil.
Other actors 21 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Migrants Minority issues Privacy Racism 	Information received regarding two pieces of pending European Union (“EU”) legislation: the counter-terrorism agenda entitled “A Counter-Terrorism Agenda for the EU: Anticipate, Prevent, Protect, Respond” (...) and the Proposal for Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 (...).

<p>Ghana 9 August 2021</p>	<p>SOGI Arbitrary detention Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the tabling of a bill entitled “Promotion of Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values Bill, 2021” before the Parliament of Ghana. According to information at our disposal, the first reading of the bill took place on 2 August. The consideration of the bill is expected to resume in October, after Parliamentary recess and public engagement.</p>
<p>Algeria 4 August 2021</p>	<p>Torture Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association</p>	<p>Information received concerning allegations of sexual assault, torture and ill-treatment of Ayoub Chahetou, Nabil Bousekkine, Sami Dernouni and a minor, who were arrested following their alleged participation in peaceful demonstrations organized by the Hirak movement.</p>
<p>Turkey 27 July 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Independence of judges and lawyers terrorism</p>	<p>Information received concerning the judicial harassment against and sentencing of woman human rights defender Ms. Sevda Özbingöl Çelik, as well as the judicial harassment against human rights defender Mr. Cihan Aydın.</p>
<p>Kyrgyzstan 15 July 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged surveillance and attempts to break into the office of non-governmental organisation (NGO) Kyrgyz Indigo and the alleged privacy violations against its employees, who appear to be targeted for their legitimate human rights activity, as well as the alleged widespread privacy violations against people in Kyrgyzstan based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity, and the alleged marginalisation of LGBTI people and human rights defenders working to protect and promote the rights of the LGBTI people in Kyrgyzstan.</p>
<p>Kazakhstan 15 July 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the harassment, intimidation and alleged arbitrary detention of human rights defenders Gulzada Serzhan and Zhanar Sekerbayeva.</p>
<p>Uzbekistan 4 June 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged physical attack and criminalisation of blogger and human rights defender, Mr. Miraziz Bazarov, which appear to be related to his legitimate human rights activities, advocating for LGBTI rights and the exercise of his right to freedom of expression.</p>

<p>Ghana 2 June 2021</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arrest and arbitrary detention of 21 persons defending the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (LGBT) persons in Ho, Ghana.</p>
<p>Mexico 1 June 2021</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Indigenous peoples Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received regarding serious human rights violations committed during the electoral period, which constitute important limitations to the rights to life, non-discrimination, freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of political participation. In addition, the alleged attacks on electoral institutions represent a source of concern. We would also like to point out our concern about the worrisome situation of journalists, which is exacerbated by the electoral context.</p>
<p>France 26 May 2021</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of religion</p>	<p>Information received regarding the revised version of the bill "strengthening respect for the principles of the Republic and the fight against separatism" sent to the National Assembly on 14 May 2021.</p>
<p>Nicaragua 19 May 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Information received on the alleged arbitrary detention and sentencing of Ms. Celia Cruz and Mr. John Christopher Cerna Zúñiga, as well as the alleged acts of mistreatment, torture, threats and intimidation suffered by these defenders in prison.</p>
<p>China 28 April 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Health Independence of judges and lawyers Torture Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the arbitrary detention of seventeen human rights defenders sentenced or under investigation or trial for the alleged commission of crimes against the State, that carry prison sentences of 10 years or more. Such crimes would have been perpetrated in connection to activities aimed to the promotion and defence of human rights and in the exercise of their public freedoms.</p>
<p>Tunisia 6 April 2021</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received regarding the arrest and arbitrary detention of Rania Amdouni, and the acts of harassment, intimidation, online defamation and incitement to violence, including death threats and rape, and physical and verbal assaults to which she was subjected.</p>

