#19 – UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES & LGBTI ISSUES



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:

- **Peru** (February-March 2020) Report, paras. 18, 21, 22, 24, 38, 51, 68, 70, 71
 - Mongolia (April-May 2019) Report, paras. 3, 45, 54, 55
- Colombia (November-December 2018) Report, paras. 49, 50, 51, 65, 78b
 - **Moldova –** (June 2018) Report, paras. 3, 52, 58, 59, 63, 64, 85n
- Honduras (April-May 2018) Report, paras. 23, 37, 38, 39, 40, 50, 69, 77j, 82, 83b
 - Mexico (January 2017) Report, paras. 75, 103, 121b
 - Azerbaijan (September 2016) Report, para 98
 - Hungary (February 2016) Report, paras. 64, 84, 85, 99
 - Burundi (November 2014) Report, paras. 51, 56, 90
 - Togo (October 2013) Report, paras. 65, 77-80, 88f
 - Republic of Korea (June 2013) Report, paras. 96, 97

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Australia (October 2016)
- Tunisia (October 2012)
- Ireland (November 2012)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

States in denial: the long-term detention of human rights defenders July 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA)) Brief references to LGBTI Paras 37, 38.

Final warning: death threats and killings of human rights defenders December 2020 (46th Session Human Rights Council (HRC)) Good references to LGBTI (gendered threats, need support for defenders from vulnerable groups) Paras. 41, 57, 65, 67, 69, 101, 115d

Special Rapporteur priorities for the mandate July 2020 (75th Session GA)

Brief references to SOGI and LGBTI (marginalized human rights defenders who will be a focus of future attention include those working to promote the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons)

Paras. 7, 20, 32, 91f.

Human rights defenders operating in conflict and conflict situations

December 2019 (43rd Session HRC)

Brief reference to SOGI Para. 25.

Impunity for human rights violations committed against human rights defenders July 2019 (74th Session GA) Good reference to LGBTI, SOGI (differentiated and intersectional approach recognizing that certain peoples, groups or individuals need different levels of protection owing to specific situations of clear vulnerability.)

Paras. 20, 54, 76, 85, 106, 111, 147d

Women Human Rights Defenders February 2019 (40th Session HRC) Strong references to LGBTI, SOGI (rise of "gender ideology" concept as posited by religious leaders, politicians and conservative groups; gendered risks faced by women human rights defenders, women human rights defenders working on women's rights, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive rights, including SOGIE)

Paras. 3, 24, 26, 29, 31, 35, 38, 45, 51, 54, 62, 67, 89

Anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders July 2018 (73rd Session GA) Brief references to SOGI, transgender. Paras. 16, 21, 23, 70.

Overall situation of persons acting to defend the rights of all people on the move

Brief reference to LGBTI.

Situation of human rights defenders and the impact of businesses in their activities July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Brief reference to GI. Para. 19.

Suggestions for diversifying working methods, broadening the scope of cooperation with other key actors, and enhancing the visibility and accessibility of his mandate March 2017 (34th Session HRC)

Brief reference to LGBTI. Para. 26.

Environmental human rights defenders August 2016 (71st Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Good practices in the protection of human rights defenders

March 2016 (31st Session HRC)

Strong reference to SOGI, SO, LGBTI, transgender (risks for SOGI rights defenders, intersection between gender and other factors such as SO, violence towards women human rights defenders exacerbated by factors such as SO, importance of sociopolitical context to the work of LGBTI defenders, gender analysis and intersectional perspective to be added to human rights monitoring programmes, smear campaigns against LGBTI in media) Paras. 27, 38, 48, 63, 70, 80.

Global trends in risks and threats facing human rights defenders July 2015 (70th Session GA)

Strong reference to LGBTI, homosexuality, lesbian, transgender, intersex (specific threats and attacks to LGBTI defenders, encouraged by national environment that stigmatizes or criminalizes them, lack of any protection under the law or in practice, specific lack of visibility of lesbian, transgender and intersex persons, fear of reprisals; recommendation that States do more to disseminate the work and support LGBTI defenders) Paras. 56, 65, 66, 67, 93a.

