#27 – 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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- Mr. Maurice GLELE-AHANHANZO (Benin), 1993 - July 2008

WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Netherlands (September October 2019) Report, paras. 4, 21, 26, 28, 35, 43, 90-92, 97d, 97f.
 - Morocco (December 2018) Report, paras. 11, 50, 85.
 - Fiji (December 2016) Report, paras. 18, 21, 25, 29, 30, 52, 63e.
 - Australia (November-December 2016) Report, paras. 24.
 - **Argentina –** (November 2014) Report, paras. 14, 20, 59, 68, 74, 76, 81, 96.
 - **Greece –** (May 2015) Report, paras. 16, 20, 29, 36, 37, 38, 43, 45, 46, 50, 73c, 73d, 73e, 73f.
 - Republic of Korea (September-October 2014) Report, para. 21.
 - Bolivia (September 2012) Report, para. 11.
 - Hungary (May 2011) Report, para. 15.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Qatar (November-December 2019)
- Mauritania (September 2013)
- UK (April 2018)
- Spain (January 2013)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Racial and Xenophobic discrimination and the use of digital technologies in border and immigration enforcement

September 2021 (48th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

No SOGIESC references.

Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

September 2021 (76th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief references to SO. Paras. 13, 17, 19.

Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

November 2020 (75th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Racial discrimination and emerging digital technologies: a human rights analysis

June 2020 (44th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SOGI. Para. 2.

Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and racial intolerance July 2019 (74th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Global extractivism and racial equality July 2019 (41st Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Nationalist populism August 2018 (73rd Session GA) Good references to sexual minorities, LGBTQI and SO. Paras. 6, 13, 16, 19, 40, 41, 49, 62.

Racial discrimination in the context of laws, policies and practices concerning citizenship, nationality and immigration
June 2018 (38th Session HRC)

Brief reference to sexual minorities and transgender.
Para. 35, 41.

Combatting racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in a counter-terrorism context August 2017 (72nd Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Overview of the thematic work of the mandate June 2017 (35th session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

The role of National Human Rights Institutions and national action plans August 2016 (71st Session GA)

Brief reference to SO. Para. 58.

Xenophobia: its conceptualization, trends and manifestations June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)

Brief references to SO and "gender identification". Paras. 25, 28, 34.

Collection of disaggregated data August 2015 (70th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Racial and ethnic profiling in law enforcement June 2015 (29th session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Racism in sport August 2014 (69th Session GA) Brief references to SO and homophobia. Paras. 14, 53.

Manifestations of racism on the Internet and social media June 2014 (26th Session HRC)

Brief references to LGBT and homophobia (civil society

initiatives to counter hate speech on the Internet and social media).

Paras. 17, 62, 63.

Poverty and racism August 2013 (68th Session GA) Brief reference to SO. Para. 37.

The role of education to prevent racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Racism and the Internet August 2012 (67th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

The prevention of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in line with the provisions of the Durban documents June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban **Declaration and Programme of Action** August 2011 (66th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Racism and racial discrimination against Roma, and discrimination based on work and descent June 2011 (17th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO and "gender reassignment". Para. 67.

COMMUNICATIONS

SITUATION

EXPERTS

COUNTRY/DATE

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Brazil 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.
Other actors 21 October 2021	Terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Migrants Minority issues Privacy Racism	Information received regarding two pieces of pending European Union ("EU") legislation: the counterterrorism agenda entitled "A Counter-Terrorism Agenda for the EU: Anticipate, Prevent, Protect, Respond" [hereinafter "Agenda"] and the Proposal for Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 [hereinafter "Proposal"]
United States of America 14 October 2021	Racism African descent Migrants	Information received concerning allegations of systematic forcible expulsion of Haitian migrants under authority granted by Title 42 of the U.S. Code (42 U.S.C. § 265).
Canada 7 July 2021	Indigenous peoples Racism SOGI Truth Justice Reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence Violence against women	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.
Netherlands 28 July 2020	Racism African descent SOGI Women and girls	Information received concerning the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)'s intention to deport Mrs. Anita Mavita, her husband Mr. Jude Kasangaki and their youngest

		child to Uganda, while keeping their other seven children who had been forcibly removed from their parents and place in foster homes in the Netherlands. The latter children were forcibly removed by the Child Care and Protection Board (The Raad van kinderbesccherming) in 2018 and placed in foster homes.
United States of America 8 June 2020	African descent Arbitrary detention Disability Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Hazardous substances Health Housing Independent of judges and lawyers Mercenaries Minority issues Older persons Poverty Racism SOGI Torture	Information received concerning several recent killings of people of African descent in apparently Stateendorsed operations in the United States.
United States of America 13 May 2020	Extrajudicial 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
Sri Lanka 27 May 2019	Arbitrary detention Cultural rights Health Housing Internally displaced persons Migrants Minority issues Racism Freedom of religion Terrorism	Information received concerning the increasing communal violence targeting the religious minorities in Sri Lanka, and in particular Muslims, as well as the reported acts of violence and intimidation threatening the living and security conditions of refugees and asylum seekers belonging to persecuted minorities.
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

	Racism Sale of children SOGI Trafficking in persons	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.
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 Human rights defenders International solidarity Migrants Racism 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.
Italy 19 October 2018	African descent Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Migrants Minority issues Racism	Information received concerning the climate of hostility, intolerance, racial hatred and xenophobia in Italy, fuelled by political authorities' rhetoric against migrants and refugees, people of African descent or origin and Roma communities.
United States of America 12 October 2018	Arbitrary detention Business Disability Food Health Mercenaries Migrants Racism Freedom of religion Slavery Torture	Information received concerning the increased use of immigration detention and the human rights violations committed at the Stewart Immigration Detention Center and the Irwin County Immigration Detention Center, which are privately run by for-profit prison companies "CoreCivic Inc." and "LaSalle Southwest Corrections", respectively.

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.
Brazil 22 March 2018	African descent Extrajudicial executions Foreign debt Human rights defenders Poverty Racism Right to adequate housing 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'.
Macedonia 5 July 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Racism	Allegations of on-going harassment of LGBTI rights defenders.