
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 published between January 2011 and November 2020.



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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Sri Lanka** – (August 2019) Report, paras. 52, 76, 91.
- **Netherlands** – (March-April 2019) Report, paras. 22, 51.
- **Tunisia** – (April 2018) Report, paras. 72, 73, 89b.
- **Uzbekistan** – (October 2017) Report, para. 91.
- **Albania** – (May 2017) Report, paras. 69, 71, 72, 73, 76b.
- **Denmark** – (March 2016) Report, paras. 3, 48, 57, 58, 59, 60.
- **Bangladesh** – (September 2015) Report, paras. 92, 93, 94, 95.
 - **Lebanon** – (March-April 2015) Report, para. 62.
 - **Moldova** – (September 2011) Report, para. 48.
- **Paraguay** – (March 2011) Report, paras. 21, 22, 42, 43.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Viet Nam (July 2014)
- Kazakhstan (March-April 2014)
- Jordan (September 2013)
- Sierra Leone (June-July 2013)
- Cyprus (March-April 2012)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Safeguarding freedom of religion or belief for the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
October 2020 (75th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief reference to LGBTI
(related to bias within religion and policy recommendations)
Para. 6, 45, 60, 80a

Freedom of religion or belief and Gender Equality
August 2020 (43th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Very strong reference to SOGI based violence and discrimination in the name of religion or belief.
Paras. 16 – 76.

Combatting Antisemitism to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief
September 2019 (74th Session GA)

Brief reference to LGBTI.
Para. 39

Restrictions imposed on expression on account of religion or belief
March 2019 (40th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO.
Para. 26.

Relationship between freedom of religion or belief and national security
September 2018 (73rd Session GA)

Brief reference to SOGI and LGBT.
Para. 37.

State-religion relationships and their impact on freedom of religion or belief
March 2018 (37th Session HRC)

Good references to LGBTI, SOGI (restrictions to LGBTI rights on religious grounds, invoking “religious liberty” to justify discrimination, risk for secular governance models to intervene in manifestation of religion alleging attempt to protect other rights, such as SOGI-based rights)
Paras. 38, 39, 40, 47, 77.

The increase in religious intolerance worldwide and the gap between international commitments to combat intolerant acts and national practices
August 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Good references to LGBTI, homosexuality, “sexual or gender identity”
(Religious intolerance by non-State actors: “structural violence” and vigilante mobs attacking in the name of religion in cases involving homosexuality, LGBTI targeted by religious extremist or terrorist groups, violations carried out by family members, and by business entities).
Paras. 33, 34, 36, 37, 46, 74.

Perspective and vision for the mandate by the new Special Rapporteur
March 2017 (34th session HRC)

Brief references to LGBTI.
Paras. 31, 45, 47.

Brief references to LGBTI and SOGI.

<p>The broad range of violations of freedom of religion or belief, their root causes and variables August 2016 (71st Session GA)</p>	<p>Paras. 7, 64.</p>
<p>Two closely interrelated rights: freedom of religion or belief and freedom of opinion and expression March 2016 (31st Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>The rights of the child and his or her parents in the area of freedom of religion or belief August 2015 (70th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Preventing violence committed in the name of religion March 2015 (28th session HRC)</p>	<p>Good references to LGBT, SOGI, homosexuality, cross-dressing (homophobic and transphobic violence perpetrated in the name of religion, hostile public statements, using school textbooks without stereotypes and prejudices towards LGBT, patriarchal interpretation of religions). Paras. 11, 34, 42, 67.</p>
<p>Tackling religious intolerance and discrimination in the workplace August 2014 (69th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Tackling manifestations of collective religious hatred March 2014 (25th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Freedom of religion or belief and equality between men and women August 2013 (68th Session GA)</p>	<p>Brief reference to LGBTI. Para. 35 (footnote 6).</p>
<p>Freedom of religion or belief of persons belonging to religious minorities March 2013 (22nd Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Right of conversion as part of freedom of religion or belief August 2012 (67th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Freedom of religion or belief and recognition issues March 2012 (19th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Role of the State in promoting interreligious communication July 2011 (66th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Bangladesh 01 September 2020	Religion or belief Disappearances Executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Minority issues Sexual orientation and gender identity	Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and legal prosecution of Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, and the ongoing harassment of his family members in Bangladesh.
Turkey 22 July 2020	Sexual orientation and gender identity Executions Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Religion or belief	Information received concerning the use of hate speech against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) persons by religious leaders and public officials in Turkey.
Tunisia 20 December 2019	Sexual orientation and gender identity Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Religion or belief 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.
Philippines 25 November 2019	Sexual orientation and gender identity Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of Association Human rights defenders Religion or belief	Information received concerning hatred, verbal harassment and threats against Rhadem Camlian Morados, including death threats and threats of kidnapping, disseminated on social media on account of his work on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics and his advocacy as a gay Muslim claiming that his religion is inclusive and affirmative of his sexuality.
Brunei Darussalam 01 April 2019	Executions Religion or belief SOGI Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice	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.
Iran 28 June 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of religion Iran Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice	The revised Islamic Penal Code: death penalty for some non-violent acts, including “for sodomy for the non-Muslim party in same-sex relations.”