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ILGA World’s **UN Treaty Bodies Quarterly Report** provides main information on SOGIESC references made by UN Committees in their Lists of Issues and Concluding Observations under country periodic review process, as well as adopted General Comments and Individual Complaints.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Quarterly Report or engagement with Treaty Bodies, please contact us on untreaties@ilga.org.

!!! Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, several sessions of Treaty Bodies were postponed and some of them will be held online.

**SOGIESC-inclusive
Concluding Observations**

- ⇒ Check LGBTI recommendations to your country
- ⇒ Organize follow-up activities to inform your community about recommendations and to encourage your government to implement the recommendations

Luxembourg
Tunisia
Colombia
Mongolia
Belgium

**SOGIESC-inclusive
Lists of Issues**

- ⇒ See what information was requested from your country before the formulation of recommendations
- ⇒ Collect information and provide your comments to inform Treaty Bodies’ future recommendations

Luxembourg
Croatia
Netherlands
Switzerland
Bulgaria
Fiji

Liechtenstein
Chile
Czech Republic
Norway
Russian Federation
Senegal

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

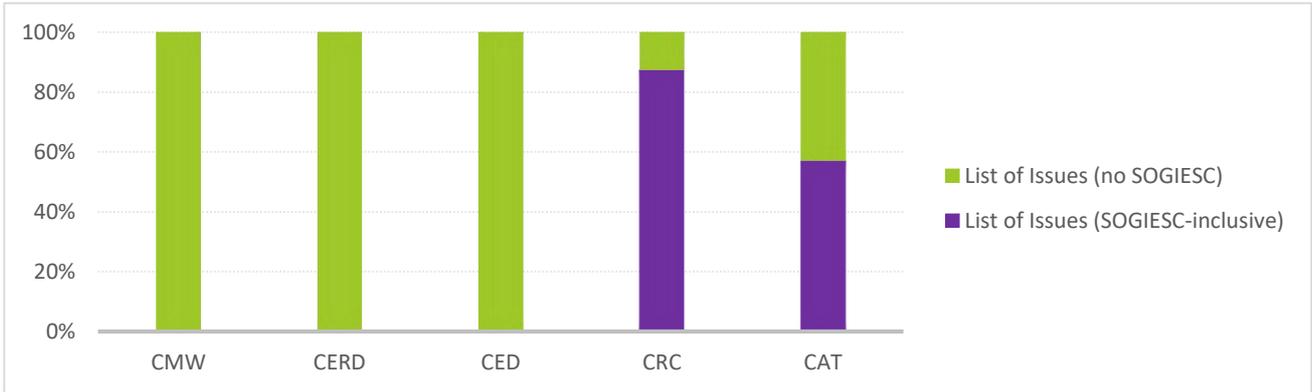
This section contains information about recommendations in Concluding Observations, as well as questions in Lists of Issues to specific countries under country periodic review process.

[**Bold**] = SOGIESC-inclusive questions or recommendations

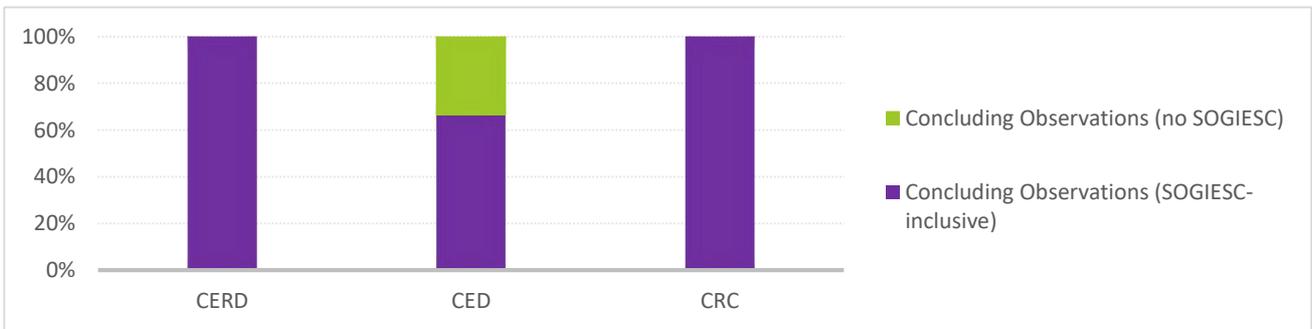
Committee Session / PSWG		Countries
CAT 70 Online Session : 26 Apr- 28 Apr 2021	List of Issues:	Belarus, Chile, Czech Republic, Norway, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal
CRC 87 Session : 17 May– 04 Jun 2021	Lists of Issues:	Luxembourg
	Concluding Observations:	Luxembourg, Tunisia
89 PSWG : 07 Jun-11 Jun 2021	List of Issues:	Croatia, Netherlands, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Fiji, Liechtenstein, Oman
CMW 32 Session : 06 Apr- 16 Apr 2021	List of Issues:	Chile
CED 20 Online Session : 12 Apr- 07 May 2021	List of Issues:	Zambia, Colombia, Mongolia, Switzerland
	Concluding Observations:	Colombia, Mongolia, Switzerland
CERD 103 Session : 19 Apr- 30 Apr 2021	List of Issues:	Belgium, Gabon, Lesotho, Maldives, Tunisia
	Concluding Observations:	Belgium

