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## SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND OF ASSOCIATION

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## WORK SUMMARY

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### COUNTRIES VISITED

#### ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **United States of America** – (July 2016) Report, paras. 6, 82.
- **Republic of Korea** – (January 2016) Report, paras. 29, 44, 45, 49, 95e.
  - **Chile** – (September 2015) Report, para. 9.
- **Oman** – (September 2014) Report, paras. 19c, 70d.

#### DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- UK (April 2016)
- Kazakhstan (January 2015)
- Rwanda (January 2014)
- UK (January 2013)
- Georgia (February 2012)

## ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

**Linkages between the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**  
August 2018 (73rd Session General Assembly (GA))

No SOGIESC references.

**Trends with regard to the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**  
June 2018 (38th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Good references to LGBTI (restrictions targeting particular groups, including LGBTI defenders particularly vulnerable to physical attacks and at risk of arrest, detention and harassment from authorities and non-State actors)  
Paras. 58, 60.

**The Special Rapporteur's vision of the mandate**  
July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Brief reference to LGBTI (vulnerable groups)  
Para. 35.

**The achievements of civil society**  
June 2017 (35th Session HRC)

Brief reference to LGBTI (marriage equality)  
Paras. 50, 51.

**The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the workplace**  
September 2016 (71st Session GA)

Brief reference to SO.  
Para 63.

**Fundamentalism and its impact on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**  
June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)

Brief references to LGBTI.  
Paras. 10, 63.

**Comparative study of enabling environments for businesses and associations**  
August 2015 (70th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

**The rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of natural resource exploitation projects**  
June 2015 (29th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

**The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of multilateral institutions**  
September 2014 (69th Session GA)

Brief references to LGBT and SOGI.  
Paras. 24, 76.

**Challenges faced by groups most at risk when exercising or seeking to exercise the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and/or of association**

June 2014 (26th Session HRC)

Strong references to LGBTI, SOGI, gay, transgender, homosexuality.  
(LGBTI individuals and defenders as one of the groups at risk, prohibited grounds for discrimination, right to be free from discrimination and to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, discriminatory laws in the area of assembly rights, “public morality” laws, laws prohibiting the “propaganda” or “promotion” of homosexuality, analysis of specific examples: Ukraine, Russian Federation, Uganda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nigeria)  
Para. 10, 17, 18, 20, 27, 28, 30, 31, 44, 46, 64.

**The exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the context of elections**

August 2013 (68th Session GA)

Brief references to SOGI.  
Paras. 15, 58b.

**Ability of associations to access financial resources as a vital part of the right to freedom of association & ability to hold peace assemblies as an integral component of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly**

June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)

Brief references to SOGI.  
Paras. 43, 69.

**Best practices that promote and protect the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association**

June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

Brief references to SOGI and LGBT.  
Paras. 13, 64, 84b.

**INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS**

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
<b>Turkey</b> 18 September 2018	Counter-terrorism Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Indefinite ban on public LGBTI-related gatherings or events by governor of Ankara.
<b>Tanzania</b> 9 July 2018	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	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><b>Tanzania</b> 7 November 2017</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Arrest and detention of 13 persons, including three lawyers and their clients, participating in consultations on possible strategic litigation challenging the ban on drop-in centres serving key populations at the risk of HIV &amp; raid by the police of the workshop at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam for “promoting homosexuality”.</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>Honduras</b> 3 August 2017</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Alleged homicide attempt against Osmin David Valle Castillo in Tegucigalpa, director of the ‘Somos CDC’ LGBTI program.</p>
<p><b>Singapore</b> 11 July 2017</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Recent amendments adopted to Public Order Law on 3 April 2017, which could significantly restrict the right to freedom of peaceful assembly in the country, including significant impact on organization of ‘Pink Dot’ festival.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 10 July 2017</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and practice</p>	<p>Murder of a trans woman LGBTI rights defender, Sherlyn Montoya, in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa.</p>
<p><b>El Salvador</b> 26 May 2017</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Alleged murders of 3 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.</p>
<p><b>Tunisia</b> 24 November 2016</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI</p>	<p>Alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of 2 HRDs due to their promotion and protection of LGBTI human rights in Tunisia.</p>
<p><b>Haiti</b> 26 October 2016</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti</p>	<p>Alleged cancellation of Massi Madi LGBTQ film and arts festival meant to take place on 27 to 30 September 2016.</p>
<p><b>Uganda</b> 29 August 2016</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture</p>	<p>Police raids during the “Uganda Pride” in August 2016, the arrest of several human rights defenders and activists, and the assault of many participants.</p>

<b>Bangladesh</b> 31 May 2016	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged assassination of two LGBTI rights defenders in Dhaka, Xulhaz Mannan and Nahbub Tonroy, on 25 April 2016.
<b>Zambia</b> 11 January 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged undue delays and arrests of civil society and defenders in registration of LGBTI NGOs on grounds of “soliciting for immoral purposes”.
<b>Honduras</b> 11 November 2015	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) rights.
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b> 30 July 2015	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged targeting and harassment of defenders and attack on an NGO promoting LGBTI rights.
<b>Honduras</b> 9 December 2014	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of theft in the offices of an LGBTI rights organization.
<b>Ecuador</b> 2 December 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of abduction, threats and a smear campaign against an LGBTI rights defender.
<b>Russian Federation</b> 12 August 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of signs bearing names of organizations being removed and vandalized and a banner being placed in Voronezh with the phrase “The fifth column in Voronezh.”
<b>Venezuela</b> 27 June 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of physical attacks and death threats against staff of an NGO that advocates for the rights of people living with HIV / AIDS and the rights of LGBTI persons.
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b> 6 May 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged discriminatory consequences and negative impact on the work of HRDs of the draft bill “On the formation of a positive attitude toward non-traditional forms of sexual relations”.
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> 11 March 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of violent deaths and attacks against defenders of LGBTI rights.
<b>Zimbabwe</b> 7 February 2014	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged acts of harassment against leaders of two associations promoting and defending human rights.
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> 7 February 2014	Cultural rights Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged violent disruption of the Queer Festival Merlinka in Sarajevo, failure of police to provide protection to organizers and participants, and ongoing harassment of LGBT persons in the country.

