

[New Human Rights Committee Guidelines broaden perspectives for victims](#)

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The [new guidelines](#) will enhance the ability for third parties to intervene in legal proceedings at UN Human Rights Committee.



The Human Rights Committee monitors compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Through the Committee's individual complaint mechanism, victims of serious violations can take up their cases where domestic remedies are absent or ineffective. Building on the positive precedents of several fellow UN Treaty Bodies such as the [Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#) or the [Committee on the Rights of the Child](#), the Human Rights Committee has adopted [dedicated Guidelines](#) on the submission of Third Party Interventions, also called Amicus Curiae.

ISHR with support from international law firm Allens submitted a [third-party intervention to the UN Human Rights Committee](#) in relation to an individual complaint regarding attacks against Sasha Krikerik, an advocate for LGBTI rights in Russia in 2017. Commenting about the new Guidelines, ISHR's Legal Counsel Tess McEvoy said "the Committee now has a clear basis and procedure to handle [our submission](#) related to the communication by Sasha Krikerik. We hope that the procedure will enable the Committee to streamline and speed up the review of third party interventions".

"We welcome these new Guidelines from the Human Rights Committee which provide a clear and sound basis for interested third parties to inform the review of individual complaints" says Kseniya Kirichenko, from ILGA World, who coordinated the Krikerik case at the national level. "The Treaty Bodies reviewed over 30 individual cases concerning sexual orientation and gender identity since 1982, but no decisions on hate crimes against LGBTI persons were made until very recently. We hope that these new guidelines will contribute to enhance the Human Rights Committee jurisprudence".

ISHR praises the Committee for the new Guidelines. We encourage the Secretariat to regularly update the [lists of registered cases](#) and provide relevant details which are crucial to enable human rights advocates to submit third party interventions in relation to cases of interest.

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