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 sent to States between January 2011 and December 2021.

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**ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:**

- **Poland** – (December 2018) Report, paras. 11, 14, 15, 38, 44, 57, 59, 85a.
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  - **Samoa** – (August 2017) Report, paras. 35, 70, 97d.
  - **Kuwait** – (December 2016) Report, paras. 35, 91.
- **Hungary** – (May 2016) Report, paras. 10, 12, 33, 68, 81, 95, 100d.
  - **Senegal** – (April 2015) Report, para. 83.
- **Spain** – (December 2014) Report, paras. 21, 62.
- **Peru** – (September 2014) Report, paras. 14, 59, 80, 86d, 89l.
- **Chile** – (September 2014) Report, paras. 15, 69, 70.
- **China** – (December 2013) Report, paras. 77, 78, 110a.

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<td>(Higher risks due to intersectionality; institutionalization and “conversion therapies”; criminalisation and deprivation of liberty, police profiling and targeting of trans sex workers; a recommendation to ban laws and practices policing, targeting, punishing or confining women in relation to consensual sexual behaviour or decisions, including expressions of sexuality.)</td>
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Brief reference to SOGI.
(Mentioning participation of a WG member in the
dialogue on SOGI between the IACHR, ACHPR and UN
HR mechanisms.)
Para. 5.

Compendium of good practices in the elimination
of discrimination against women
June 2017 (35th Session HRC)

Brief references to SO.
(Intersectional discrimination and violence/case studies.)
Paras. 41, 90.

Eliminating discrimination against women in the
area of health and safety, with a focus on the
instrumentalization of women's bodies
June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)

Strong references to SOGI(E).
(Criminalisation; humiliating treatment within the health-
care system; intersectional discrimination; corrective
rape; compulsory medical interventions; so-called
“conversion therapy”.)
Paras. 17, 42, 58.

Eliminating discrimination against women in
the cultural and family life, with a focus on the family
as a cultural space
June 2015 (29th Session HRC)

Good references to lesbian, LBT, LGBTI.
(Discrimination, violence and stigmatization in the context
of cultural diversity/stereotypes; diverse families and
LGBTI families.)
Paras. 21, 23, 25, 46.

Eliminating discrimination against women in
economic and social life with a focus on economic
crisis
June 2014 (26th Session HRC)

Brief reference to “sexual identity”.
(In the context of multiple discrimination.)
Para. 24.

Eliminating discrimination against women in
political and public life with a focus on political
transition
June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)

Good references to SOGI, LBT women, SO, SOGI
(CEDAW General Recommendation; LBT women human
rights defenders’ risks; ICTs as used by women attacked
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Paras. 28, 47, 48, 70.

First annual report on historical overview,
conceptual framework, thematic priorities for
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June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

Brief references to SO, SOGI.
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- Women and girls

A.C. in Caracas and the criminalization of the defender Vanessa Rosales, in Mérida.

### Poland
- **20 January 2021**
- SOGI
- Cultural rights
- Education
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- Health
- Human rights defenders
- Religion or belief
- Torture
- Violence against women
- Women and girls

Information received concerning (i) the increased use of hate speech and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse ("LGBT") persons, including the creation of so-called “LGBT Free” zones by municipalities, (ii) restrictions on and attacks against Pride marches, (iii) a proposed bill to criminalize sexuality education, and (iv) restrictions on Polish schools’ initiative “Rainbow Friday”; (v) possible withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, and (vi) the Polish Episcopal Conference’s calling for the creation of “conversion therapy” clinics.

### Pakistan
- **12 January 2021**
- Executions
- Human rights defenders
- SOGI
- Violence against women
- Women and girls

Information received concerning attacks on transgender rights defenders in Pakistan Ms Nayyab Ali and Ms Heera Malik.

