#42 – 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 May 2012 and December 2021.





INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON THE PROMOTION OF A DEMOCRATIC AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

• Venezuela and Ecuador (November-December 2017)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

In defence of a renewed multilateralism to address the COVID-19 pandemic and other global challenges July 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA)) August 2021 (48th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))	Brief references to SOGIESC Paras. 5, 42, 70h.
The interplay between the economic policies and safeguards of international financial institutions and good governance at the local level July 2021 (75th Session GA) August 2020 (45th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Public participation and decision-making in global governance spaces: structural and practical obstacles to access, inclusivity and the ability to influence the decision-making processes July 2019 (42nd Session HRC)	Brief references to SOGIESC Paras. 26, 57, 78d.
Public participation and decision-making in global governance spaces: history and purposes, and importance of public outreach by such spaces to enhance public participation July 2019 (74th Session GA)	Brief references to SOGIESC Paras. 30, 58d.
Vision and priorities of new Independent Expert July 2018 (39th Session HRC, 73rd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Outlining principles of the mandate by the first Independent Expert January 2018 (37th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The adverse impact of World Bank policies on human rights and the realization of a democratic and equitable international order July 2017 (36th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The human rights impact of IMF policies and practice July 2017 (72nd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
The adverse human rights impact of international investment agreements and multilateral free	No SOGIESC references.

trade agreements, including the human rights

impact of WTO law and practice

July 2016 (33rd Session HRC)

The human rights impact of tax avoidance, tax evasion, tax fraud and profit shifting July 2016 (71st Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
The adverse impact of free trade and investment agreements on a democratic and equitable international order July 2015 (30th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The impact of investor-State dispute settlement on a democratic and equitable international order August 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Exploring the adverse impact of military expenditures on the realization of a democratic and equitable international order July 2014 (27th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The right of self determination August 2014 (69th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Covering multiple aspects of the mandate, with emphasis on the fostering of full, equitable and effective participation July 2013 (24th Session HRC)	Brief reference to SO. Para. 21.
Exploring initiatives and enforcement mechanisms August 2013 (68th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Preliminary views on the conceptual and legal framework of the mandate August 2012 (21st Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Preliminary views on the conceptual and legal framework of the mandate August 2012 (67th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Ukraine 7 January 2019	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders International order Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Allegations received concerning the adverse environment for human rights defenders in Ukraine, most recently illustrated by the killing of Ms. Kateryna Handziuk.