Workplan and future activities of the Special **Rapporteur**

March 2015 (28th session HRC)

Good references to LGBTI (identified defenders of ESC rights who are LGBTI as a particular group at risk requiring protection) Paras. 17, 54.

Vision and working methods of the mandate August 2014 (69th Session GA)

Brief reference to "lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, transsexual and intersex persons". Para. 48.

Elements of a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders March 2014 (25th Session HRC)

Good reference to LGBT, SOGI, LGBTI (legislative moves to purportedly curb the promotion of homosexuality and criminalization laws, vulnerable groups at particular risk, women human rights defenders challenging stereotypes about sexual orientation, stigmatization and attacks to LGBT defenders by non-State actors).

Paras. 65, 90, 99, 104.

Large-scale development project and human rights defenders
August 2013 (68th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Role of national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights and as protectors of human rights defenders

March 2013 (22nd Session HRC)

Brief reference to LGBT. Para. 120g.

Use of legislation to regulate activities of human rights defenders August 2012 (67th Session GA) Strong references to SOGI, homosexuality, LGBT. (Legislation relating to public morals criminalizing LGBT defenders, criminalization of same-sex relations between consenting adults, criminalization of LGBT rights associations and "promotion", restrictions to fundamental freedoms of association, expression and peaceful assembly, chilling effect of pending draft legislation, violations to right to privacy; recommendation that States repeal all legislation criminalizing the activities on defenders working on SOGI issues) Paras. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 91.

Selected groups of defenders at risk: journalists and media workers; defenders working on land and environment issues; and youth and student defenders

March 2012 (19th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

On the Declaration of Human Rights Defenders July 2011 (66th Session GA) Strong references to SO, LGBT, "sexuality" (stigmatization by community leaders and faith-based groups, specific protection needs for LGBT rights defenders protesting, targeting of LGBT defenders for defending a different idea of sexuality, women human rights defenders challenging traditional views on SO; recommendations that State address protection needs of defenders working on LGBT rights, at greater risk of facing violence)

Paras. 7, 19, 55, 57, 111b, 114.

Women human rights defenders and those working on women's rights and gender issues March 2011 (16th Session HRC)

Strong reference to SO, LGBT, sexuality (women human rights defenders challenging traditional views on SO, 47 communications sent during the period concerned on LGBT issues, in particular in Africa, East and Central Europe, the Americas; further stigmatization based on advocacy for gender- or sexuality-based rights; communications on sexual violence and rape against LGBT activists)

Paras. 23, 37, 40, 42, 43, 58, 85, 86, 87.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Israel 27 December 2021	Business Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Occupied Palestinian territories Privacy Terrorism Trafficking in persons Violence against women Women and girls	Information received that Pegasus spyware developed by NSO Group Technologies (the NSO Group) was identified in at least six devices belonging to staff members of Palestinian nongovernmental organizations only two weeks after the designation of these organizations as "terrorist associations by your Excellency's Government.
Tunisia 21 Dec 2021	SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture	Information received regarding alleged acts of harassment, physical assault, threats and intimidation perpetrated by two state agents against Mr. Badr Baabou, director of the Association Damj, Tunisian Association for Justice and Equality (hereinafter "Association Damj"), because of his activity as a defender of the human rights of LGBT persons.
Poland 18 Nov 2021	Human rights defenders Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI	Information received regarding the criminalisation of a defender of the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (LGBT) persons.
Honduras 16 Nov 2021	Human rights defenders Extrajudicial executions SOGI Violence against women	Information received regarding threats and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights defenders.

Ghana 9 Aug 2021	SOGI Arbitrary detention Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the tabling of a bill entitled "Promotion of Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values Bill, 2021" before the Parliament of Ghana. According to information at our disposal, the first reading of the bill took place on 2 August. The consideration of the bill is expected to resume in October, after Parliamentary recess and public engagement.
Turkey 27 Jul 2021	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Independence of judges and lawyers Terrorism	Information received concerning the judicial harassment against and sentencing of woman human rights defender Ms. Sevda Özbingöl Çelik, as well as the judicial harassment against human rights defender Mr. Cihan Aydın.
Mexico I 6 July 202 I	Human rights defenders Freedom of assembly and association Migrants	Information received in relation to the measures taken by the Government to restrict the access of migrants by land to Mexican territory and the obstruction of the accompaniment work carried out by COMDHSE at the Rodolfo Robles border bridge. As well as the alleged acts of harassment perpetrated by federal authorities and various security and military forces against human rights defenders and migrants.
Kazakhstan 15 Jul 2021	Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association SOGI Women and girls	Information received concerning the harassment, intimidation and alleged arbitrary detention of human rights defenders Gulzada Serzhan and Zhanar Sekerbayeva.
Kyrgyzstan 15 Jul 2021	Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association SOGI	Information received concerning the alleged surveillance and attempts to break into the office of non-governmental organisation

