

SUMMARY

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of punishment (2014–2016)¹



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- Mr. Juan Ernesto Méndez (Argentina), September 2010-October 2016
- Mr. Manfred NOWAK (Austria), 2004-2010
- Mr. Theo VAN BOVEN (The Netherlands), 2001-2004
- Mr. Nigel RODLEY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 1993-2001
- Mr. Peter KOOIJMANS (The Netherlands), 1985-1993

SUMMARY OF WORK

Countries Visited

Where SOGIESC mentioned in the report	Where SOGIESC not mentioned in the report
Brazil (August 2015) The Gambia (November 2014)	Georgia (March 2015) Tunisia, follow-up visit (June 2014) Tajikistan, follow-up visit (February 2014)

Annual Thematic Reports

January 2016 (31 st session HRC)	Strong reference to SOGIESC (assesses the applicability of the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in international law to the unique experiences of women, girls, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, as well as rape, sexual violence and domestic violence)
March 2015 (28 th session HRC) <i>“Children deprived of liberty”</i>	Brief mention to SOGIESC (LGBTI children are at heightened risk of violence in detention)
April 2014 (25 th session HRC) <i>“Exclusionary rule in judicial proceedings”</i>	No mention of SOGIESC

Individual Complaints

Country/Date/IC type	SPs	Problem
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<p>Egypt JUA, 17 April 2014</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention; Independence of judges and lawyers; Torture; Violence against women;</p>	<p>Four individuals, two of them identifying as male-to-female transgender, were arrested without a warrant at their apartment in Cairo. They were allegedly subjected to both physical and sexual violence in detention and sentenced to several years in prison on charges related to “debauchery” under Law 10/1961. Concerns are expressed at the allegations of physical and sexual violence while in detention and that the individuals may have been sentenced on the sole basis of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.</p>
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JLA – Joint letter of allegation
JUA – Joint urgent appeal
AL – Allegation letter

¹ Although the mandate was established in 1985, this summary does not cover work reported before 2014.