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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 sent to States between January 2011 and December 2021.



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**INDEPENDENT EXPERT  
ON PROTECTION AGAINST  
VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION  
BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
AND GENDER IDENTITY**

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**WORK SUMMARY**

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**COUNTRIES VISITED**

- **Tunisia** – (June 2021): Report | Press Release | Statement
- **Ukraine** – (April/May 2019): Report | Press Release | Statement
- **Mozambique** – (December 2018): Report | Press Release | Statement
- **Georgia** – (September/October 2018): Report | Press Release | Statement
- **Argentina** – (March 2017): Report | Press Release | Statement

**ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS**

**Gender part II  
(practices of exclusion)**  
July 2021 (76<sup>th</sup> Session  
GA)

Analyses backlash against the incorporation of gender frameworks into international human rights law, the risks that the backlash poses for the rights of women (including lesbian, bisexual and trans women) and for efforts to combat violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and its connection with efforts to

undermine multilateralism; discusses the notion of “gender ideology” and the rise and financing of anti-gender narratives.

**Gender Theory (the law of inclusion)**  
June 2021 (47th Session HRC)

Explores the notion of gender and the existent theory and literature on the subject, including the current state of international law in relation to gender and gender identity and expression and its connection with the struggle against violence and discrimination; analyses the construct of the gender binary structural system and its consequences, such as the human rights violations inflicted on LGBTI persons, as well as the importance of ensuring legal gender recognition for trans communities and intersex persons bodily autonomy.

**COVID-19**  
July 2020 (75th Session GA)

Discusses the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the human rights of LGBT and gender-diverse persons, communities and/or populations; analyses the impact of the pandemic on social exclusion and violence and the interaction with institutional drivers of stigma and discrimination; analyses measures adopted in the context of the pandemic aimed at persecuting LGBT and gender-diverse persons or with indirect or unintended discriminatory effects and identifies good practice.

**"Conversion therapies" practices**  
May 2020 (44th Session HRC)

Explores practices of so-called “conversion therapy” across the globe, including their impact on victims, their human rights implications and their connection with violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as measures adopted to prevent them and to penalize or prosecute those who perform them and remedies provided to victims.

**Socio-cultural and economic inclusion**  
July 2019 (74th Session GA)

Examines how discriminatory laws and sociocultural norms continue to marginalize and exclude LGBT and gender-diverse persons from education, health care, housing, employment and occupation, and other sectors. Looks at the inclusion and access to these rights through the lens of intersectionality and analyses compounded discrimination, which leads to exclusion and marginalization. Discusses the ways in which an inclusive society and effective State measures enable people to enjoy protection from violence and discrimination and highlights the unique role of leaders in different fields, all of which will allow the cycle of exclusion to be broken and have a positive impact on the misconceptions, fears and prejudices that fuel violence and discrimination.

**Data collection and management as a means to create heightened awareness of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity**  
May 2019 (41st Session HRC)

Focuses on data collection and management as a means to create heightened awareness of violence and discrimination based on SOGI, identifies risks associated with data collection, use and storage, and highlights key human rights safeguards in that regard.

**Violence and discrimination based on gender identity**  
July 2018 (73rd Session GA)

Examines the process of abandoning the classification of certain forms of gender as a pathology and the full scope of the duty of the State to respect and promote respect of gender recognition as a component of identity. Also highlights some effective measures to ensure respect of gender identity and provides guidance to States on how to address violence and discrimination based on gender identity.

**Violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation, and their root causes**  
June 2018 (38th Session HRC)

Provides an overview of violence and discrimination based on SOGI. These acts extend from daily exclusion and discrimination to the most heinous acts, including torture and arbitrary killings. At their root lie the intent to punish the non-conformity of victims with preconceived notions of what should be their SOGI. Highlights how LGBT and gender non-conforming persons are affected differently by these acts and how intersecting factors have an impact on their vulnerability and on their

risk of exclusion and marginalization. Examines the link between hate speech and hate crimes, and the role of the media in amplifying and disseminating messages that reinforce stigma and foster violence and discrimination.