		(NGO) Kyrgyz Indigo and the alleged privacy violations against its employees, who appear to be targeted for their legitimate human rights activity, as well as the alleged widespread privacy violations against people in Kyrgyzstan based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity, and the alleged marginalisation of LGBTI people and human rights defenders working to protect and promote
Uzbekistan 4 Jun 202 l	Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI	Information received concerning the alleged physical attack and criminalisation of blogger and human rights defender, Mr. Miraziz Bazarov, which appear to be related to his legitimate human rights activities, advocating for LGBTI rights and the exercise of his right to freedom of expression.
Ghana 2 Jun 202 I	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Women and girls	Information received concerning the alleged arrest and arbitrary detention of 21 persons defending the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (LGBT) persons in Ho, Ghana.
Nicaragua 19 May 2021	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health SOGI Torture	Information received on the alleged arbitrary detention and sentencing of Ms. Celia Cruz and Mr. John Christopher Cerna Zúñiga, as well as the alleged acts of mistreatment, torture, threats and intimidation suffered by these defenders in prison.
China 28 Apr 2021	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Health Independence of judges and lawyers Torture	Information received concerning the arbitrary detention of seventeen human rights defenders sentenced or under investigation or trial for the alleged commission of crimes against the State, that

	Women and girls	carry prison sentences of 10 years or more. Such crimes would have been perpetrated in connection to activities aimed to the promotion and defence of human rights and in the exercise of their public freedoms.
Tunisia 6 Apr 2021	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom o assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received regarding the arrest and arbitrary detention of Rania Amdouni, and the acts of harassment, intimidation, online defamation and incitement to violence, including death threats and rape, and physical and verbal assaults to which she was subjected.
Pakistan 31 March 2021	Terrorism Arbitrary detention Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Minority issues Torture	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrests, torture, and in some cases inappropriate access to medical care while in detention, as well as prosecution of several human rights defenders and persons associated to them.
Thailand 26 Mar 2021	Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Information received concerning two Draft Laws aimed at providing oversight of not-for-profit organisations in Thailand.
Hungary 22 Mar 2021	SOGI Disability Health Human rights defenders Older persons Freedom of religion Women and girls	Information received concerning the abolition of the Equal Treatment Authority ("ETA").
Poland 26 Feb 2021	Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Freedom of religion SOGI Women and girls	Information received regarding the charges brought against woman human rights defenders in response to their distribution of posters displaying the Virgin Mary with a rainbow halo, symbolising the LGBT flag.
Tunisia 17 February 2021	Human rights defenders Freedom of assembly and association SOGI	Information received regarding charges against human rights defenders.

		Information received regarding the
Venezuela II Feb 2021	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Women and girls	alleged arbitrary detention of six members of the organization Azul Positivo, in Zulia, as well as the raid of the organization Convite A.C. in Caracas and the criminalization of the defender Vanessa Rosales, in Mérida.
Saudi Arabia 21 Jan 2021	SOGI Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture	Information received concerning the alleged imminent deportation from Saudi Arabia to Yemen of a Yemeni blogger and human rights defender.
Poland 20 Jan 2021	SOGI Cultural rights Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Freedom of religion Torture Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning (i) the increased use of hate speech and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse ("LGBT") persons, including the creation of so-called "LGBT Free" zones by municipalities, (ii) restrictions on and attacks against Pride marches, (iii) a proposed bill to criminalize sexuality education, and (iv) restrictions on Polish schools' initiative "Rainbow Friday"; (v) possible withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, and (vi) the Polish Episcopal Conference's calling for the creation of "conversion therapy" clinics.
Pakistan I2 Jan 2021	Extrajudicial executions Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning attacks on transgender rights defenders in Pakistan Ms Nayyab Ali and Ms Heera Malik.
Egypt 24 Dec 2020	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Terrorism	Information received concerning concerning the alleged arbitrary detention of human rights defender Mr. Mohamed Radwan, the alleged arbitrary detention of Mr. Kamal Elbalshy in apparent attempt to target his brother, the journalist and human rights defender Mr. Khaled Elbalshy, and the extended pre-trial detention of human rights defender Mr. Patrick Zaki.