### Hungary
- **15 December 2020**
- Health
- Privacy
- Religion or belief
- SOGI
- Women and girls

Information received concerning proposed bills restricting the notion of family to opposite-sex couples; excluding same-sex couples, single persons and non-married opposite-sex couples from adoption; and restricting children’s identity to their sex assigned at birth and ensuring an upbringing that “reflects the values based on Hungary’s constitutional identity and Christian culture.”

### Colombia
- **20 November 2020**
- Women and girls
- Arbitrary Detention
- Migrants
- SOGI
- Torture
- Violence against women

Information received regarding the situation of four trans women from Venezuela who were allegedly arbitrarily detained and beaten by police officers in the municipality of Maicao, Colombia.

### Honduras
- **25 September 2020**
- Disappearances
- Executions
- Human rights defenders
- SOGI
- Violence against women
- Women in law and in practice

Information received regarding the violent death and disappearance of several human rights defenders in Honduras, as well as threats and harassment against them, in what appears to be a high-risk situation for human rights defenders.

### Nepal
- **21 September 2020**
- SOGI
- Violence against women
- Women in law and in practice

Information received concerning amendments to the Citizenship Act currently under debate in Parliament, which proposes positive changes to the legislation now in force in the country.

### Romania
- **11 September 2020**
- Education
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Health
- SOGI
- Violence against women