Also explores the root causes of violence and discrimination based on SOGI, including deeply entrenched stigma and prejudice reinforced by discriminatory laws and regulations that foster a climate where hate speech, violence and discrimination are condoned and perpetrated with impunity. Examines the impact of social prejudice and criminalization on the marginalization and exclusion of LGBT and gender non-conforming persons, and addresses the issue of the negation of violence and discrimination based on SOGI and the resulting data gap, highlighting positive examples of data-gathering and recent measures taken by States to address violence and discrimination based on SOGI, including steps to acknowledge responsibility as an essential element in the establishment of historical truth, the process of reparation and the reconstitution of the social fabric.

**Embrace diversity and energize humanity**  
July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Two of the various underpinnings introduced in the Independent Expert's first report (A/HRC/35/36) are singled out for particular attention to help prevent and overcome violence and discrimination: namely, decriminalization of consensual same-sex relations and gender identity and expression, and effective anti-discrimination measures. The report includes an overview of country situations, as highlighted by various actors through submissions sent to the Independent Expert. The report calls for reform of the laws, policies and practices which criminalize consensual same-sex relations, as well as those relating to gender identity and its expression. Pending repeal of discriminatory laws, the preferred policy is to desist from applying such negative laws and policies. Effective anti-discrimination measures are also critically needed; they vary from laws to policies and other action in a comprehensive and human rights-responsive setting.

**Diversity in humanity, humanity in diversity**  
June 2017 (35th Session HRC)

Offers a window through which to gauge the approach and methodology of the Independent Expert. There are key reflections responding to the mandate, particularly regarding the panorama of the situation, including the implementation of international instruments, with identification of good practices and gaps; awareness of the violence and discrimination issue, and linkage with root causes; dialogue, consultation and cooperation with States and other stakeholders; the identification of multiple, intersecting and aggravated forms of violence and discrimination; and support for international cooperation and related services to assist national efforts.

Various underpinnings are singled out for specific attention to help prevent and overcome negative elements fuelling violence and discrimination, and these will be dealt with in greater detail in future reports: namely, decriminalization of consensual same-sex relations; effective anti-discrimination measures; legal recognition of gender identity; destigmatization linked with depathologization; sociocultural inclusion; and promotion of education and empathy.

The report is anchored on the belief that while the diversity among human beings on the basis of SOGI should be recognized ("diversity in humanity"), it is essential to harness and reinforce, from a young age, mutual respect, tolerance and understanding, compliance with human rights, and a sense of humanity and inclusivity inherent in that diversity ("humanity in diversity"), to accord protection for all and to all.

## COMMUNICATIONS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
<b>Tunisia</b> 21 December 2021	SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of 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.
<b>Uganda</b> 15 December 2021	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Health Torture Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the arbitrary arrest and detention of 29 persons in Uganda (16 in Kyengera and 13 in Nansana), followed by violations of their right to health and freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.
<b>Guatemala</b> 25 November 2021	Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI	Information received regarding bill 5940 (Law to guarantee the comprehensive protection of children and adolescents against gender identity disorders), pending approval by the Congress of the Republic, which presents serious inconsistencies with human rights standards, particularly affecting the rights of LGTBI persons.
<b>Poland</b> 18 November 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.
<b>Honduras</b> 16 November 2021	Human rights defenders Executions SOGI Violence against women	Information received regarding threats and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights defenders.
<b>Brazil</b> 29 October 2021	Racism African Descent Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning allegations of incidents of political violence against Afro-Brazilian women, particularly transgender Afro-Brazilian women, in Brazil.
<b>Bulgaria</b> 17 September 2021	Health Privacy SOGI Violence against women	Information received concerning how the right to legal gender recognition is compatible with international human rights standards.
<b>Japan</b> 23 August 2021	SOGI Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning the lack of necessary legislation to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse (LGBT) persons from discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.
<b>Ghana</b> 9 August 2021	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of 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.