Uganda 24 Dec 2020	SOGI Arbitrary detention Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Information we have received concerning the arbitrary arrest and detention of Nicholas Opiyo, human rights defender and Executive Director and lead Attorney at the NGO Chapter Four Uganda, Herbert Dakasi, Anthony Odur and Esomu Obure, lawyers, and Hamid Tenywa, National Unity Platform Human Rights Officer
China 4 Dec 2020	Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Independence of judges and lawyers Torture	Information concerning the detention, arrest and charging of human rights defender and lawyer Qin Yongpei and the alleged arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance of human rights defender and lawyer Chang Weiping in "residential surveillance at a designated location".
Egypt 25 Nov 2020	Arbitrary detention Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Terrorism Torture	Information received concerning the arrest and filing of official charges for terrorism and national security related crimes against human rights defenders Gasser Abdel Rakez, Karim Ennarah and Mohamed Basheer in apparent retaliation for a human rights meeting they held with representatives of the diplomatic community, under the auspices of their NGO, the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR). We also bring to the attention of your Excellency's Government information regarding the continued pre-trial detention of another EIPR staff, Patrick Zaki as well as the ongoing criminalization, travel ban and freeze of assets of Hossam Bahgat founder and former Executive Director of the same organization.
Singapore 12 Oct 2020	Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Information received concerning the criminal prosecution and sentences concerning Mr. Jolovan

		Wham in relation to the exercise of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and to freedom of expression in Singapore, and the reported increasingly shrinking space for civil society in the country.
Bulgaria 2 Oct 2020	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning the recently introduced draft law on amendments to the Law on Non-Profit Legal Persons/Entities (the bill), submitted by a group of members of the Bulgarian Parliament on I July 2020. If adopted into law, the bill may hamper the work of independent non-profit organizations (NGOs), including those that promote and protect human rights and stigmatize those that receive funding from abroad.
Honduras 25 Sep 2020	Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received regarding the violent death and disappearance of several human rights defenders in Honduras, as well as threats and harassment against them, in what appears to be a high risk situation for human rights defenders.
Bangladesh I Sep 2020	Disappearances Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Minority issues Freedom of religion SOGI	Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and legal prosecution of Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, and the ongoing harassment of his family members in Bangladesh.
Turkey 22 Jul 2020	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Freedom of religion SOGI	Information received concerning the use of hate speech against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") persons by religious leaders and public officials in Turkey.
Saudi Arabia I Jul 2020	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Torture	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of a Yemeni blogger and human rights activist.

Cambodia I May 2020	Cambodia Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Ms. Ven Rachana, an online clothes seller, and Ms. Morn Eva, a transgender woman. We also refer to the comments made by Government officials targeting human rights NGOs that issued a statement in defence of women's rights following their detention.
Egypt 31 March 2020	Human rights defenders Arbitrary detention Disappearances Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Terrorism Torture	Information received concerning the continued arbitrary detention of journalists Mr. Mohamed Al-Yammani and Mr. Mohamed Badr whose charges have not been communicated by authorities, and the detention, torture and ongoing judicial harassment of human rights defender Mr. Patrick George Zaki.
Turkey II Feb 2020	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Terrorism	Information received concerning alleged excessive use of force against peaceful demonstrators at the Pride Marches that took place on the campus of the Middle East Technical University (METU) on 10 May 2019, as well as alleged arbitrary arrest, detention and prosecution against them.
Tunisia 20 Dec 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Freedom of religion SOGI Terrorism Torture	Information received regarding the harassment and threats against Mr. Mounir Baatour, including death threats, disseminated on social media in relation to his legitimate activities as a human rights defender.
Egypt 17 Dec 2019	Arbitrary detention Human rights defenders Privacy SOGI Torture Women and girls	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Eman Al-Helw, woman human rights defender and Hossam Ahmad, trans-man.