Information received concerning proposed bills that reportedly (i) prohibit sexual education unless there is parental written consent, and (ii) impose a blanket ban on a discussion regarding “gender theory or
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<td>Information received concerning the dismissal of a soldier, Staff Sergeant Byun Hui-Su, following surgery to affirm her gender identity.</td>
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<td>Racism, African Descent, SOGI, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)’s intention to deport Mrs. Anita Mavita, her husband Mr. Jude Kasangaki, an LGBT activist, and their youngest child to Uganda, while keeping their other seven children who had been forcibly removed from their parents and place in foster homes in the Netherlands.</td>
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<td>Cambodia</td>
<td>1 May 2020</td>
<td>Violence against women, Cambodia, Freedom of opinion and expression, Freedom of assembly and association, Human Rights defenders, SOGI, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Ms. Ven Rachana, an online clothes seller, and Ms. Morn Eva, a transgender woman. We also refer to the comments made by Government officials targeting human rights NGOs that issued a statement in defence of women’s rights following their detention.</td>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>23 April 2020</td>
<td>SOGI, Arbitrary detention, Health, Torture, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest of 23 people and detention of 19 of them, including gay, bisexual, and trans women in Kyengera, Uganda.</td>
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<td>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Eman Al-Helw, woman human rights defender and Hossam Ahmad, a trans man.</td>
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<td>Freedom of opinion and expression, Freedom of assembly and association, Human Rights defenders, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the discriminatory restrictions on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association and freedom of expression of LBTIQ human rights defenders, which may relate to their engagement in advocacy on human rights related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender equality.</td>
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<td>Information received on the murder of Ms. Bessy Ferrero Sánchez and the attempted murder of Ms. Vicky Carvajal, both trans women human rights defenders working with LGBTI people and members of the Colectivo de Mujeres Trans Muñecas of the Asociación ARCOIRIS.</td>
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<td>Information received concerning acts of harassment and discrimination directed towards a young lesbian couple and the unauthorized filming and posting of a video in social media, affecting their right to privacy.</td>
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<td>Freedom of opinion and expression, Freedom of assembly and association, Human rights defenders, SOGI, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning investigations into the organisers of a women’s day march in Kuala Lumpur under the Sedition Act, and the summoning of LGBT+ human rights defender Mr. Numan Affi.</td>
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<td>Brunei Darussalam</td>
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<td>Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of religion, SOGI, Torture, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the criminalisation of adultery and consensual same-sex relations and the imposition of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishments for such acts, including stoning, whipping and amputation.</td>
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<td>11 February 2019</td>
<td>Arbitrary detention, Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of opinion and expression, SOGI, Torture, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received in connection with allegations of new acts of persecution against people who are or are perceived to be gay, bisexual or lesbian in Chechnya.</td>
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<td>7 January 2019</td>
<td>Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of opinion and expression, Human rights defenders, International order, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Allegations received concerning the adverse environment for human rights defenders in Ukraine, most recently illustrated by the killing of Ms. Kateryna Handziuk.</td>
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<td>31 December 2018</td>
<td>African descent, Extrajudicial executions, Foreign debt, Freedom of opinion and expression, Freedom of assembly and association, Human rights defenders, Poverty, Racism, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Follow-up to the communication on the murders of Ms. Marielle Franco and her driver.</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>19 December 2018</td>
<td>Cultural Rights, Disability, Education, Freedom of opinion and expression, Health, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning changes to the sexuality education curriculum of the Province of Ontario. The Ontario Minister of Education announced that in September 2018 the Province’s schools would be returning to teaching a sexuality education curriculum first promulgated in 1998, replacing the one adopted in 2015. The Premier of Ontario declared that any teachers who continued teaching the curriculum of 2015 would be sanctioned. The differences between the two curriculum include, in particular: discussion in the curriculum of 2015 of differences among people such as sexual orientation and gender identity and the need for acceptance and appreciation of diversity along with further discussion around sexual orientation and gender identity in the curriculum for grades 6-8; and the inclusion of the words “gay”, “lesbian”, “transgender”, and “cyberbullying” that are lacking in the 1998 curriculum.</td>
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<td>16 November 2018</td>
<td>SOGI, Torture, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning the criminalization of consensual sexual relations between adults and the application of punishments for such acts that are contrary to the absolute prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.</td>
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<td>Extrajudicial executions, Human rights defenders, SOGI, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received regarding recent cases of attempted murder; harassment, assault and death threats; theft of security cameras; rape and intimidation and persecution of the leader of the trans women's group Las Muñecas de Arcoíris, and members of the Center for Development and LGBTI Cooperation (&quot;Somos CDC&quot;).</td>
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<td>18 September 2018</td>
<td>Health, Torture, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Concerns of discrimination against intersex persons related to the Eligibility regulations for the female classification (athletes with differences of sex development) recently published by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).</td>
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<td>Cultural rights, Education, Freedom of opinion and expression, Women in law and practice</td>
<td>Information received concerning a government directive decertifying and defunding the teaching of gender studies at all Hungarian institutions of higher education on 9 August 2018. Opponents allegedly claim the subject “serves the gay lobby” and is concerned only with the study of “LGBTI communities”.</td>
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<td>Guatemala</td>
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<td>Upcoming approval of draft ‘Law for the protection of life and family’, which would, inter alia, further restrict the concepts of marriage and family and prohibit public and private educational institutions from teaching “gender ideology”, sexual diversity, or presenting as normal any sexual behaviour other than heterosexuality.</td>
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<td>Education, Women in law and practice</td>
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<td>Information received concerning the removal of two foster children from the home of Yulia Savinovskih.</td>
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<td>Killing of Marielle Franco (and her driver) an Afro-Brazilian human rights defender working for the rights of women, people of African descent, LGBT people, and populations form the favelas, also elected member of City Council of Rio de Janeiro.</td>
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<td>Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of assembly and association, Human rights defenders, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and practice</td>
<td>Information received in connection with the recent murder, in the vicinity of the capital, Tegucigalpa, of a transsexual woman, who was also an LGBTI rights activist, Ms. Sherlyn Montoya.</td>
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<td>Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of opinion and expression, Freedom of assembly and association, Human rights defenders, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received regarding 3 murders of trans women in San Luis Talpa, as well as allegations of acts of intimidation and threats, including acts of extortion against a human rights defender.</td>
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<td>Alleged arrest, detention, conviction and sentencing of four individuals on the sole basis of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.</td>
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**Iran**

28 June 2013

- Extrajudicial executions
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The revised Islamic Penal Code: death penalty for some non-violent acts, including “for sodomy for the non-Muslim party in same-sex relations.”