<p><b>Kazakhstan</b> 15 July 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>Information received concerning the harassment, intimidation and alleged arbitrary detention of human rights defenders Gulzada Serzhan and Zhanar Sekerbayeva.</p>
<p><b>Kyrgyzstan</b> 15 July 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association SOGI</p>	<p>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 the rights of the LGBTI people in Kyrgyzstan.</p>
<p><b>Canada</b> 7 July 2021</p>	<p>Indigenous peoples Racism SOGI Truth Justice Reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence Violence against women</p>	<p>Information received concerning the delay in elaborating a plan of action to implement the recommendations formulated in the 2019 Final Report of the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and in addressing the systemic causes of violence against indigenous women and girls, as well as Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual (2SLGBTQQIA) people in Canada.</p>
<p><b>Uzbekistan</b> 4 June 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Ghana</b> 2 June 2021</p>	<p>Arbitrary Detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association Human rights defenders SOGI Women and girls</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Nicaragua</b> 19 May 2021</p>	<p>Human rights defenders Arbitrary Detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association Health SOGI Torture</p>	<p>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.</p>

<b>Tunisia</b> 6 April 2021	Arbitrary Detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of 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.
<b>Belarus</b> 26 March 2021	Torture Arbitrary Detention Belarus Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association SOGI	Information received concerning arbitrary arrests, detention and the excessive use of force and ill-treatment against protesters and the repression on journalists and media personnel.
<b>Hungary</b> 22 March 2021	SOGI Disability Health Human rights defenders Older persons Religion or belief Women and girls	Information received concerning the abolition of the Equal Treatment Authority (“ETA”).
<b>Malaysia</b> 18 March 2021	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Religion or belief Violence against women Women and girls	Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and persecution against Ms Nur Sajat, a trans woman, and the ongoing harassment of her family members in Malaysia.
<b>Uzbekistan</b> 04 March 2021	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Privacy	Information received concerning a current initiative to maintain criminalization of persons of homosexual orientation despite the opportunity, offered by the adoption of a new Criminal Code, to bring Uzbekistan into conformity with its international human rights obligations.
<b>Poland</b> 26 February 2021	Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Religion or belief 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.
<b>Russian Federation</b> 17 February 2021	Arbitrary Detention Disappearances Executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture	Information received concerning alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Salekh Magamadov (20 years old) and Ismail Isayev (17 years old), as well as their subsequent transfer to the Chechen Republic.
<b>Tunisia</b> 17 February 2021	Human rights defenders Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association SOGI	Information received regarding charges against human rights defenders.
<b>Saudi Arabia</b> 21 January 2021	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Information received concerning the alleged imminent deportation from Saudi Arabia to Yemen of a Yemeni blogger and human rights defender.



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<b>Other actors</b> 20 January 2021	SOGI Health Religion or belief Torture	Information received concerning the Polish Episcopal Conference's calling for the creation of "clinics," which purportedly would offer services for people who want to regain what is perceived as their sexual health and "natural sexual orientation".
<b>Poland</b> 20 January 2021	SOGI Cultural rights Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association Health Human rights defenders Religion or belief 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.
<b>Other actors</b> 20 January 2021	SOGI Health Religion or belief Torture	Information received concerning the Polish Episcopal Conference's calling for the creation of "clinics" ," which purportedly would offer services for people who want to regain what is perceived as their sexual health and natural sexual orientation".
<b>Pakistan</b> 12 January 2021	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.
<b>Uganda</b> 24 December 2020	SOGI Arbitrary Detention Freedom of peaceful assembly and of 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
<b>Hungary</b> 15 December 2020	Health Privacy Religion or belief SOGI Women and girls	Information received concerning proposed bills restricting the notion of family to opposite-sex couples; excluding same-sex couples, single persons and non-married opposite-sex couples from adoption; and restricting children's identity to their sex assigned at birth and ensuring an upbringing that "reflects the values based on Hungary's constitutional identity and Christian culture".