<p>Pakistan 31 March 2021</p>	<p>Terrorism Arbitrary detention Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Minority issues Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrests, torture, and in some cases inappropriate access to medical care while in detention, as well as prosecution of several human rights defenders and persons associated to them.</p>
<p>Belarus 26 March 2021</p>	<p>Torture Arbitrary detention Belarus Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning arbitrary arrests, detention and the excessive use of force and ill-treatment against protesters and the repression on journalists and media personnel.</p>
<p>Thailand 26 March 2021</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Information received concerning two Draft Laws aimed at providing oversight of not-for-profit organisations in Thailand.</p>
<p>France 1 March 2021</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Minority issues Freedom of religion Terrorism</p>	<p>Information received concerning the dissolution of the Association for the Defense of Human Rights-Collective Against Islamophobia in France. The dissolution of this organization follows the Minister of the Interior's announcement on October 19, 2020 that he would propose to the Council of Ministers the dissolution of several associations considered "separatist".</p>
<p>Poland 26 February 2021</p>	<p>Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Freedom of religion SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received regarding the charges brought against woman human rights defenders in response to their distribution of posters displaying the Virgin Mary with a rainbow halo, symbolising the LGBT flag.</p>
<p>Russian Federation 17 February 2021</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Salekh Magamadov (20 years old) and Ismail Isayev (17 years old), as well as their subsequent transfer to the Chechen Republic.</p>

<p>Venezuela 11 February 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received regarding the alleged arbitrary detention of six members of the organization Azul Positivo, in Zulia, as well as the raid of the organization Convite A.C. in Caracas and the criminalization of the defender Vanessa Rosales, in Mérida.</p>
<p>Saudi Arabia 21 January 2021</p>	<p>SOGI Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged imminent deportation from Saudi Arabia to Yemen of a Yemeni blogger and human rights defender.</p>
<p>Poland 20 January 2021</p>	<p>SOGI Cultural rights Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Freedom of religion Torture Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning (i) the increased use of hate speech and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (“LGBT”) persons, including the creation of so-called “LGBT Free” zones by municipalities, (ii) restrictions on and attacks against Pride marches, (iii) a proposed bill to criminalize sexuality education, and (iv) restrictions on Polish schools’ initiative “Rainbow Friday”; (v) possible withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, and (vi) the Polish Episcopal Conference’s calling for the creation of “conversion therapy” clinics.</p>
<p>Egypt 24 December 2020</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Terrorism</p>	<p>Information received concerning concerning the alleged arbitrary detention of human rights defender Mr. Mohamed Radwan, the alleged arbitrary detention of Mr. Kamal Elbalshy in apparent attempt to target his brother, the journalist and human rights defender Mr. Khaled Elbalshy, and the extended pre-trial detention of human rights defender Mr. Patrick Zaki.</p>
<p>China 4 December 2020</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Independence of judges and lawyers Torture</p>	<p>Information concerning the detention, arrest and charging of human rights defender and lawyer Qin Yongpei and the alleged arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance of human rights defender and lawyer Chang Weiping in “residential surveillance at a designated location”.</p>
<p>Egypt 25 November 2020</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Terrorism Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the arrest and filing of official charges for terrorism and national security related crimes against human rights defenders Gasser Abdel Rakez, Karim Ennarah and Mohamed Basheer in apparent retaliation for a human rights meeting they held with representatives of the diplomatic community, under the auspices of their NGO, the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR). We also bring to the attention of your</p>

		Excellency's Government information regarding the continued pre-trial detention of another EIPR staff, Patrick Zaki as well as the ongoing criminalization, travel ban and freeze of assets of Hossam Bahgat founder and former Executive Director of the same organization.
United Republic of Tanzania 16 November 2020	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health SOGI	Information received concerning several provisions of the "Electronic and Postal Communications (online content) Regulations, 2020 (Cap 306)" published on 17 July 2020, which could undermine the rights to freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, the right to privacy and the right to health.
Singapore 12 Oct 2020	Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Information received concerning the criminal prosecution and sentences concerning Mr. Jolovan Wham in relation to the exercise of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and to freedom of expression in Singapore, and the reported increasingly shrinking space for civil society in the country.
Romania 11 Sep 2020	Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning proposed bills that reportedly (i) prohibit sexual education unless there is parental written consent, and (ii) impose a blanket ban on a discussion regarding "gender theory or opinion" in Romanian educational establishments.
Bangladesh 1 September 2020	Freedom of religion Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Minority issues SOGI	Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and legal prosecution of Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, and the ongoing harassment of his family members in Bangladesh.
Turkey 22 July 2020	SOGI Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Freedom of religion	Information received concerning the use of hate speech against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") persons by religious leaders and public officials in Turkey.
Saudi Arabia 1 Jul 2020	SOGI Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of a Yemeni blogger and human rights activist.

