

SUMMARY

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SUMMARY OF WORK

Countries Visited

Where SOGIESC mentioned in the report	Where SOGIESC not mentioned in the report
Republic of Korea (Jan 2016)- Report , paras 29, 44, 45, 49, 95(e) Chile (Sep 2015)- Report , para 9 Oman (Sep 2014)- Report , paras 19(c), 70(d)	Kazakhstan (Jan 2015) Rwanda (Jan 2014) UK (Jan 2013) Georgia (Feb 2012)

Annual Thematic Reports

July 2017 (72 nd session GA) “The Special Rapporteur’s vision of the mandate”	Brief reference to SOGIESC (para 35)
May 2017 (35 th session HRC) “The Achievement of Civil Society”	LGBTI community achieving advances in marriage equality. (paras 60, 61)
September 2016 (71 st session GA) “The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the workplace”	Brief reference to SOGIESC (para 63)
April 2016 (32 rd session HRC) “Fundamentalism and its impact on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association”	Brief reference to SOGIESC only (paras 10, 63)
August 2015 (70 th session GA) “Comparative study of enabling environments for businesses and associations.”	No reference to SOGIESC
April 2015 (29 th session HRC) “The rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of natural resource exploitation projects”	No reference to SOGIESC

September 2014 (69 th session GA) <i>“The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of multilateral institutions.”</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC (paras 24, 76)
April 2014 (26th session HRC) <i>“Challenges faced by groups most at risk when exercising or seeking to exercise the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and/or of association”</i>	LGBTI people/defenders as one of the groups at risk (analysis of specific examples, international norms etc.) (para 10, 17, 18, 20, 27, 28, 30, 31, 44, 46, 64)
August 2013 (68 th session GA) <i>“The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of elections.”</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC (paras 15, 58)
April 2013 (23rd session HRC) <i>“Ability of associations to access financial resources as a vital part of the right to freedom of association & Ability to hold peaceful assemblies as an integral component of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly”</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC only (paras 43, 69)
May 2012 (20th session HRC) <i>“Best practices that promote and protect the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association”</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC only (para 13, 64, 84)

Individual Complaints		
Country/Date/IC type	SPs	Problem
El Salvador, JAL , 26 May 2017	Women in law and in practice; Human rights defenders; Violence against women; Sexual orientation and gender identity; Executions; Freedom of opinion and expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Alleged assassinations of three trans women; intimidation and harassment of trans, the LGBTI community in general and human rights organisations.
Haiti, JAL , 26 Oct 2016,	Executions; Freedom of opinion and expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Cancellation of Massi Madi Festival, a LGBTQ film and arts festival.
Bangladesh JLA , 31 May 2016	Executions; Freedom of opinion and expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged assassination of two LGBTI rights defenders in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Zambia JLA , 11 Jan 2016	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged undue delays in the registration process of a non-governmental organization working on LGBTI rights.
Honduras JLA , 11 Nov 2015	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of LGBTI rights.
Kyrgyz Republic JLA , 30 July 2015	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Allegations of increased targeting of human rights defenders and civil society organizations, including an LGBTI organization, by both State and non-State actors, including in the context of retrogressive draft legislations and amendments, such as draft legislations limiting propaganda on non-traditional

		sexual relations and on foreign agents.
Ecuador JUA , 2 Dec 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Allegations of abduction, threats and a smear campaign against an LGBTI rights defender.
Russian Federation JUA , 12 Aug 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Allegations concerning an attack, smear campaign, stigmatization and acts of intimidation against several human rights defenders working for organizations that have their offices in the Human Rights House Voronezh (HRHV).
Venezuela JUA , 27 June 2014	Arbitrary detention; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged criminalization and detention of a human rights activist working against discrimination and the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyz Republic JLA , 6 May 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	Alleged discriminatory consequences and negative impact on the peaceful and legitimate work of human rights defenders of the draft Bill "On the formation of a positive attitude toward non-traditional forms of sexual relations".
Côte d'Ivoire JUA , 11 March 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Allegations of physical attacks and death threats against the staff of a non-governmental organization that advocates for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and the rights of LGBTI in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.
Zimbabwe JLA , 7 Feb 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged acts of harassment against leaders of two associations promoting and defending human rights, including the Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe Association (GALZ).
Bosnia & Herzegovina JUA , 7 Feb 2014	Cultural Rights; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Violence against women	Alleged violent disruption of the Queer Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo.
Uganda JLA , 4 Feb 2014	Arbitrary detention; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	Alleged passing by Parliament of a revised version of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, 2009, now referred to as the Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2013, on 20 December 2013.
Honduras JUA , 20 Jan 2014	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Alleged pattern of attacks and harassment against organizations working to defend the rights of LGBTI persons in Honduras.
Nigeria JLA , 13 Jan 2014	Arbitrary detention; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	Alleged upcoming signature of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill, 2011, by the Senate on 18 December 2013.
Brazil JLA , 7 Nov 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged death threats and false allegations of paedophilia and sexual abuse against LGBT rights defenders in Brazil.
Cameroon JUA , 13 Aug 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of	Allegations of murder of a defender of the rights of LGBTI persons and intimidation of

