# #4 – 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 November 2019.



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## **WORK SUMMARY**

#### **COUNTRIES VISITED**

#### **ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:**

- 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)
- Azerbaijan (August 2014)
- United States (April/May 2013)

- Republic of Korea (May/June 2016)
- Ghana (July 2013)
- Brazil (December 2015)
- Mongolia (October 2012)

## **ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS**

Policy coherence in government action to protect against business-related human rights abuses July 2019 (74th Session General Assembly (GA))

No SOGIESC references.

Gender dimensions of the Guiding Principles on Business and **Human Rights** May 2019 (41st Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Brief reference to TI women, lesbian, SOGI, LGBTI. (In the context of scope and multiple discrimination) Paras. 1, 2, 9, 21, 24d.

Corporate human rights due diligence - emerging practices, challenges and ways forward July 2018 (73rd Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

"Economic diplomacy" as a tool for States to promote corporate respect for human rights June 2018 (38th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

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)

Brief reference to SO. (In the context of discrimination.) Para. 11.

Small and medium-sized enterprises in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights June 2017 (35th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Leading by example - The State, State-owned enterprises, and Human Rights June 2017 (35th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
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)	No SOGIESC references.
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**

No SOGIESC-related communications from the period.