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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Honduras** – (August 2019), para. 61.
- **Georgia** – (April 2019), paras. 62, 77, 85.
- **Kenya** – (July 2018) Report, paras. 69, 86r.
- **Thailand** – (March/April 2018) Report, paras. 67, 68, 102d.
- **Peru** – (July 2017) Report, paras. 59, 90c, 90s.
- **Mexico** – (August/September 2016) Report, para. 80.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Canada (May/June 2017)
- Republic of Korea (May/June 2016)
- Brazil (December 2015)
- Azerbaijan (August 2014)
- Ghana (July 2013)
- United States (April/May 2013)
- Mongolia (October 2012)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights at 10: taking stock of the first decade April 2021 (47 th Session HRC)	Brief reference to LGBTI+ persons (Need to address heightened risks facing LGBTI persons) Para. 39
Human rights-compatible International Investment Agreements (IIAs) July 2021 (76 th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Taking stock of investor implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights June 2021 (47 th Session HRC)	Brief reference to gender identity (In the context of discrimination against employees) Para. 65
The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: guidance on ensuring respect for human rights defenders June 2021 (47 th Session HRC)	Brief references to LGBTI and SOGI (In the context of the risks for human rights defenders and training to staff) Para. 46, 64.
Role of national human rights institutions in facilitating access to remedy for business-related human rights abuses June 2021 (47 th Session HRC)	Brief reference to SOGI (Access to remedy for business related human rights abuses) Para. 22.
Fifth Regional Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Business and Human Rights June 2021 (47 th Session HRC)	Good references to LGBTI (Special attention to LGBTI people in due diligence processes; considering the effects of the pandemic on LGBTI people; gender mainstreaming; Combating discrimination; differential human rights impact; mainstreaming the gender perspective in business) Paras. 4, 45, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 106d, 108e, 108k
Business, human rights and conflict-affected regions: towards heightened action	No SOGIESC references.

<p>Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises on connecting the business and human rights and the anti-corruption agendas June 2020 (43rd Session Human Rights Council (HRC))</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Policy coherence in government action to protect against business-related human rights abuses July 2019 (74th Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Gender dimensions of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights May 2019 (41st Session HRC)</p>	<p>Brief reference to TI women, lesbian, SOGI, LGBTI. (In the context of the scope and multiple discrimination) Paras. 1, 2, 9, 21</p> <p>Brief reference to intertwined layers of discrimination against women based on sexual orientation and gender identity Annex (Gender guidance for the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights) Para 24d.</p>
<p>Corporate human rights due diligence – emerging practices, challenges and ways forward July 2018 (73rd Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>"Economic diplomacy" as a tool for States to promote corporate respect for human rights June 2018 (38th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Access to effective remedies under the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework July 2017 (72nd Session GA)</p>	<p>Brief reference to SO. (In the context of discrimination.) Para. 11.</p>
<p>Small and medium-sized enterprises in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights June 2017 (35th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Leading by example - The State, State-owned enterprises, and Human Rights June 2017 (35th Session HRC)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Addressing the human rights impacts of agro-industrial operations on indigenous and local communities: State duties and responsibilities of business enterprises August 2016 (71st Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>

Best practices and how to improve on the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation between States with respect to law enforcement on the issue of business and human rights June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Measuring the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights July 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Improving policy coherence for inclusive and sustainable development June 2015 (29th Session HRC)	Brief reference to LGBT. (The role companies may play in respecting the rights of the LGBT community.) Para. 84.
National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights August 2014 (69th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Review of the strategic objectives, activities and outcomes of the first three years June 2014 (26th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Business-related impacts on the rights of indigenous peoples August 2013 (68th Session GA)	Brief reference to LGBT. (Indigenous LGBT people in the context of multiple discrimination.) Para. 2.
New developments in the field of business and human rights June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Developments in the embedding of the Guiding Principles into global governance frameworks August 2012 (67th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
Preliminary views concerning the background and context of the mandate June 2012 (20th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.

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	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

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