<p>United States of America 8 June 2020</p>	<p>African descent Arbitrary detention Disability Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Hazardous substances Health Housing Independence of judges and lawyers Mercenaries Minority issues Older persons Poverty Racism SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning several recent killings of people of African descent in apparently State-endorsed operations in the United States.</p>
<p>Cambodia 1 May 2020</p>	<p>Violence against women Cambodia Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Ms. Ven Rachana, an online clothes seller, and Ms. Morn Eva, a transgender woman.</p>
<p>Egypt 31 March 2020</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Terrorism Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the continued arbitrary detention of journalists Mr. Mohamed Al-Yammani and Mr. Mohamed Badr whose charges have not been communicated by authorities, and the detention, torture and ongoing judicial harassment of human rights defender Mr. Patrick George Zaki.</p>
<p>Turkey 11 February 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Terrorism</p>	<p>Information received concerning alleged excessive use of force against peaceful demonstrators at the Pride Marches that took place on the campus of the Middle East Technical University (METU) on 10 May 2019, as well as alleged arbitrary arrest, detention and prosecution against them.</p>
<p>Tunisia 20 Dec 2019</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Freedom of religion Terrorism Torture</p>	<p>Information received regarding the harassment and threats against Mr. Mounir Baatour, including death threats, disseminated on social media in relation to his legitimate activities as a human rights defender.</p>

<p>Philippines 25 Nov 2019</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Freedom of religion</p>	<p>Information received concerning hatred, verbal harassment and threats against Rhadem Camlian Morados, including death threats and threats of kidnapping, disseminated on social media on account of his work on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics and his advocacy as a gay Muslim claiming that his religion is inclusive and affirmative of his sexuality.</p>
<p>Kazakhstan 25 Oct 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the discriminatory restrictions on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association and freedom of expression of LGBTIQ human rights defenders, which may relate to their engagement in advocacy on human rights related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender equality.</p>
<p>Honduras 7 Oct 2019</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received on the murder of Ms Bessy Ferrero Sánchez and the attempted murder of Ms Vicky Carvajal, both trans women human rights defenders working with LGBTI people and members of the Colectivo de Mujeres Trans Muñecas de la Asociación ARCOIRIS ("the Colectivo").</p>
<p>Georgia 20 June 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning possible restrictions to the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of association and to the freedom of expression of the LGBT community following threats and acts of intimidation against organizers and participants to the Tbilisi Pride.</p>
<p>Lebanon 10 May 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning allegations that the Ministry of Telecommunications has issued an order to block public networks from accessing an online dating application called Grindr, which is most commonly used by gay individuals, and information concerning interferences by Lebanese General Security Forces in human rights events related to sexual orientation and gender identity in Lebanon.</p>
<p>Malaysia 10 May 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning investigations into the organisers of a women's day march in Kuala Lumpur under the Sedition Act, and the summoning of LGBT+ human rights defender Mr. Numan Afifi</p>
<p>Armenia 18 April 2019</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning online harassment and hate speech against woman human rights defender Ms. Lara Aharonian.</p>

Violence against women

<p>Egypt 20 March 2019</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of transgender woman and LGBTIQ human rights defender, Ms. Malak Al-Kashif.</p>
<p>Tunisia 28 February 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning attempts to impede the exercise of freedom of association by the Shams association.</p>
<p>Russian Federation 11 February 2019</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received in connection with allegations of new acts of persecution against people who are or are perceived to be gay, bisexual or lesbian in Chechnya</p>
<p>Honduras 9 January 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received regarding threats directed against the human rights defender, Ms. Indyra Mendoza.</p>
<p>Ukraine 7 January 2019</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders International order Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Allegations received concerning the adverse environment for human rights defenders in Ukraine, most recently illustrated by the killing of Ms. Kateryna Handziuk.</p>
<p>Tunisia 7 January 2019</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning obstacles to the registration of Shams, as well as harassment and threats against members of this organization.</p>
<p>Brazil 31 December 2018</p>	<p>African descent Extrajudicial executions Foreign debt Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Poverty Racism SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Follow-up to the communication on the murders of Ms. Marielle Franco and her driver.</p>