Philippines 25 Nov 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Freedom of religion SOGI	Information received concerning hatred, verbal harassment and threats against Rhadem Camlian Morados, including death threats and threats of kidnapping, disseminated on social media on account of his work on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics and his advocacy as a gay Muslim claiming that his religion is inclusive and
Argentina 22 Nov 2019	Independence of judges and lawyers Health Human rights defenders SOGI Torture	Information received regarding the alleged reprisals and harassment suffered by the lawyer Mario Luis Coriolano, for the exercise of his functions as Ombudsman of Cassation, as well as for the alleged physical and psychological ill-treatment and lack of medical attention with very serious consequences for his health suffered by Mónica Mego Velayresse, who is detained in a penitentiary establishment in the Province of Buenos Aires.
Kazakhstan 25 Oct 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the discriminatory restrictions on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association and freedom of expression of LBTIQ human rights defenders, which may relate to their engagement in advocacy on human rights related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender equality.
Honduras 7 Oct 2019	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received on the murder of Ms Bessy Ferrero Sánchez and the attempted murder of Ms Vicky Carvajal, both trans women human rights defenders working with LGBTI people and members of the Colectivo de Mujeres Trans

		Muñecas de la Asociación ARCOIRIS ("the Colectivo").
Georgia 20 June 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning possible restrictions to the right to peaceful assembly, freedom of association and to the freedom of expression of the LGBT community following threats and acts of intimidation against organizers and participants to the Tbilisi Pride.
Lebanon 10 May 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning allegations that the Ministry of Telecommunications has issued an order to block public networks from accessing an online dating application called Grindr, which is most commonly used by gay individuals, and information concerning interferences by Lebanese General Security Forces in human rights events related to sexual orientation and gender identity in Lebanon.
Malaysia 10 May 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Women in law and in practice	Information received concerning investigations into the organisers of a women's day march in Kuala Lumpur under the Sedition Act, and the summoning of LGBT+ human rights defender Mr. Numan Afifi
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.
Egypt 20 March 2019	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Torture	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of transgender woman and LGBTIQ human rights defender, Ms. Malak Al-Kashif.

	Violence against women Women in law and in practice	
Tunisia 28 February 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning attempts to impede the exercise of freedom of association by the Shams association.
Honduras 9 January 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Information received in relation to threats directed against the human rights defender, Ms. Indyra Mendoza.
Tunisia 7 January 2019	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning obstacles to the registration of Shams, as well as harassment and threats against members of this organization.
Ukraine 7 January 2019	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders International order Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Allegations received concerning the adverse environment for human rights defenders in Ukraine, most recently illustrated by the killing of Ms. Kateryna Handziuk.
Brazil 31 December 2018	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	Follow-up to the communication on the murders of Ms. Marielle Franco and her driver.
United States of America 20 November 2018	Arbitrary detention Health Housing Human rights defenders Migrants Torture Trafficking in persons Women in law and in practice	Information received regarding threats from US authorities against the migrants travelling in caravans towards the United States.

Mexico 20 November 2018	Arbitrary detention Health Housing Human rights defenders Migrants Torture Trafficking in persons Women in law and in practice	Information received regarding the situation of migrants in a caravan heading to the United States.
Honduras 20 November 2018	Arbitrary detention Health Housing Human rights defenders Migrants Torture Trafficking in persons Women in law and in practice	Information received regarding the situation of migrants in a caravan heading to the United States.
Guatemala 20 November 2018	Arbitrary detention Health Housing Human rights defenders Migrants Torture Trafficking in persons Women in law and in practice	Information received regarding the situation of migrants in a caravan heading to the United States.
Armenia 13 November 2018	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning homophobic and transphobic hate speech and the violent attacks on nine people, including Robert Karapetyan, Arayik Beybutyan, Rima Sardaryan, Anna Baghramyan, Elvira Meliksetyan, Hayk Hakobyan, and Anush Gabrielyan, amongst them LGBTI human rights defenders.
Kazakhstan 7 November 2018	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders SOGI	Drafting of a discriminatory and stigmatizing by-law prohibiting distribution of LGBT-related content to children.