PSWG – Pre-Sessional Working Group | CAT – Committee against Torture | CRC – Committee on the Rights of the Child | CMW – Committee on Migrant Workers | CED – Committee on Enforced Disappearances | CERD – Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Percentage of SOGIESC-inclusive List of Issues by Treaty Bodies (April-June 2021)



Percentage of SOGIESC-inclusive Concluding Observations (April-June 2021)



GENERAL COMMENTS

This section contains information about General Comments (General Recommendations) adopted by Treaty Bodies. These documents provide the Committees' interpretation of the content of human rights provisions regarding thematic issues or methods of work.

Committee	General Recommendation
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No General Comments were adopted in April–June 2021

INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS

This section contains information about decisions made by the Committees on individual complaints. Individual complaint is a formal complaint, from an individual who claims that their rights under one of the treaties have been violated by a State party, which most of the treaty bodies are competent to consider.

Committee Decision	Treaty's articles Issue Result
HRCtee Alekseev v. Russian Federation Communication No. 2727/2016 Decision of 21 Apr 2021 ¹	<i>Arts. 21 and 26 of the ICCPR</i> Unjustified restrictions to the right of peaceful assembly; discrimination against LGBT people; pride event in Crimea prohibited by Russian authorities under 'anti-propaganda' law; abuse of the right of submission Violation
HRCtee Ivanov v. Russian Federation Communication No. 2635/2015 Decision of 04 May 2020 ²	<i>Art. 21 and 26 of the ICCPR</i> Unjustified restrictions to the right of peaceful assembly; discrimination against LGBT people; pride event in Crimea prohibited by Russian authorities under 'anti-propaganda' law Violation
HRCtee Alekseev v. Russian Federation Communication No. 2757/2016 Decision of 09 Jun 2021 ³	<i>Arts. 21 and 26 of the ICCPR</i> Unjustified restrictions to the right of peaceful assembly; discrimination against LGBT people; abuse of the right of submission Violation

HRCtee – Human Rights Committee | ICCPR – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |

Update! The new forms and guidance notes for individual complaints are available in the main website of the following Committees:

[HRCtee](#), [CERD](#), [CESCR](#), [CEDAW](#), [CAT](#), [CRC](#), [CRPD](#), [CED](#)

¹ Individual Communication from the [130 Session](#) (12 Oct 2020 – 06 Nov 2020) published on 2021

² Individual Communication from the [131 Session](#) (01 Mar 2021 – 26 Mar 2021)

³ Individual Communication from the [130 Session](#) (12 Oct 2020 – 06 Nov 2020) published on 2021

SUMMARY OF SESSIONS: COUNTRY PERIODIC REVIEWS

This section contains more detailed information on SOGIESC questions, recommendations and follow-up reviews adopted by specific Committees under the country periodic review process.

[Bold] = SOGIESC-inclusive recommendations in the Concluding Observations

[Light] = SOGIESC-inclusive concerns and questions in the Concluding Observations and List of Issues respectively

Committee on Enforced Disappearances

[20 Online Session](#) : 12 Apr - 07 May 2021

Four LGBTI-inclusive **recommendations** in the Committee's Concluding Observations on:

[Colombia](#) (paras. **17**, **25**, **27**, **33**)

[Mongolia](#) (para. **37**)

- Statistical disaggregated data on sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality and ethnic group of disappeared persons (Colombia)
- Protection measures to prevent acts of violence against complainants, witnesses, relatives of disappeared persons and their defenders with a differential approach according to sex, gender identity, sexual orientation (Colombia)
- Measures to identify and restore with dignity the mortal remains of disappeared persons found death, applying a differential approach to women, children, adolescents, LGBTI people, ethnic groups and people with disabilities (Colombia)
- Ensure the right to reparation of all persons who have suffered harm as a direct result of an enforced disappearance, considering the specific needs of the victim, in view of, inter alia, their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity (Colombia, Mongolia)

Committee against Torture

[70 Online Session: 26 – 28 Apr 2021](#)

Fourteen LGBTI-inclusive **questions** in the Committee's List of Issues:

[Chile](#) (para. 15)

[Czech Republic](#) (paras. 14, 26)

[Norway](#) (paras. 18,28)

[Russian Federation](#) (paras. 13, 28, 31)

[Senegal](#) (para. 17, 28)

