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.

**WORK SUMMARY**

**COUNTRIES VISITED**

**ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:**

- Canada – (April 2018) Report, paras. 20, 34, 50, 52, 55, 90, 95k, 95n, 95ix.
- Georgia – (February 2016) Report, paras. 42, 52.
- South Africa – (December 2015) Report, paras. 11, 33, 34, 41-43, 48, 72, 82 (1c, 2k & 4a).
- Bosnia & Herzegovina – (October/November 2012) Report, paras. 31, 32.
- Italy – (January 2012) Report, paras. 1, 35.
DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Palestine (September 2016)
- Israel (September 2016)
- Sudan (May 2015)
- Afghanistan (November 2014)
- Bangladesh (May 2013)
- Papua New Guinea (March 2012)
- Solomon Islands (March 2012)
- Somalia (December 2011)
- Jordan (November 2011)
- United States (January/February 2011)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

A human rights-based approach to mistreatment and violence against women in reproductive health services with a focus on childbirth and obstetric violence
July 2019 (74th Session General Assembly (GA))
No SOGIESC references.

Twenty-five years of the mandate: an analysis of its evolution, current challenges and the way forward
June 2019 (41st Session Human Rights Council (HRC))
No SOGIESC references.

Violence against women in politics
August 2018 (73th Session GA)
Brief reference to LBTI. (LBTI activists among the groups of women in politics who may be more exposed to risks of gender-based violence.) Para. 10.

Online violence against women and girls
June 2018 (38th Session HRC)
Good references to SOGIE, SOGI and LBT. (SOGIE-based discrimination affecting access of women to technology; LBT women among the groups of women that are particularly targeted by ICT-facilitated violence; particular importance of online anonymity for those facing discrimination and persecution based on SOGI.) Paras. 28, 60.

Adequacy of the international legal framework on violence against women
July 2017 (72nd Session GA)
Brief reference to LGBT. (LGBT persons listed among the groups of women violence against whom should be addressed by more regulations, according to civil society). Para. 34.

A human rights-based approach to integrated services and protection measures on violence against women, with a focus on shelters and protection orders
June 2017 (35th Session HRC)
No SOGIESC references.
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| **Modalities for the establishment of femicide/gender-related killings watch** September 2016 (71st Session GA) | Brief references to LBT and SO.  
(Underreporting of the murders of LBT women mentioned by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women; the importance of tracking the victim’s sexual orientation, among other categories.) Paras. 57, 59. |
| **Vision-setting report** June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)               | No SOGIESC references.                                               |
| **Closing the gap in international human rights law: lessons from three regional human rights systems on legal standards and practices regarding violence against women** July 2015 (70th Session GA) | Brief reference to SO.  
| **Existing legal standards and practices regarding violence against women in three regional human rights systems** June 2015 (29th Session HRC) | Brief reference to SO.  
| **Violence against women as a barrier to the effective realization of all human rights** September 2014 (69th Session GA) | No SOGIESC references.                                               |
| **Violence against women: 20 years of developments within the UN** June 2014 (26th Session HRC) | Brief references to SOGI.  
(CSW discussions; HRC resolution; violence and intersecting factors.) Paras. 18, 28, 60. |
| **Pathways to, conditions and consequences of incarceration for women** August 2013 (68th Session GA) | Strong references to LGBTI.  
(A separate chapter on LGBTI persons in prison; examples of LGBT persons/defenders’ arrests in Iran.) Paras. 28, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63. |
| **State responsibility for eliminating violence against women** June 2013 (23rd Session HRC) | No SOGIESC references.                                               |
| **Violence against women with disabilities** August 2012 (67th Session GA) | Good SOGI references.  
(SOGI in the context of multiple forms of discrimination; problems faced by “lesbians and other sexual minorities who identify as female” with disabilities.) Paras. 13, 27. |
Gender-related killings of women
June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

Continuum of violence against women from the home to the transnational sphere: the challenges of effective redress
August 2011 (66th Session GA)

Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and violence against women
June 2011 (17th Session HRC)

Strong references to SOGI and LGBTIQ.
(A separate section on “Killings as a result of SO and GI”; other references to SOGI/LGBTIQ in the context of violence.)
Paras. 16, 18, 26, 53, 55, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 93.