<p>Canada 19 December 2018</p>	<p>Cultural Rights Disability Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Armenia 13 November 2018</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning homophobic and transphobic hate speech and the violent attacks on nine people, including Robert Karapetyan, Arayik Beybutyan, Rima Sardaryan, Anna Baghramyan, Elvira Meliksetyan, Hayk Hakobyan, and Anush Gabrielyan, amongst them LGBTI human rights defenders.</p>
<p>Kazakhstan 7 November 2018</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Drafting of a discriminatory and stigmatizing by-law prohibiting distribution of LGBT-related content to children.</p>
<p>Italy 19 October 2018</p>	<p>African descent Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Migrants Minority issues Racism</p>	<p>Information received concerning the climate of hostility, intolerance, racial hatred and xenophobia in Italy, fuelled by political authorities' rhetoric against migrants and refugees, people of African descent or origin and Roma communities.</p>
<p>Romania 4 October 2018</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning the use of force against protestors and the constitutional referendum to change the definition of family, raising concern about the protection for the exercise of fundamental rights in Romania.</p>
<p>Turkey 18 September 2018</p>	<p>Counter-terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Indefinite ban on public LGBTI-related gatherings or events by governor of Ankara.</p>
<p>Hungary 12 September 2018</p>	<p>Cultural rights Education Freedom of opinion and expression Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning a government directive decertifying and defunding the teaching of gender studies at all Hungarian institutions of higher education on 9 August 2018. Opponents allegedly claim the</p>

<p><u>Hungary</u> 10 September 2018</p>	<p>Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders International solidarity Migrants Racism</p>	<p>subject “serves the gay lobby” and is concerned only with the study of “LGBTI communities”.</p> <p>Information received concerning the recent adoption of a series of laws that introduce undue restrictions on the rights to freedom of association, peaceful assembly and freedom of expression in Hungary and risk to further fuel the already existing xenophobic and discriminatory public discourse on migration and negative narrative about civil society, in particular when its activities are related to migration issues.</p>
<p>Tanzania 9 July 2018</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Allegations of infringements on the right to life, the right to freedom of expression, as well as the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in Tanzania, indicating a pattern of restrictions to civic space.</p>
<p>Russian Federation 9 May 2018</p>	<p>Disability Freedom of opinion and expression Health Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Honduras 9 March 2018</p> <p><u>Hungary</u> 8 March 2018</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders International solidarity Migrants Racism</p>	<p>Recent killing, in Puerto Cortés, of a trans woman, Jennifer Cristal Lopez, and a gay man, Jorge Antonio Rodas Garcia.</p> <p>Information received concerning the package of draft legislation on organizations supporting migration that has been recently submitted to the Hungarian National Assembly, also known as the ‘Stop Soros Legislative Package’.</p>
<p>Indonesia 12 February 2018</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Internally displaced persons SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Alleged arbitrary arrests, detention and ill-treatment of twelve waria, or transgender women, in Aceh province.</p>
<p>Jordan 6 December 2017</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression</p>	<p>Blocking of the website of the online magazine “My.Kali” by the authorities, allegedly in relation to the publication of information about sexual orientation and gender identity.</p>
<p>Tanzania 7 November 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Arrest and detention of 13 persons, including three lawyers and their clients, participating in consultations on possible strategic litigation challenging the ban on drop-in centres serving key populations at the risk of HIV & raid by</p>

		the police of the workshop at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam for “promoting homosexuality”.
Egypt 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.
Russian Federation 29 September 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged administrative proceedings against Evdokia Romanova for “promotion of non-traditional sexual relations to minors through social networks and Internet”.
Haiti 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 1 August 2017 of a draft legislation on the reinforcement of provisions in the Civil Code relating to marriage and protection of the family.
Republic of Korea 16 August 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI	Recent cases of arrests, interrogations, detentions and prosecutions of soldiers and military personnel perceived to be gay, under the Indecent Act provision of the Military Criminal Act.
Honduras 3 August 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged homicide attempt against Osmin David Valle Castillo in Tegucigalpa, director of the ‘Somos CDC’ LGBTI program.
Singapore 11 July 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Recent amendments adopted to Public Order Law on 3 April 2017, which could significantly restrict the right to freedom of peaceful assembly in the country, including significant impact on organization of ‘Pink Dot’ festival.
Honduras 10 July 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and practice	Murder of a trans woman LGBTI rights defender, Sherlyn Montoya, in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa.
El Salvador 26 May 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Alleged murders of 3 trans women in San Luis Talpa, as well as allegations of acts of intimidation and threats, including acts of extortion against a human rights defender.
Russian Federation 13 April 2017	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture	Alleged unlawful detentions, torture and extrajudicial killings of men perceived to be gay or bisexual in Chechnya in the past weeks.