<p><b>Colombia</b> 20 November 2020</p>	<p>Women and girls Arbitrary Detention Migrants SOGI Torture Violence against women</p>	<p>Information received regarding the situation of four trans women from Venezuela who were allegedly arbitrarily detained and beaten by police officers in the municipality of Maicao, Colombia.</p>
<p><b>United Republic of Tanzania</b> 16 November 2020</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning several provisions of the “Electronic and Postal Communications (online content) Regulations, 2020 (Cap 306)” published on 17 July 2020, which could undermine the rights to freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, the right to privacy and the right to health.</p>
<p><b>Bulgaria</b> 2 October 2020</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>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 1 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.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 25 September 2020</p>	<p>Disappearances Executions Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Nepal</b> 21 September 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning amendments to the Citizenship Act currently under debate in Parliament, which proposes positive changes to the legislation now in force in the country.</p>
<p><b>Romania</b> 11 September 2020</p>	<p>Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning proposed bills that reportedly (i) prohibit sexual education unless there is parental written consent, and (ii) impose a blanket ban on a discussion regarding “gender theory or opinion” in Romanian educational establishments.</p>
<p><b>Bangladesh</b> 1 September 2020</p>	<p>Freedom of religion Disappearances Executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human Rights defenders Minority issues SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning threats, acts of intimidation and legal prosecution of Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, and the ongoing harassment of his family members in Bangladesh. Mr. Noor is a blogger and human rights defender writing about minority rights and defending educational platforms for LGBT persons.</p>



<b>Republic of Korea</b> 29 July 2020	SOGI Health Privacy Women in law and in practice	Information received concerning the dismissal of a soldier, Staff Sergeant Byun Hui-Su, following surgery to affirm her gender identity.
<b>Netherlands</b> 28 July 2020	Racism African Descent SOGI Women in law and in practice	Information received concerning the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)'s intention to deport Mrs. Anita Mavita, her husband Mr. Jude Kasangaki, an LGBT activist, and their youngest child to Uganda, while keeping their other seven children who had been forcibly removed from their parents and placed in foster homes in the Netherlands.
<b>Turkey</b> 22 July 2020	SOGI Executions Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human Rights defenders Freedom of religion	Information received concerning the use of hate speech against LGBT persons by religious leaders and public officials in Turkey.
<b>Saudi Arabia</b> 1 July 2020	SOGI Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human Rights defenders Torture	Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of a Yemeni blogger and human rights activist. The arrest is believed to have taken place after he posted a video saying "Everyone has rights and should be able to practice them freely, including gay people".
<b>United States of America</b> 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.
<b>United States of America</b> 13 May 2020	Executions African descent Health Minority issues Racism SOGI Torture	Information received concerning the situation in prisons and other detention facilities/establishments in the United States of America in light of COVID-19 exposure-related risks.

<p><b>Cambodia</b> 1 May 2020</p>	<p>Violence against women Cambodia Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Uganda</b> 23 April 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Arbitrary detention Health Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest of 23 people and detention of 19 of them, including gay, bisexual, and trans women in Kyengera, Uganda.</p>
<p><b>Hungary</b> 14 April 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Health Privacy Violence against women</p>	<p>Information received concerning a proposed bill, submitted to the Hungarian Parliament, that would make it impossible for trans and gender diverse people to legally change their sex/gender.</p>
<p><b>Zambia</b> 12 March 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Arbitrary detention Independence of judges and lawyers Privacy Torture</p>	<p>Information received concerning the conviction and sentencing of Mr. Japhet Chataba and Mr. Steven Sambo to 15 years' imprisonment for allegedly engaging in consensual same-sex relations, in violation of their right to privacy and non-discrimination, and their right to health and freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment.</p>
<p><b>Turkey</b> 11 February 2020</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders Terrorism</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Tunisia</b> 20 December 2019</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Human Rights defenders Freedom of religion Terrorism Torture</p>	<p>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. Mr. Baatour is also co-founder and president of the Shams association working on the issue of protecting and promoting the human rights of LGBT people in Tunisia, and president of Shams Rad, the first radio station dedicated to issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity in the Arab world.</p>
<p><b>Egypt</b> 17 December 2019</p>	<p>SOGI Arbitrary detention Human Rights defenders Privacy Torture Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning the alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of Eman Al-Helw, woman human rights defender and Hossam Ahmad, a trans man.</p>

