#31 – 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:

Cuba – (April 2017) Report, para. 72.

United States – (December 2016) Report, paras. 5, 52, 61, 91a.

Italy – (September 2013) Report, para. 16.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Montenegro (November 2019)
- Nigeria (September) 2018
- Kuwait (September 2016)
- Jordan (February 2016)
- Malaysia (February 2015)
- Seychelles (January 2015)
- Belize (December 2013)
- Bahamas (December 2013)
- Morocco (June 2013)
- Philippines (November 2012)
- Gabon (May 2012)
- UAE (April 2012)
- Australia (November 2011)
- Thailand (August 2011)

Annual thematic reports

Brief reference to LGBT. Intersections between trafficking in persons by Para. 59c. proscribed groups and terrorism. August 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA)) No SOGIESC references. Implementation of the non-punishment principle May 2021 (47th Session Human Rights Council (HRC)) 20 Years After: Implementing and Going No SOGIESC references. Beyond the Palermo Protocol towards a human rights centred approach. July 2020 (75th Session GA) Beyond law enforcement, towards social No SOGIESC references. justice: proposals on the way forward for an effective implementation of a human rights based-approach to trafficking in persons April 2020 (41st Session HRC) Access to remedy for victims of trafficking for No SOGIESC references. abuses committed by businesses and their suppliers July 2019 (74th Session GA) Innovative and transformative models of social Brief reference to SO, LGBT. inclusion of survivors of trafficking in persons Paras. 31, 66g. into societies June 2019 (41st Session HRC) Gender dimension of trafficking in persons in No SOGIESC references. conflict and post-conflict setting as it relates to the women and peace and security agenda of the Security Council July 2018 (73rd Session GA) No SOGIESC references. Early identification, referral and protection of victims or potential victims of trafficking in persons in mixed migration movements June 2018 (38th Session HRC) No SOGIESC references. Joint study on the vulnerabilities of children to sale, trafficking, and other forms of exploitation in situations of conflict and humanitarian crisis July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Strengthening voluntary standards for businesses on preventing and combating trafficking in persons and labour exploitation, especially in supply chains June 2017 (35th session HRC) No SOGIESC references.

Trafficking in persons in conflict and postconflict situations: protecting victims of trafficking and people at risk of trafficking, especially women and children August 2016 (71st Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Forms and nature of trafficking related to the complex situation of conflict June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Due diligence and trafficking in persons July 2015 (70th Session GA) No SOGIESC references.

Agenda setting of the work of the Special Rapporteur June 2015 (29th session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

The first decade of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children August 2014 (69th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Stocktaking exercise on the work of the mandate on its tenth Anniversary June 2014 (26th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

The issue of trafficking in persons for the removal of organs
August 2013 (68th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Integration of a human rights-based approach in measures to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, and which leads to human trafficking June 2013 (23rd Session HRC) No SOGIESC references.

The issue of human trafficking in supply chains August 2012 (67th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

A human rights-based approach to the administration of criminal justice in cases of trafficking in persons

No SOGIESC references.

The right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons

August 2011 (66th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

The right to an effective remedy for trafficked persons

June 2011 (17th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

COMMUNICATIONS

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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 non-governmental organizations only two weeks after the designation of these organizations as "terrorist associations by your Excellency's Government.
Somalia I September 2020	Somalia Health Freedom of religion Sale of children Slavery Torture Trafficking in persons Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the draft bill on "Sexual Intercourse Related Crimes".
Brazil 7 June 2019	African descent Food Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Leprosy Slavery Trafficking in persons	Information received concerning the presidential Decree n. 9759/2019 of 11 April 2019, which according to its title "extinguishes and establishes guidelines, rules and limitations" for the administration of federal public collegiate bodies, through a number of provisions reversing the mechanisms necessary for the exercise of fundamental freedoms and the participation of civil society actors in public affairs.
Guatemala 22 March 2019	Food Housing International solidarity Migrants	Information received regarding the situation of migrants in caravan, in the direction of Mexico and the United States of America, and in particular with reference to a violent and xenophobic incident against migrants in

	Racism Sale of children SOGI Trafficking in persons	Tecún Umán, as well as the need for the government to take active measures to protect the human rights of all migrants.
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 dDetention 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.
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