<p>Brazil 13 April 2017</p>	<p>Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of religion</p>	<p>Two Projects of Law, called the “School Without Party Programme” bills, containing provisions that restrict the right to freedom of expression of students and teachers, to allegedly prevent “ideological and political indoctrination”, with confirmations that “gender ideologies” would not be included in the school curriculum, and the term “sexual orientation” taken out of the curriculum’s text on 6 April 2017.</p>
<p>Tunisia 24 November 2016</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of 2 HRDs due to their promotion and protection of LGBTI human rights in Tunisia.</p>
<p>Haiti 26 October 2016</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti</p>	<p>Alleged cancellation of Massi Madi LGBTQ film and arts festival meant to take place on 27 to 30 September 2016.</p>
<p>Uganda 29 August 2016</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture</p>	<p>Police raids during the “Uganda Pride” in August 2016, the arrest of several human rights defenders and activists, and the assault of many participants.</p>
<p>Bangladesh 31 May 2016</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged assassination of two LGBTI rights defenders in Dhaka, Xulhaz Mannan and Nahbub Tonroy, on 25 April 2016.</p>
<p>Indonesia 19 April 2016</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture</p>	<p>Alleged harassment, arbitrary detention and risk of torture suffered by LGBT people from Aceh province, due to enforcement of Islamic criminal by-laws; and anti-LGBT public positions and policies adopted by some national government agencies in Indonesia.</p>
<p>Zambia 11 January 2016</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged undue delays and arrests of civil society and defenders in registration of LGBTI NGOs on grounds of “soliciting for immoral purposes”.</p>
<p>Honduras 11 November 2015</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) rights.</p>
<p>Ukraine 16 October 2015</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged physical assault of and threats against a human rights defender advocating for the rights of LGBTI persons.</p>
<p>Kyrgyzstan 30 July 2015</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged targeting and harassment of defenders and attack on an NGO promoting LGBTI rights.</p>
<p>Ecuador 2 December 2014</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Allegations of abduction, threats and a smear campaign against an LGBTI rights defender.</p>

Russian Federation 12 August 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of signs bearing names of organizations being removed and vandalized and a banner being placed in Voronezh with the phrase “The fifth column in Voronezh.
Venezuela 27 June 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of physical attacks and death threats against NGO staff that advocates for the rights of people living with HIV / AIDS and the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyzstan 6 May 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged discriminatory consequences and negative impact on the work of HRDs of the draft bill “On the formation of a positive attitude toward non-traditional forms of sexual relations”.
Côte d'Ivoire 11 March 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of LGBTI rights.
Zimbabwe 7 February 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged acts of harassment against leaders of two associations promoting and defending human rights.
Bosnia and Herzegovina 7 February 2014	Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged violent disruption of the Queer Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo, failure of police to provide protection to organizers and participants, and ongoing harassment of LGBT persons in the country.
Uganda 4 February 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged passing by Parliament of a revised version of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill (2009) on 20 December 2013.
Honduras 20 January 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged pattern of attacks and harassment against organizations that work in defense of the rights of LGBTI persons in Honduras.
Nigeria 13 January 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged upcoming signature of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill (2011) by the Senate on 18 December 2013.
Singapore 12 December 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged contempt of court charge against a prominent LGBT rights activist, Alex Au Wai Pang.
Brazil 7 November 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged death threats and false allegations of pedophilia and sexual abuse against LGBT defenders.
Cameroon 13 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of murder of LGBTI rights defender and intimidation of other defenders.

