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 November 2019.

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- Mr. Niger Rodley (United Kingdom), 1993 – 2001
- Mr. Peter Kooymans (Netherlands), 1985 – 1993

WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:
- Ukraine – (May-June 2018) Report, para. 74
- Argentina – (April 2018) Report, para. 16, 60, 89c
- Brazil – (August 2015) Report, paras. 32-34, 36, 148f.
DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Turkey (December 2017)
- Serbia & Kosovo (November 2017)
- Sri Lanka (December 2016)
- Mauritania (December 2016)
- Georgia (March 2015)
- Ghana (February 2015)
- Tunisia, follow-up (June 2014)
- Tajikistan, follow-up (February 2014)
- Kyrgyzstan (May 2012)
- Morocco (February 2012)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

**Relevance of the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment to the context of domestic violence**

- July 2019 (74th Session General Assembly (GA))
  - Good reference to SOGIESC, SO.
  - (Honour crimes, “Forced “conversion therapy”, “reparative therapy”.)
  - Paras. 21, 42, 48-50, 93.

**Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

- February 2019 (40th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))
  - Brief reference to LGBTI and SO
  - Paras. 42, 73g.

**Seventieth anniversary of the UDHR: reaffirming and strengthening the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

- July 2018 (73rd Session GA)
  - Brief reference to LGBTI and SOGIESC.
  - Para. 70.

**Migration-related torture and ill-treatment**

- March 2018 (37th Session HRC)
  - Brief reference to LGBTI (in the context of prolonged arbitrary detention of migrants)
  - Para. 28.

**Extra-custodial use of force and the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

- July 2017 (72nd Session GA)
  - No SOGIESC references.

**Overview of the activities of the mandate during reporting cycle**

- March 2017 (34th session HRC)
  - No SOGIESC references.

**Coercive methods during interviews of suspects, victims, witnesses and other persons in various investigative contexts**

- August 2016 (71st Session GA)
  - No SOGIESC references.
Applicability of the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in international law to the unique experiences of women, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons  
March 2016 (31st Session HRC)

(Gender perspective on torture, gender-specific and gender-based violence, discrimination and torture targeting LGBTI; criminalization of LGBT, homophobic and transphobic hate crimes, abuses, family violence and stigmatization / torture and ill-treatment of LGBT in detention: SOGI-based sexual, physical and psychological violence in prison, humiliating and invasive body searches, detained LGBT migrants and non-refoulement principle, fear of reprisals and complaints mechanisms / torture and ill-treatment in health-care settings: denied medical treatment, transgender’s access to appropriate health care, medical abuse of intersex children / rape and sexual violence: context of armed conflict, homophobic and transphobic violence, specific risks for lesbians and trans women / honour-based violence; LGBTI access to justice / recommendations to States)  
Paras. 5, 7-10, 13-15, 32-39, 48-51, 57, 59, 60, 67-70, 70q, 72g, 72i, 72j, 70t, 70w, 70y, 70z, 73.

| Children deprived of liberty  
March 2015 (28th Session HRC) | Brief reference to LGBTI (LGBTI children at heightened risk of ill-treatment or torture in detention)  
Paras. 48, 86g. |
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| Existing standards and guidelines on legal and medical investigations into allegations of torture and other ill-treatment  
September 2014 (69th Session GA) | No SOGIESC references. |
| Exclusionary rule in judicial proceedings  
March 2014 (25th Session HRC) | No SOGIESC references. |
| Procedural standards and safeguards from the perspective of the prohibition of torture or other ill-treatment that should be applied, at minimum, to all cases of deprivation of liberty  
August 2013 (68th Session GA) | Brief references to LGBTI (prisoners’ safety and prison violence towards LGBTI, protection and special needs of vulnerable groups deprived of their liberty)  
Paras. 47, 67. |
## Abusive practices commonly reported in healthcare settings

**March 2013 (22th Session HRC)**

- Strong reference to LGBTI, SOGI, transgender, SC.
- (Yogyakarta Principles 17 and 18 on safeguarding informed consent, ensure qualitative health-care and access to medical treatment / homophobic ill-treatment by health professionals; irreversible sex assignment, involuntary sterilization, involuntary genital normalizing surgery performed on intersex children without their informed consent or that of their parents; sterilization surgeries as a prerequisite for transgender persons to enjoy legal recognition / recommendation that States repeal any law allowing intrusive and irreversible treatments such as forced genital-normalizing surgery, involuntary sterilization, unethical experimentation, medical display, “reparative therapies” or “conversion therapies” without the free and informed consent of the person concerned)
- Paras. 38, 76-79, 88.

## New developments and State practice are taken into consideration

**August 2012 (67th Session GA)**

- No SOGIESC references.

## Further discussion of the standards that apply to the establishment and conduct of commissions of inquiry

**March 2012 (19th Session HRC)**

- Brief reference to LGBTI (gender perspective and vulnerable groups)
- Para. 62.

## The issue of solitary confinement

**July 2011 (66th Session GA)**

- Brief references to LGBT (solitary confinement as “protective custody” for LGBT)
- Paras. 42, 69.

## Need for a victim-centered approach to the work of the Special Rapporteur’s mandate

**March 2011 (16th Session HRC)**

- No reference to SOGIESC.

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