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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 December 2021.



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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

No country visits have addressed SOGIESC issues.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Switzerland (May 2019)
- Austria (June 2018)
- Chad (April 2018)
- Ghana (December 2017)
- Central-African Republic (October 2016)
- European Union institutions (December 2016)
- Ukraine (March 2016)
- Belgium (October 2015)
- Tunisia (July 2015)

- Côte d'Ivoire (October 2014)
- Comoros (May 2014)
- Honduras (February 2013)
- Somalia (December 2012)
- Iraq (June 2011

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Provision of military and security products and services in cyber space by "cyber mercenaries" and related actors and its human rights impact July 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief reference to LGBTI and gender non-conforming persons.

Para. 60.

Impact of the use of private military and security services in humanitarian action July 2021 (48th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Brief reference to LGBTQ+.
Para. 31.

The evolving forms, trends and manifestations of mercenaries and mercenary-related July 2020 (75th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Impact of the Use of Private Military and Security Services in Immigration and Border Management on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants July 2020 (45th Session HRC) Brief reference to LGBTI Paras. 50, 74.

Relationship between private military and security companies and the extractive industry from a human rights perspective September 2019 (42nd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The gendered human rights impacts of private military and security companies July 2019 (74th Session GA)	Brief reference to LGBTI & SO. Paras. I, 7-8, I3-I4, 20, 33, 36, 56, 61, 76.
Overview of the Working Group's findings in connection with Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels) August 2018 (73rd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Recruitment of children by non-State armed groups, including mercenaries and private military and security companies September 2018 (39th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Use of private security companies in places of deprivation of liberty August 2017 (72nd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Findings of global study on national legislation on private military and security companies September 2017 (36th session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Analysis from a historical perspective of linkages between mercenaries and foreign fights and their impact on human rights and the right of peoples to self-determination August 2016 (71st Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Global study on national laws and regulations relating to private military and security companies September 2016 (33rd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Foreign fighters August 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Findings of the global study on national laws and regulations to private military and security companies September 2015 (30th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
The use by the United Nations of private security companies in light of the vast and complex	No SOGIESC references.

challenges which outsourcing security to private military and security companies poses to the United Nations and to local populations August 2014 (69th Session GA)

Findings of global study on national laws and regulations to private military and security companies

September 2014 (27th Session HRC)

NO SOGIESC references.

Recent trends related to mercenaries and private military and security companies
August 2013 (68th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Findings of global study on national laws and regulations to private military and security companies

September 2013 (24th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Update on recent activities of mercenaries and private military and security companies
August 2012 (67th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Review of activities undertaken during the reporting period, including engagement with the intergovernmental working group and work in relation to the draft Charter of the Oversight Mechanism for the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers
September 2012 (21st Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Update on recent activities of mercenaries and private military and security companies July 2011 (66th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Review of activities and achievements of the mandate since its establishment September 2011 (18th Session HRC) No SOGIESC references.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE EXPERTS SITUATION

United States of America 8 June 2020	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	Information received concerning several recent killings of people of African descent in apparently State-endorsed operations in the United States.
United States of America 12 October 2018	Arbitrary detention Business Disability Food Health Mercenaries Migrants Racism Freedom of religion Slavery Torture	Information received concerning the increased use of immigration detention and the human rights violations committed at the Stewart Immigration Detention Center and the Irwin County Immigration Detention Center, which are privately run by for-profit prison companies "CoreCivic Inc." and "LaSalle Southwest Corrections", respectively.