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SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS WHILE COUNTERING TERRORISM

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Kazakhstan** – (January 2020) Report, para. 16, 21

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Uzbekistan (November-December 2021)
- Belgium (May 2018)
- France (May 2018)
- Sri Lanka (July 2017)
- Saudi Arabia (April 2017)
- Tunisia (January 2017)
- Chile (July 2013)
- Burkina Faso (April 2013)
- Tunisia (May 2011)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Advancing human rights through the mainstreaming of human rights in counter-terrorism capacity-building and technical assistance at the national, regional and global levels August 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA))	No SOGIESC references.
Human rights impact of counter-terrorism and countering (violent) extremism policies and practices on the rights of women, girls and the family January 2021 (46th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))	Brief reference to LGBTI and sexual minorities. Paras. 3, 27.
Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism September 2020 (75th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Human rights impact of policies and practices aimed at preventing and countering violent extremism February 2020 (43rd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Annual report of the Special Rapporteur (role of “soft law” and new institutions) August 2019 (74th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Impact of measures to address terrorism and violent extremism on civic space and the rights of civil society actors and human rights defenders March 2019 (40th Session HRC)	Brief reference to LGBTI. Paras. 8, 53.
Annual report of the Special Rapporteur (impact of Security Council resolutions regulating terrorism after 11 September 2001) September 2018 (73rd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Human rights challenge of states of emergency in the context of countering terrorism March 2018 (37th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
First GA report on preliminary outline of areas of interest to the newly appointed Special Rapporteur September 2017 (72nd Session GA)	Brief reference to GI. Para. 32

Recent developments and thematic updates March 2017 (34th session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Impact of counter-terrorism measures on the human rights of migrants and refugees September 2016 (71st Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Preventing and countering violence extremism: a human rights assessment March 2016 (31st Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Impact of counter-terrorism measures on civil society September 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Human rights in the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant June 2015 (29th session HRC)	Brief reference to “homosexual men” (targeted by ISIL). Para. 27.
Counter terrorism and mass digital surveillance September 2014 (69th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Civilian impact of remotely piloted aircraft March 2014 (25th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The use of remotely piloted aircraft in counter-terrorism operations September 2013 (68th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Framework Principles for securing the accountability of public officials for gross or systematic human rights violations committed in the course of States-sanctioned counter-terrorism initiatives March 2013 (22nd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Evaluation of the impact of the Office of the Ombudsperson on the 1267/1989 Al-Qaida sanctions regime, and its compatibility with international human rights norms September 2012 (67th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
State obligations corresponding to the human rights of victims of terrorism March 2012 (19th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.

Preliminary outline of areas of interest to the present Special Rapporteur
September 2011 (66th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Ten areas of best practice in countering terrorism

March 2011 (16th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Israel 27 December 2021	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.
Sri Lanka 15 December 2021	Extrajudicial executions Terrorism Torture	Information received concerning the case of Mr. Arumahandige Janith Madushanka, a national of Sri Lanka who fears for his life and safety, while currently being held in custody.
Other actors 21 October 2021	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” [hereinafter “Agenda”] and the Proposal for Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 [hereinafter “Proposal”]
Turkey 27 July 2021	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Independence of judges and lawyers Terrorism	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>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>France 01 March 2021</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Minority issues Freedom of religion Terrorism</p>	<p>Informations reçues concernant la dissolution de l'Association de Défense des Droits de l'Homme-Collectif Contre l'Islamophobie en France. La dissolution de cette organisation fait suite à l'annonce du Ministre de l'Intérieur qui le 19 octobre 2020 avait indiqué qu'il allait proposer en Conseil des ministres la dissolution de plusieurs associations considérées comme « séparatistes ».</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>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 Excellency's Government information regarding the continued pre-trial detention of another EIPR staff, Patrick</p>

		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.
Egypt 31 March 2020	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Terrorism Torture	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.
Turkey 11 February 2020	SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Terrorism	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.
Tunisia 20 December 2019	SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Freedom of religion Terrorism Torture	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.
Sri Lanka 27 May 2019	Arbitrary detention Cultural rights Health Housing Internally displaced persons Migrants Minority issues Racism Freedom of religion Terrorism	Information received concerning the increasing communal violence targeting the religious minorities in Sri Lanka, and in particular Muslims, as well as the reported acts of violence and intimidation threatening the living and security conditions of refugees and asylum seekers belonging to persecuted minorities.
Turkey 18 September 2018	Counter-terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Indefinite ban on public LGBTI-related gatherings or events by governor of Ankara.