<p><b>Philippines</b> 25 November 2019</p>	<p>SOGI Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders Freedom of religion</p>	<p>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 affirmative of his sexuality.</p>
<p><b>Argentina</b> 22 November 2019</p>	<p>Independence of judges and lawyers Health Human Rights defenders SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Information received regarding the alleged reprisals and harassment suffered by attorney Mario Luis Coriolano in the exercise of his functions as Ombudsman of Cassation, as well as the alleged physical and psychological abuse and lack of medical attention with very serious consequences for his health suffered by Mónica Mego Velayesse, a trans woman who is being held in a prison in the Province of Buenos Aires.</p>
<p><b>Kazakhstan</b> 25 October 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning the discriminatory restrictions on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association and freedom of expression of LGBTIQ human rights defenders, which may relate to their engagement in advocacy on human rights related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender equality.</p>
<p><b>United States of America</b> 22 October 2019</p>	<p>Executions SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning the context of the sentence to death of Mr. Rhines, an openly gay man.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 7 October 2019</p>	<p>Executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human Rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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 of the Asociación ARCOIRIS.</p>
<p><b>Kazakhstan</b> 22 July 2019</p>	<p>Independence of judges and lawyers Privacy SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Georgia</b> 20 June 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Lebanon</b> 10 May 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human Rights defenders</p>	<p>Information received concerning allegations that the Ministry of Telecommunications has issued an order</p>

	SOGI	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 SOGI in Lebanon.
<b>Malaysia</b> 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.
<b>Mauritius</b> 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.
<b>Armenia</b> 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.
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b> 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.
<b>Guatemala</b> 22 March 2019	Food Housing International solidarity Migrants Racism Sale of children SOGI Trafficking in persons	Information received in relation to the situation of migrants, including LGBTI people, in caravans, heading for Mexico and the United States of America, and in particular with reference to a violent and xenophobic incident against migrants in Tecún Umán, as well as the need for the government to take active measures to protect the human rights of all migrants.
<b>Egypt</b> 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.
<b>Tunisia</b> 28 February 2019	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI	Information received concerning attempts to obstruct the exercise of freedom of association by the Shams association.

<p><b>Indonesia</b> 13 February 2019</p>	<p>Health Privacy SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning discriminatory policy proposals and actions by local government officials in West Java province against LGBT people.</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation</b> 11 February 2019</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 9 January 2019</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received in relation to threats directed against the human rights defender, Ms. Indyra Mendoza.</p>
<p><b>Tunisia</b> 7 February 2019</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human Rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Information received concerning obstacles to the registration of Shams, as well as harassment and threats against members of this organization.</p>
<p><b>Brazil</b> 31 December 2018</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Follow-up to the communication on the murders of Ms. Marielle Franco and her driver.</p>
<p><b>Canada</b> 19 December 2018</p>	<p>Cultural Rights Disability Education Freedom of opinion and expression Health SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>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 SOGI and the need for acceptance and appreciation of diversity along with further discussion around SOGI in the curriculum for grades 6-8; and the inclusion of the words "gay", "lesbian", "transgender", and</p>

		“cyberbullying” that are lacking in the 1998 curriculum.
<b>Malaysia</b> 16 November 2018	SOGI Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice	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.
<b>Armenia</b> 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.
<b>Kazakhstan</b> 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.
<b>Honduras</b> 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").
<b>Romania</b> 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.
<b>Kenya</b> 21 September 2018	Arbitrary detention Health Migrants SOGI Torture Water and sanitation	Information received concerning allegations of acts of violence, harassment and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) refugees living in Kenya and their arbitrary arrests, detention, and ill-treatment. Allegations received also pertain to the lack of access to food and other basic necessities by the refugees while in detention and in Kakuma camp, as well as to the lack of appropriate access to HIV/AIDS-related prevention and care.



<p><b>Other actors</b> 21 September 2018</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Health Migrants SOGI Torture Water and sanitation</p>	<p>Information received concerning allegations of acts of violence, harassment and discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) refugees living in Kenya and their arbitrary arrests, detention, and ill-treatment. Allegations received also pertain to the lack of access to food and other basic necessities by the refugees while in detention and in Kakuma camp, as well as to the lack of appropriate access to HIV/AIDS-related prevention and care.</p>
<p><b>Turkey</b> 18 September 2018</p>	<p>Counter-terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Indefinite ban on public LGBTI-related gatherings or events by governor of Ankara.</p>
<p><b>Guatemala</b> 31 August 2018</p>	<p>Health SOGI Women in law and practice</p>	<p>Upcoming approval of draft 'Law for the protection of life and family', which would, inter alia, further restrict the concepts of marriage and family and prohibit public and private educational institutions from teaching "gender ideology", sexual diversity, or presenting as normal any sexual behaviour other than heterosexuality.</p>
<p><b>United States of America</b> 7 August 2018</p>	<p>Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Allegations of death threats, acts of violence and intimidation, harassment and discrimination against a human rights defender and transgender activist.</p>
<p><b>United States of America</b> 31 July 2018</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions SOGI</p>	<p>Allegations that Charles Rhines, a gay man on death row in South Dakota, had been sentenced to death as the result of an anti-gay bias shared by the jurors and inadequate legal assistance offered to him by his counsel.</p>
<p><b>Tanzania</b> 9 July 2018</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Republic of Korea</b> 5 April 2018</p>	<p>SOGI</p>	<p>Attempts by some conservative and religious groups in the Republic of Korea to challenge and weaken the protection from discrimination based on SOGI that exist in the country.</p>