	association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	other defenders.
Haiti, JLA , 2 Aug 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Haiti; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Allegations of murder and physical assaults against gay people and threats received by LGBT associations.
Republic of Moldova JLA , 29 July 2013	Discrimination against women in law and in practice; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders; Adequate housing	Alleged risk of restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.
Russian Federation JLA , 12 July 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) rights activists and break-up of St. Petersburg Pride parade.
Botswana JLA , 8 July 2013	Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged arbitrary denial to register a human rights association.
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia JUA , 5 July 2013	Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Racism	Allegations of on-going harassment of LGBTI rights defenders.
Sierra Leone JUA , 20 June 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attack and threats against an LGBTI rights defender.
Georgia JLA , 13 June 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged lack of effective protection provided to demonstrators during the International Day against Homophobia and subsequent threats made against members of an LGBT organization.
Nigeria JLA , 13 June 2013	Arbitrary detention; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on the rights to freedom of association and peaceful assembly of groups defending the rights of LGBT (The Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill).
Republic of Moldova JLA , 17 May 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Allegations of a re-routing of the 2013 Chisinau Pride Parade.
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia JUA , 17 May 2013	Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged attack on LGBT rights defenders.
Serbia JLA , 3 Apr 2013	Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged threats and attack against a human rights defender working on combating discrimination and for the rights of LGBT people.
Nepal JUA , 28 March 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders; Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registration proceedings of a non-governmental organisation, and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest on the part of the authorities against LGBT individuals.
Uganda JLA , 21 Feb 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of	Allegations that the draft "anti-homosexuality legislation" in Uganda

	association; Health; Human rights defenders;	would criminalize “any form of homosexual act” or “attempt to commit a homosexual act, including consensual sex between same-sex individuals”.
Republic of Moldova JUA , 8 Feb 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged risks to the physical and psychological integrity of two representatives of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre, an LGBT organization, in view of insults and threats received during court hearings.
Kosovo JLA , 10 Jan 2013	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Alleged physical attacks and threats against LGBT rights defenders, including members of the organizations Kosovo 2.0 and Libertas.
Ukraine JLA , 21 Dec 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT rights defenders.
Nepal JUA , 14 Sep 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders; Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registration proceedings of a non-governmental organization, and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest on the part of the authorities against LGBT individuals.
Honduras JUA , 27 Aug 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Allegation of persecution and death threats against an LGBT human rights defender.
Republic of Moldova JLA , 4 July 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged bans on public activities organized by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) persons in several municipalities in Moldova.
Uganda JLA , 25 June 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged disruption of a workshop for LGBTI human rights defenders by police.
Cameroon JLA , 8 May 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	Allegations of undue restrictions on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly. According to the information received, a meeting to discuss the problems of AIDS and the human rights of minorities based on sexual orientation was prevented by the authorities.
Costa Rica JUA , 2 Apr 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Suspected burglary and robbery at the headquarters of an LGBTI human rights organization.
Uganda JLA , 29 March 2012	Arbitrary detention; Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders; Summary executions	Alleged re-tabling of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, which would violate fundamental principles and norms of international human rights law if enacted.
Malaysia JLA , 21 Jan 2012	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged banning of the LGBT festival, harassment and questioning of organizers.
Nigeria	Freedom of expression; Freedom	Alleged restrictions on the rights to

JLA , 20 Dec 2011	of peaceful assembly and of association; Health; Human rights defenders	freedom of association and of peaceful assembly of groups defending LGBT rights (the "Same-Gender Marriage" Bill).
Russian Federation JUA , 30 Nov 2011	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Allegation of the passing of the first reading of an allegedly discriminatory "anti-LGBT propaganda" bill by the Legislative Assembly in Saint Petersburg amending the Law on administrative violations.
Belarus JLA , 31 May 2011	Freedom of expression; Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; Human rights defenders	Alleged arrest and detention of human rights defenders.

JLA – Joint letter of allegation

JUA – Joint urgent appeal

AL – Allegation letter