Honduras 12 October 2018	Extrajudicial executions Human rights defenders SOGI Women in law and in practice	Information received regarding recent cases of attempted murder; harassment, assault and death threats; theft of security cameras; rape and intimidation and persecution of the leader of the trans women's group Las Muñecas de Arcoíris, and members of the Center for Development and LGBTI Cooperation ("Somos CDC").
Romania 4 October 2018	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning the use of force against protestors and the constitutional referendum to change the definition of family, raising concern about the protection for the exercise of fundamental rights in Romania.
Turkey 18 September 2018	Counter-terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Indefinite ban on public LGBTI- related gatherings or events by governor of Ankara.
Hungary 10 September 2018	Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders International solidarity Migrants Racism	Information received concerning the recent adoption of a series of laws that introduce undue restrictions on the rights to freedom of association, peaceful assembly and freedom of expression in Hungary and risk to further fuel the already existing xenophobic and discriminatory public discourse on migration and negative narrative about civil society, in particular when its activities are related to migration issues.
United States of America 7 August 2018	Human rights defenders SOGI	Allegations of death threats, acts of violence and intimidation, harassment and discrimination against a human rights defender and transgender activist.

Tanzania 9 July 2018	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Allegations of infringements on the right to life, the right to freedom of expression, as well as the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in Tanzania, indicating a pattern of restrictions to civic space.
Brazil 22 March 2018	African descent Extrajudicial executions Foreign debt Housing Human rights defenders Poverty Racism SOGI Violence against women Women in law and practice	Killing of Marielle Franco (and her driver) an Afro-Brazilian human rights defender working for the rights of women, people of African descent, LGBT people, and populations form the favelas, also elected member of City Council of Rio de Janeiro.
Hungary 8 March 2018	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders International solidarity Migrants Racism	Information received concerning the package of draft legislation on organizations supporting migration that has been recently submitted to the Hungarian National Assembly, also known as the 'Stop Soros Legislative Package'.
Indonesia 12 February 2018	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Internally displaced persons SOGI Torture	Alleged arbitrary arrests, detention and ill-treatment of twelve waria, or transgender women, in Aceh province.

Tanzania 7 November 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Arrest and detention of 13 persons, including three lawyers and their clients, participating in consultations on possible strategic litigation challenging the ban on drop-in centres serving key populations at the risk of HIV & raid by the police of the workshop at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam for "promoting homosexuality".
Egypt 31 October 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Privacy SOGI	Alleged unlawful arrests, detention, and incrimination of persons based on actual or perceived SOGIE, and/or their actual or perceived expression and advocacy for protection of LGBT rights, including HRDs Ahmed Alaa and Sarah Hegazy.
Russian Federation 29 September 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged administrative proceedings against Evdokia Romanova for "promotion of non-traditional sexual relations to minors through social networks and Internet".
Russian Federation 31 August 2017	Arbitrary detention Human rights defenders Migrants SOGI Torture	Alleged imminent deportation of Uzbek journalist and gay rights activist, Khudoberdi Turgunalievich Nurmatov (also known as Ali Feruz), from Russia to Uzbekistan.
Honduras 3 August 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged homicide attempt against Osmin David Valle Castillo in Tegucigalpa, director of the 'Somos CDC' LGBTI program.
Singapore II July 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Recent amendments adopted to Public Order Law on 3 April 2017, which could significantly restrict the right to freedom of peaceful assembly in the country, including significant impact on organization of 'Pink Dot' festival.

Honduras 10 July 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and practice	Murder of a trans woman LGBTI rights defender, Sherlyn Montoya, in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa.
El Salvador 26 May 2017	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	Alleged murders of 3 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.
Tunisia 24 November 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of 2 HRDs due to their promotion and protection of LGBTI human rights in Tunisia.
Bulgaria 3 November 2016	Human rights defenders	Allegations of violence and attacks against HRD for his advocacy towards the protection of vulnerable groups in Bulgaria.
Uganda 29 August 2016	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture	Police raids during the "Uganda Pride" in August 2016, the arrest of several human rights defenders and activists, and the assault of many participants.
Bangladesh 31 May 2016	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged assassination of two LGBTI rights defenders in Dhaka, Xulhaz Mannan and Nahbub Tonroy, on 25 April 2016.

