

SUMMARY

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (2011–2016)¹



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- Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy (Sri Lanka), 1994 – July 2003

SUMMARY OF WORK

Countries Visited

Where SOGIESC mentioned in the report	Where SOGIESC not mentioned in the report
Georgia (Feb 2016) South Africa (Dec 2015) Honduras (July 2014) UK (March–Apr 2014) Azerbaijan (Dec 2013) India (April 2013) Croatia (Nov 2012) Bosnia & Herzegovina (Oct–Nov 2012) Italy (Jan 2012)	Sudan (May 2015) Afghanistan (Nov 2014) Bangladesh (May 2013) Papua New Guinea (March 2012) Solomon Islands (March 2012) Somalia (Dec 2011) Jordan (Nov 2011) USA (Jan–Feb 2011)

Annual Thematic Reports

April 2016 (32rd session HRC) <i>Vision-setting report</i>	No reference to SOGIESC
June 2015 (29th session HRC) <i>"Closing the gap in international human rights law: lessons from three regional human rights systems on legal standards and practices regarding violence against women"</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC only
June 2014 (26th session HRC) <i>"Violence against women: 20 years of developments within the UN"</i>	Brief reference to SOGIESC only
June 2013 (23rd session HRC) <i>"State responsibility for eliminating violence against women"</i>	No reference to SOGIESC
June 2012 (20th session HRC) <i>"Gender-related killings of women"</i>	Killings as a result of SO and GI (paras. 71–76)
June 2011 (17th session HRC) <i>"Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and violence against women"</i>	Several mentions of sexuality, SO and GI among protected grounds

Individual Complaints		
Country/Date/IC type	SPs	Problem
Brunei Darussalam JLA, 25 Sep 2014	Arbitrary detention; Independence of judges and lawyers; Torture; Violence against women	The 2013 Shariah Penal Code Order: mandatory death penalty for some non-violent acts, including same-sex relations.
Egypt JUA, 17 Apr 2014	Discrimination against women; Freedom of expression; Freedom of religion; Minority issues; Summary executions; Torture; Violence against women	Alleged arrest, detention, conviction and sentencing of four individuals on the sole basis of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
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.
Kuwait JUA, 5 Feb 2014	Arbitrary detention; Discrimination against women in law and in practice; Violence against women	Allegations of arbitrary arrest and detention of a Kuwaiti national on the basis of her gender identity and expression. She was reportedly charged with “imitation of the opposite sex”, which is a criminal offence under the Kuwaiti Penal Code.
Iran JLA, 28 June 2013	Discrimination against women in law and in practice; Freedom of religion; Iran; Summary executions; Torture; Violence against women	The revised Islamic Penal Code: death penalty for some non-violent acts, including “for sodomy for the non-Muslim party in same-sex relations.”
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.
Nepal JUA, 28 March 2013	Freedom of expression; Human rights defenders; Violence against women	Alleged intimidation of and threats against women and LGBTI human rights defenders, reportedly as a result of their support of a victim of domestic violence, following her self-identification as a lesbian.
Turkey JLA, 30 Nov 2011	Human rights defenders; Violence against women	Alleged arbitrary arrest and sentencing of three women human rights defenders and members of the Pink Life Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transvestite and Transsexual Solidarity Association.
USA JUA, 19 Aug 2011	Health; Migrants; Torture; Violence against women	Alleged torture and ill-treatment towards 16 gay and transgender individuals in immigration facilities.
Honduras AL, 18 May 2011	Summary executions; Violence against women	Alleged murders of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transvestite people during the course of 18 months in the country.
South Africa AL, 18 May 2011	Freedom of expression; Human rights defenders; Torture; Violence against women	Alleged “corrective” rape of a lesbian woman.

JLA – Joint letter of allegation

JUA – Joint urgent appeal

AL – Allegation letter

¹ Although the mandate was established in 1994, this summary does not cover work reported before 2011.