Haiti 2 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti Human rights defenders	Alleged murder and physical assault against homosexual individuals and threats received by LGBT associations.
Republic of Moldova 29 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Women in law and in practice	Alleged risk of restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly to LGBT persons and organizations following adoption of Law N° 117 completing the Contravention Code.
Belize 24 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack and death threats against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.
Russian Federation 12 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBTI rights activists and break-up of St. Petersburg Pride parade.
Sierra Leone 20 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attack and threats against an LGBTI rights defender.
Georgia 13 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged lack of effective protection provided to demonstrators during International Day against Homophobia and threats against members of an LGBT organization.
Nigeria 13 June 2013	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights to freedom of assembly and association of LGBT groups following the approval of Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill on 30 May 2013 by House of Representatives.
Republic of Moldova 17 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of a re-routing of the 2013 Chisinau Pride Parade.
Zambia 14 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged criminal charges against human rights defenders and alleged Government campaign against defenders working on LGBTI rights.
Nepal 28 March 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registering proceedings of an NGO and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest of LGBT individuals, Shirju Thapa and Kopila Khadka.
Uganda 21 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Allegations that draft 'anti-homosexuality legislation' would criminalize 'any form of homosexual' act or 'attempt to commit a homosexual act, including consensual sex between same-sex individuals'.
Republic of Moldova 8 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged risks to physical and psychological integrity of two members of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre following insults and threats during court hearings.

Kosovo 10 January 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attacks and threats against LGBT defenders, including members of Kosovo 2.0 and Libertas.
Ukraine 21 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT defenders following a peaceful demonstration in Kiev on 8 December 2012.
Russia 12 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged impending first reading of draft federal law introducing amendments to Code on Administrative Offences regarding “propaganda of homosexuality among minors”.
Cameroon 5 November 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Independence of judges and lawyers	Alleged death threats against two lawyers and human rights defenders, Alice Nkom and Michel Togue, legal representatives of individuals charged on the basis of their real or perceived sexual orientation.
Zimbabwe 17 October 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged repeated acts of harassment against leaders of two human rights associations reportedly operating as unregistered organisations.
Colombia 14 September 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged threat of death against human rights defenders.
Nepal 14 September 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged threats and intimidation against members of women’s rights organization WOREC Nepal and LGBTI rights organization Mitini Nepal.
Honduras 27 August 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged persecution and death threats against a prominent LGBT rights defender, Donny Reyes from Asociación Arco Iris.
Republic of Moldova 4 July 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged bans on public activities organized by LGBTI persons in several municipalities in Moldova.
South Africa 28 June 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged killing of a LGBTI rights defender.
Uganda 25 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged disruption of a workshop for LGBTI human rights defenders by police.
Fiji 18 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged cancellation of a gay pride march organized by Oceania Pride to take place on 17 May 2011.
Cameroon 8 May 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Allegations on a meeting discussing HIV and human rights of sexual minorities on 27 March 2012, stopped by the authorities who had previously authorized it.
Costa Rica 2 April 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged trespassing and theft in the headquarters of a human rights organization, mostly working on LGBTI.

Uganda 29 March 2012	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged re-tabling of a Bill which would violate fundamental principles and norms of international human rights law if enacted.
Belize 29 February 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.
Malaysia 23 January 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged banning of the Seksualiti Merdeka LGBT festival in Kuala Lumpur, harassment and questioning of organizers.
Nigeria 20 December 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights of LGBT following approval of 'Same-Gender Marriage' Bill on 29 November by Senate.
Russia 30 November 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegation of the passing of the first reading of a discriminatory bill by the Legislative Assembly in Saint Petersburg.
Republic of Moldova 31 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged ban to broadcast a documentary film on LGBT rights, following appeal decision filed by Moldovan Orthodox Church.
Belarus 30 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged arrest and detention of human rights defenders when local LGBTI groups gathered peacefully to commemorate International Day of Anti-Homophobia.
Mexico 25 May 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder on 4 May 2011, of activist Quetzalcoatl Leija Herrera in Chilpancingo, who was allegedly planning a LGBT demonstration for June 2011.
Mexico 14 February 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged detention of LGBT rights activist José Ricardo Maldonado Arroyo, director of 'Red de Personas Afectadas for VIH'.
Uganda 1 February 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder of LGBT rights activist David Kato on 26 January 2011.
South Africa 14 January 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women	Alleged "corrective" rape and torture of a lesbian woman.