- Ensure the rights of persons deprived from their liberty, prevent violence, provide adequate health-care services and improve detention conditions, considering the particular needs of juveniles in detention and prisoners with disabilities or being LGBTI (Chile, Czech Republic, Norway, Senegal)
- Information on the legislative measures adopted to repeal article 29 (1) of the Civil Code, which provides for the requirement of compulsory surgery and sterilization for transgender persons who wish to obtain legal recognition of their gender (Czech Republic)
- Measures to prohibit forced, involuntary or abusive treatments, such as "conversion therapies", against LGBTI persons (Norway)
- Information on non-urgent medical or surgical treatment on intersex children and adults who are incapable of giving informed consent (Norway)
- Information on remedies available against the physical or mental pain inflicted by "conversion therapies" or intersex genital mutilation (Norway)
- Information on established protocols for groups of prisoners with particular needs, such as persons with disabilities, older persons and LGBTI persons, including in terms of safety, security, and prevention of and protection against coronavirus disease (Russian Federation)
- Measures to combat violence against individuals based on their SOGI, and in particular to thoroughly investigate the persecution in Chechnya (Russian Federation)
- Information on the relevant training given to law enforcement officers and the judiciary in detecting and combating hate-motivated crimes, including those motivated by SOGI (Russian Federation)
- Measures taken to repeal the law prohibiting "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" (Russian Federation)
- Measures to ensure that no one is subjected during infancy or childhood to non-urgent medical or surgical procedures intended to decide the sex of the child (Russian Federation)
- Statistics of intersex children who have undergone sex assignment surgery during the reporting period (Russian Federation)
- Decriminalisation of consensual same-sex conduct (Senegal)
- Measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and secure convictions for violence, including police violence, based on the actual or perceived SOGI of the victim (Senegal)
- Provide data on cases of hate crime identified since 2018, disaggregated by grounds for discrimination, including the grounds of SOGI (Senegal)

Committee on the Rights of the Child

87 Session: 17 May -04 Jun 2021 | 89 PSWG: 07 Jun- 11 Jun 2021

Ten LGBTI-inclusive **questions** in the Committee's List of Issues:

[Luxembourg](#)⁴ (paras. 18, 37)

[Croatia](#)⁵ (para. 11)

[Netherlands](#)⁶ (paras. 12,18)

[Switzerland](#)⁷ (paras. 10,16)

[Bulgaria](#) (paras. 5, 12)

[Fiji](#) (para. 12)

[Liechtenstein](#) (paras. 7,14,21,22,26,42)

- Ensure that intersex children are not subjected to unnecessary medical or surgical treatment, and to provide adequate counselling, support and access to effective remedies for the victims, including their families (Luxembourg, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Liechtenstein)
- Provide disaggregated data on number of intersex children subjected to medically irreversible surgery (Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Liechtenstein)
- Implement systemic reforms in areas affecting children, such as violence, child justice, reproductive health and protection of LGBTI children (Bulgaria)
- Measures to prohibit and eradicate all forms of discrimination and hate speech against LGBTI children (Croatia, Netherlands, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Fiji, Liechtenstein)
- Measures to protect transgender and gender diverse children from all forms of physical and mental abuse, violence and maltreatment, including sexual abuse (Netherlands)
- Adoption of the draft law resulting from parliamentary initiative No. 13.407 on combating discrimination based on sexual orientation (Switzerland)
- Integration of material on SOGI into the mandatory school curriculum and teacher training programmes (Fiji)
- Strengthen data collection on discrimination against LGBTI children, including with regard to conducting a study on the problems encountered by LGBTI individuals (Liechtenstein)
- Measures taken to ensure accessibility to psychological and psychiatric services, including in schools, with particular attention to LGBTI children and in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (Liechtenstein)
- Information on the situation of children of same-sex couples and plans to extend the adoption of children to same-sex couples (Liechtenstein)

Three LGBTI-inclusive **recommendations** in the Committee's Concluding Observations on:

[Luxembourg](#) (paras. 13, 19)

[Tunisia](#) (paras. 14,15,26,48)

- Ensure the right of the children to have their best interests taken as a primary consideration, especially for unaccompanied children, children deprived of a family environment, intersex children and children with disabilities (Luxembourg)
- Ensure that no one is subjected to unnecessary medical or surgical treatment during infancy or childhood, guarantee bodily integrity, autonomy and self-determination to intersex children, and provide families with intersex children with adequate counselling and support (Luxembourg, Tunisia)
- Measures to protect children from discrimination, including persistent stigmatization of LGBTI children (Tunisia)

⁴ LOIPR issued in 2019

⁵ LOIPR issued in 2018

⁶ LOIPR issued in 2019

⁷ LOIPR issued in 2019

Committee against Racial Discrimination

[103 Session](#): 19 Apr– 30 Apr 2021

One LGBTI-inclusive **recommendation** in the Committee's Concluding Observations on:

[Belgium](#) (para. **24**)

- Provide information related to racial discrimination against people of African descent, mainly in the areas of employment, housing and education, and considering multiple discrimination based on their race, colour, sex, sexual orientation and religious beliefs (Belgium)