Indonesia 19 April 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged harassment, arbitrary detention and risk of torture suffered by LGBT people from Aceh province, due to enforcement of Islamic criminal bylaws; and anti-LGBT public positions and policies adopted by some national government agencies in Indonesia.
Pakistan 16 March 2016	Extrajudicial executions Health Human rights defenders	Alleged threats and subsequent attempted assassination of transgender human rights defender, Adnany, and discriminatory conduct of hospital staff towards her.
Zambia II January 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged undue delays and arrests of civil society and defenders in registration of LGBTI NGOs on grounds of "soliciting for immoral purposes".
Honduras 11 November 2015	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) rights.
Ukraine 16 October 2015	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged physical assault of and threats against a human rights defender advocating for the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyzstan 30 July 2015	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged targeting and harassment of defenders and attack on an NGO promoting LGBTI rights.
Philippines 8 January 2015	Independence of judges and lawyers Human rights defenders	Alleged disbarment procedure pending against Harry Roque, human rights lawyer and legal representative of a trans woman allegedly killed by a US marine.
Honduras 9 December 2014	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of theft in the offices of an LGBTI rights organization.

Ecuador 2 December 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of abduction, threats and a smear campaign against an LGBTI rights defender.
Russian Federation 12 August 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of signs bearing names of organizations being removed and vandalized and a banner being placed in Voronezh with the phrase "The fifth column in Voronezh.
Venezuela 27 June 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of physical attacks and death threats against NGO staff that advocates for the rights of people living with HIV / AIDS and the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyzstan 6 May 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged discriminatory consequences and negative impact on the work of HRDs of the draft bill "On the formation of a positive attitude toward non-traditional forms of sexual relations".
Côte d'Ivoire 11 March 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of LGBTI rights.
Zimbabwe 7 February 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged acts of harassment against leaders of two associations promoting and defending human rights.
Bosnia and Herzegovina 7 February 2014	Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged violent disruption of the Queer Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo, failure of police to provice protection to organizers and participants, and ongoing harassment of LGBT persons in the country.
Uganda 4 February 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged passing by Parliament of a revised version of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill (2009) on 20 December 2013.

Honduras 20 January 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged pattern of attacks and harassment against organizations that work in defense of the rights of LGBTI persons in Honduras.
Nigeria 13 January 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged upcoming signature of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill (2011) by the Senate on 18 December 2013.
Singapore 12 December 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged contempt of court charge against a prominent LGBT rights activist, Alex Au Wai Pang.
Brazil 7 November 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged death threats and false allegations of pedophilia and sexual abuse against LGBT defenders.
Honduras 29 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Human rights defenders	Alleged assassination and aggression of members of "Diversidad Sexual" community
Cameroon 13 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of murder of LGBTI rights defender and intimidation of other defenders.
Haiti 2 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti Human rights defenders	Alleged murder and physical assault against homosexual individuals and threats received by LGBT associations.
Republic of Moldova 29 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Women in law and in practice	Alleged risk of restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly to LGBT persons and organizations following adoption of Law N° 117 completing the Contravention Code.
Belize 24 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack and death threats against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.

Russian Federation 12 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBTI rights activists and break-up of St. Petersburg Pride parade.
Botswana 8 July 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged arbitrary denial to register a human rights association working against discrimination and for the rights LGBTI people.
Macedonia 5 July 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Racism	Allegations of on-going harassment of LGBTI rights defenders.
Sierra Leone 20 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attack and threats against an LGBTI rights defender.
Georgia 13 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged lack of effective protection provided to demonstrators during International Day against Homophobia and threats against members of an LGBT organization.
Nigeria 13 June 2013	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights to freedom of assembly and association of LGBT groups following the approval of Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill on 30 May 2013 by House of Representatives.
Macedonia 17 May 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack on LGBT rights defenders in Bitola.
Republic of Moldova 17 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of a re-routing of the 2013 Chisinau Pride Parade.
Zambia 14 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged criminal charges against human rights defenders and alleged Government campaign against defenders working on LGBTI rights.
Serbia 3 April 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged threats and attack against a human rights defender working

