

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

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### COUNTRIES VISITED

#### ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Spain** – (January 2019) Report, para. 39.
- **Brazil** – (September 2015) Report, para. 121.

#### DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Slovenia (April 2018)
- Botswana (August 2018)
- Slovenia (April 2018)
- Sri Lanka (October 2016)
- Moldova (June 2016)
- Iraq (February-March 2016)
- Bosnia (September 2015)
- Ukraine (April 2014)
- Nigeria (February 2014)
- Cameroon (September 2013)
- Bulgaria (July 2011)
- Rwanda (February 2011)

## ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

<b>Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities</b> July 2020 (75 <sup>th</sup> Session General Assembly (GA))	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Significance and scope of the four categories of minorities</b> July 2020 (43 <sup>th</sup> Session Human Rights Council (HRC))	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Study on the concept of a minority</b> July 2019 (74th Session GA)	Brief reference to SO. Para. 43.
<b>Update on his thematic report on statelessness as a minority issue and the level of awareness-raising and visibility of minorities and their human rights</b> March 2019 (40 <sup>th</sup> Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Statelessness: a minority issue</b> July 2018 (73 <sup>rd</sup> Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Priorities and vision of the mandate</b> March 2018 (37 <sup>th</sup> Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Reflections on the six-year tenure of the Special Rapporteur</b> July 2017 (72 <sup>nd</sup> Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Reflections on the six-year tenure of the Special Rapporteur</b> March 2017 (34 <sup>th</sup> session HRC)	Brief reference to LGBT. Para. 67.
<b>Minorities in situations of humanitarian crises</b> August 2016 (71 <sup>st</sup> Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Minorities and discrimination based on caste and analogous systems of inherited status</b> March 2016 (31 <sup>st</sup> Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Minorities in the criminal justice system</b> July 2015 (70 <sup>th</sup> Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>The human rights situation of Roma worldwide, with a particular focus on the phenomenon of anti-Gypsyism</b> June 2015 (29 <sup>th</sup> session HRC)	Brief reference to LGBTI. Para. 98.

<b>Hate speech and incitement to hatred against minorities in the media</b> March 2015 (28th session HRC)	Brief reference to homosexuals. Para. 35.
<b>Preventing and addressing violence and atrocities against minorities</b> August 2014 (69th Session GA)	Brief reference to homosexuals. Para. 4.
<b>Ensuring the inclusion of minority issues in post-2015 development agendas</b> March 2014 (25th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Minority rights-based approaches to the protection and promotion of the rights of religious minorities</b> August 2013 (68th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Rights of linguistic minorities</b> March 2013 (22th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Role and activities of national institutional mechanisms in promoting and protecting minority rights</b> August 2012 (67th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>Priorities for the work of the Independent Expert and the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities</b> March 2012 (19th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
<b>The role of minority rights protection in promoting stability and conflict prevention</b> March 2011 (16th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.

## COMMUNICATIONS

No SOGIESC-related communications from the period.

<b>Bangladesh</b> 01 Sep 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religion or belief</li> <li>Disappearances</li> <li>Executions</li> <li>Freedom of opinion and expression</li> <li>Human rights defenders</li> <li>Minority issues</li> <li>Sexual orientation and gender identity</li> </ul>	Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and legal prosecution of Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, and the ongoing harassment of his family members in Bangladesh.
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<p><b>United States of America</b> 8 June 2020</p>	<p>African descent Arbitrary detention Disability Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Hazardous substances Health Housing Independent of judges and lawyers Mercenaries Minority issues Older persons Poverty Racism SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning several recent killings of people of African descent in apparently State-endorsed operations in the United States.</p>
<p><b>United States of America</b> 13 May 2020</p>	<p>Executions African Descent Health Minority issues Racism Sexual orientation and gender identity Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the situation in prisons and other detention facilities/establishments in the United States of America in light of COVID-19 exposure-related risks</p>