<p><b>Uganda</b> 4 February 2014</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged passing by Parliament of a revised version of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill (2009) on 20 December 2013.</p>
<p><b>Honduras</b> 20 January 2014</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged pattern of attacks and harassment against organizations that work in defense of the rights of LGBTI persons in Honduras.</p>
<p><b>Nigeria</b> 13 January 2014</p>	<p>Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged upcoming signature of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill (2011) by the Senate on 18 December 2013.</p>
<p><b>Brazil</b> 7 November 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged death threats and false allegations of pedophilia and sexual abuse against LGBT defenders.</p>
<p><b>Cameroon</b> 13 August 2013</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Allegations of murder of LGBTI rights defender and intimidation of other defenders.</p>
<p><b>Haiti</b> 2 August 2013</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged murder and physical assault against homosexual individuals and threats received by LGBT associations.</p>
<p><b>Republic of Moldova</b> 29 July 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Women in law and in practice</p>	<p>Alleged risk of restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly to LGBT persons and organizations following adoption of Law N° 117 completing the Contravention Code.</p>
<p><b>Russian Federation</b> 12 July 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged attack against LGBTI rights activists and break-up of St. Petersburg Pride parade.</p>
<p><b>Botswana</b> 8 July 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged arbitrary denial to register a human rights association working against discrimination and for the rights LGBTI people.</p>
<p><b>Macedonia</b> 5 July 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Racism</p>	<p>Allegations of on-going harassment of LGBTI rights defenders.</p>
<p><b>Sierra Leone</b> 20 June 2013</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged physical attack and threats against an LGBTI rights defender.</p>

<b>Georgia</b> 13 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged lack of effective protection provided to demonstrators during International Day against Homophobia and threats against members of an LGBT organization.
<b>Nigeria</b> 13 June 2013	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights to freedom of assembly and association of LGBT groups following the approval of Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill on 30 May 2013 by House of Representatives.
<b>Macedonia</b> 17 May 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack on LGBT rights defenders in Bitola.
<b>Republic of Moldova</b> 17 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of a re-routing of the 2013 Chisinau Pride Parade.
<b>Serbia</b> 3 April 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged threats and attack against a human rights defender working against discrimination and for the right of LGBT people, Darko Kenig.
<b>Nepal</b> 28 March 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registering proceedings of an NGO and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest of LGBT individuals, Shirju Thapa and Kopila Khadka.
<b>Uganda</b> 21 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Allegations that draft 'anti-homosexuality legislation' would criminalize 'any form of homosexual' act or 'attempt to commit a homosexual act, including consensual sex between same-sex individuals'.
<b>Republic of Moldova</b> 8 February 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged risks to physical and psychological integrity of two members of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre following insults and threats during court hearings.
<b>Kosovo</b> 10 January 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attacks and threats against LGBT defenders, including members of Kosovo 2.0 and Libertas.
<b>Ukraine</b> 21 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT defenders following a peaceful demonstration in Kiev on 8 December 2012.
<b>Zimbabwe</b> 17 October 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged repeated acts of harassment against leaders of two human rights associations reportedly operating as unregistered organisations.

<b>Colombia</b> 14 September 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged threat of death against human rights defenders.
<b>Honduras</b> 27 August 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged persecution and death threats against a prominent LGBT rights defender, Donny Reyes from Asociación Arco Iris.
<b>Republic of Moldova</b> 4 July 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged bans on public activities organized by LGBTI persons in several municipalities in Moldova.
<b>Uganda</b> 25 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged disruption of a workshop for LGBTI human rights defenders by police.
<b>Fiji</b> 18 June 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged cancellation of a gay pride march organized by Oceania Pride to take place on 17 May 2011.
<b>Cameroon</b> 8 May 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Allegations on a meeting discussing HIV and human rights of sexual minorities on 27 March 2012, stopped by the authorities who had previously authorized it.
<b>Costa Rica</b> 2 April 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged trespassing and theft in the headquarters of a human rights organization, mostly working on LGBTI.
<b>Uganda</b> 29 March 2012	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged re-tabling of a Bill which would violate fundamental principles and norms of international human rights law if enacted.
<b>Malaysia</b> 23 January 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged banning of the Seksualiti Merdeka LGBT festival in Kuala Lumpur, harassment and questioning of organizers.
<b>Nigeria</b> 20 December 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged restrictions on rights of LGBT following approval of 'Same-Gender Marriage' Bill on 29 November by Senate.



<p><b>Russian Federation</b> 30 November 2011</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Allegation of the passing of the first reading of a discriminatory bill by the Legislative Assembly in Saint Petersburg.</p>
<p><b>Belarus</b> 30 May 2011</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged arrest and detention of human rights defenders when local LGBTI groups gathered peacefully to commemorate International Day of Anti-Homophobia.</p>