		against discrimination and for the right of LGBT people, Darko Kenig.
Nepal 28 March 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registering proceedings of an NGO and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest of LGBT individuals, Shirju Thapa and Kopila Khadka.
Uganda 21 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Allegations that draft 'anti-homosexuality legislation' would criminalize 'any form of homosexual' act or 'attempt to commit a homosexual act, including consensual sex between same-sex individuals'.
Republic of Moldova 8 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged risks to physical and psychological integrity of two members of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre following insults and threats during court hearings.
Kosovo 10 January 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attacks and threats against LGBT defenders, including members of Kosovo 2.0 and Libertas.
Ukraine 21 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT defenders following a peaceful demonstration in Kiev on 8 December 2012.
Russia 12 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged impending first reading of draft federal law introducing amendments to Code on Administrative Offences regarding "propaganda of homosexuality among minors".
Cameroon 5 November 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Independence of judges and lawyers	Alleged death threats against two lawyers and human rights defenders, Alice Nkom and Michel Togue, legal representatives of

		individuals charged on the basis of their real or perceived sexual orientation.
Zimbabwe 17 October 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged repeated acts of harassment against leaders of two human rights associations reportedly operating as unregistered organisations.
Colombia 14 September 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged death threat against human rights defenders.
Nepal 14 September 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged threats and intimidation against members of women's rights organization WOREC Nepal and LGBTI rights organization Mitini Nepal.
Honduras 27 August 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged persecution and death threats against a prominent LGBT rights defender, Donny Reyes from Asociación Arco Iris.
Republic of Moldova 4 July 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged bans on public activities organized by LGBTI persons in several municipalities in Moldova.
South Africa 28 June 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged killing of a LGBTI rights defender.
Uganda 25 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged disruption of a workshop for LGBTI human rights defenders by police.
Fiji 18 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged cancellation of a gay pride march organized by Oceania Pride to take place on 17 May 2011.
Cameroon 8 May 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health	Allegations on a meeting discussing HIV and human rights of sexual minorities on 27 March 2012,

	Human rights defenders	stopped by the authorities who had previously authorized it.
Costa Rica 2 April 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged trespassing and theft in the headquarters of a human rights organization, mostly working on LGBTI.
Uganda 29 March 2012	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged re-tabling of a Bill which would violate fundamental principles and norms of international human rights law if enacted.
Belize 29 February 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.
Malaysia 23 January 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged banning of the Seksualiti Merdeka LGBT festival in Kuala Lumpur, harassment and questioning of organizers.
Nigeria 20 December 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights of LGBT following approval of 'Same-Gender Marriage' Bill on 29 November by Senate.
Russia 30 November 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegation of the passing of the first reading of a discriminatory bill by the Legislative Assembly in Saint Petersburg.
Turkey 30 November 2011	Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged arbitrary arrest and sentencing of three LGBTI human rights defenders on 25 October 2011, Buse Kiliçkaya, Selay Tunç and Naz Gudumen.
Honduras 5 July 2011	Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged threat with firearm against LGBT activist, Alex David Sánchez Álvarez.

Republic of Moldova 31 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged ban to broadcast a documentary film on LGBT rights, following appeal decision filed by Moldovan Orthodox Church.
Belarus 30 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged arrest and detention of human rights defenders when local LGBTI groups gathered peacefully to commemorate International Day of Anti-Homophobia.
Mexico 25 May 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder on 4 May 2011, of activist Quetzalcoatl Leija Herrera in Chilpancingo, who was allegedly planning a LGBT demonstration for June 2011.
Mexico 14 February 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged detention of LGBT rights activist José Ricardo Maldonado Arroyo, director of 'Red de Personas Afectadas for VIH'.
Uganda I February 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder of LGBT rights activist David Kato on 26 January 2011.
South Africa 14 January 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women	Alleged "corrective" rape and torture of a lesbian woman.