<p><b>Brazil</b> 22 March 2018</p>	<p>African Descent Executions Extreme poverty Foreign debt Housing Human rights defenders Racism Sexual orientation and gender identity Violence against women Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Information received concerning the killing of Marielle Franco and her driver.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 9 March 2018</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women</p>	<p>Recent killing, in Puerto Cortés, of a trans woman, Jennifer Cristal Lopez, and a gay man, Jorge Antonio Rodas Garcia.</p>
<p><b>Indonesia</b> 12 February 2018</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Internally displaced persons SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Alleged arbitrary arrests, detention and ill-treatment of twelve waria, or transgender women, in Aceh province.</p>
<p><b>Egypt</b> 31 October 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Privacy SOGI</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Azerbaijan</b> 9 October 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Health SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Alleged unlawful arrests and detention, torture and ill-treatment of 83 persons perceived to be gay, transgender persons or persons involved in sex work.</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation</b> 29 September 2017</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Alleged administrative proceedings against Evdokia Romanova for “promotion of non-traditional sexual relations to minors through social networks and Internet”.</p>
<p><b>Haiti</b> 22 September 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Privacy SOGI</p>	<p>Adoption by the Senate on 28 June 2017 of a draft legislation on reputation and good morals and life certificate, and on 1 August 2017 of a draft legislation on the reinforcement of provisions in the Civil Code relating to marriage and protection of the family.</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation</b> 31 August 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Human rights defenders Migrants SOGI Torture</p>	<p>Alleged imminent deportation of Uzbek journalist and gay rights activist, Khudoberdi Turgunaliyevich Nurmatov (also known as Ali Feruz), from Russia to Uzbekistan.</p>

<b>Chile</b> 23 August 2017	Health SOGI	New amendments to the draft law on gender identity, adopted by the Senate on 14 June 2017, which perpetuate the stigmatization and pathologization of transgender people by introducing additional requirements to change one's legal name and gender, including obtaining a medical certificate, to be of legal age, and to divorce if married.
<b>Republic of Korea</b> 16 August 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI	Information received in connection with the recent cases of arrests interrogations, detentions and prosecutions of soldiers and military personnel perceived to be gay, under the Republic of Korea's Military Criminal Act.
<b>Honduras</b> 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.
<b>Singapore</b> 11 July 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Recent amendments adopted to the Public Order Law on 3 April 2017, which could significantly restrict the right to freedom of peaceful assembly in the country, including its significant impact on the organization of the annual 'Pink Dot' festival.
<b>Honduras</b> 10 July 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Recent murder, in the vicinity of the capital, Tegucigalpa, of a transsexual woman, who was also an LGBTI rights activist, Ms. Sherlyn Montoya.
<b>El Salvador</b> 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	Murders of three 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.
<b>Russian Federation</b> 13 April 2017	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture	Alleged unlawful detentions, torture and extrajudicial killings of men perceived to be gay or bisexual in Chechnya in the past weeks.
<b>Peru</b> 10 April 2017	SOGI	Concern about possible setbacks in relation to Legislative Decree No. 1323, which was approved by the Executive Power in January 2017, by virtue of the powers delegated by Law No. 30506.

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Arbitrary arrest and threats against human rights defenders, Mr. Ahmed Ben Amor, the physical aggression of Mr. Bohdid Belhedi, as well as the ongoing harassment against them, which appears to be solely motivated by their work for human rights in Tunisia.