Strong references to SOGI and LGBTIQ.
(Discrimination, stalking and violence, including statistics and case examples.)
Paras. 33, 36, 84.

Strong references to SO, SOGI.
(Several mentions of sexuality, SO and GI among protected grounds; risk of violence; risk of long-term health consequences.)
Paras. 22, 47, 51, 58, 67, 73, 76, 104.

COMMUNICATIONS

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| **Kazakhstan** 22 July 2019 | Independence of judges and lawyers
Privacy
SOGI
Violence against women
Women in law and in practice | 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. |
| **Mauritius** 3 May 2019 | Human rights defenders
SOGI
Violence against women | Information received concerning the physical and verbal assault of members of the LGBT community and of two LGBT human rights defenders associated with the Collectif Arc-En-Ciel, including Ms. Sandrine Julien. |
| **Armenia** 18 April 2019 | Extrajudicial executions
Freedom of opinion and expression
Human rights defenders
SOGI
Violence against women | Information received concerning online harassment and hate speech against woman human rights defender Ms. Lara Aharonian and trans human rights defender Ms. Lilit Martirosyan. |
| **Brunei Darussalam** 1 April 2019 | Extrajudicial executions
Freedom of religion
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. |
| **Egypt** 20 March 2019 | Arbitrary detention
Freedom of opinion and expression
Freedom of assembly and association
Human rights defenders
SOGI
Torture
Violence against women
Women in law and in practice | Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of transgender woman and LGBTIQ human rights defender, Ms. Malak Al-Kashif. |
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<td>Russian Federation</td>
<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>Brazil</td>
<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 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>Malaysia</td>
<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>Brazil</td>
<td>22 March 2018</td>
<td>African descent, Extrajudicial executions, Housing, Human rights defenders, Poverty, Racism, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Killing of Marielle Franco and her driver on 14 March 2018. Franco was an Afro-Brazilian human rights defender working for the rights of women, people of African descent, LGBT people, young people in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and socially excluded communities. She identified herself as a woman, as a feminist, as black, as favelada, as bisexual and as married to another woman.</td>
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<td>Honduras</td>
<td>9 March 2018</td>
<td>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 the recent murder of a transgender woman, Jennifer Cristal López (José Denis Ramos Gámes) and a gay man, Jorge Antonio Rodas García, in Puerto Cortés.</td>
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<td>Honduras</td>
<td>10 July 2017</td>
<td>Extrajudicial executions, Freedom of assembly and association, Human rights defenders, SOGI, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<td>Information received in connection with the recent murder, in the vicinity of the capital, Tegucigalpa, of a transgender woman, who was also an LGBTI rights activist, Ms. Sherlyn Montoya.</td>
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<td>El Salvador</td>
<td>26 May 2017</td>
<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>Egypt</td>
<td>17 April 2014</td>
<td>Arbitrary detention, Independence of judges and lawyers, Torture, Violence against women, Women in law and in practice</td>
<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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| Kuwait          | 5 February 2014 | Arbitrary detention  
Violence against women  
Women in law and in practice | 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 Amendment 198 of the Kuwaiti Penal Code. |
| 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.” |
| Nepal           | 14 Sep 2012     | Freedom of opinion and expression  
Freedom of assembly and 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           | 28 March 2013   | Freedom of opinion and 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          | 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. |
| United States   | 19 Aug 2011     | Health  
Migrants  
Torture  
Violence against women | Alleged torture and ill-treatment towards 16 gay and transgender individuals in immigration facilities. |
| Honduras        | 18 May 2011     | 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    | 18 May 2011     | Freedom of opinion and expression  
Human rights defenders  
Torture  
Violence against women | Alleged “corrective” rape of a lesbian woman. |