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SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Turkey** – (November 2016) Report, paras. 49, 61, 65.
 - **Italy** – (November 2013) Report, para. 66.
- **Montenegro** – (June 2013) Report, paras. 21, 65, 66, 67.
- **Macedonia** – (June 2013) Report, paras. 77, 78, 82, 94.
 - **Honduras** – (August 2012) Report, para. 79.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Liberia (March 2018)
- Mexico (November 2017)
- Japan (May 2016)
- Tajikistan (March 2016)
- Israel (December 2011)
- Algeria (April 2011)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Artificial intelligence and its impact on human rights August 2018 (73rd Session General Assembly (GA))	No SOGIESC references.
Online content regulation June 2018 (38th Human Rights Council (HRC))	Brief references to LGBTQ, sexual minorities (suppression of LGBTQ activism and advocacy, real-name requirements, user and trusted flagging, homophobic harassment) Paras. 27, 30, 34, 43.
The state of access to information with regard to the activities of international organizations August 2017 (72nd Session GA)	No SOGIESC references.
The roles played by private actors engaged in the provision of Internet and telecommunications access June 2017 (35th Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Contemporary challenges to freedom of expression September 2016 (71st Session GA)	Brief reference to SOGI (laws that explicitly attacking expression on the basis of SOGI) Para. 47.
Freedom of expression, States and the private sector in the digital age June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)	No SOGIESC references.
Protection of sources of information and whistle-blowers September 2015 (70th Session GA)	No SOGIESC references
Use of encryption and anonymity to exercise the rights to freedom of opinion and expression in the digital age June 2015 (29th Session HRC)	Brief references to SOGI and sexuality. Paras. 1, 12.
Right of the child to freedom of expression August 2014 (69th Session GA)	Good reference to LGBT, sexual minorities (blocking access to information on alleged child protection arguments, the role of social networking sites, and specific cases in US and Rep of Korea) Paras. 39, 53, 58, 68.
Right to freedom of expression in electoral contexts June 2014 (26th Session HRC)	Brief reference to “homosexuals” (hate speech during electoral campaigns) Para. 5.

Right to access information
September 2013 (68th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

State's surveillance of communications on the exercise of the human rights to privacy and to freedom of opinion and expression
June 2013 (23th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Hate speech and incitement to hatred
September 2012 (67th Session GA)

Brief references to SO and sexuality (situation in Africa, equality and non-discrimination,)
Paras. 27, 34, 44d, 75.

Protection of journalists and media freedom
June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Freedom of opinion and expression exercised through the Internet
August 2011 (66th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Key trends and challenges to the right of all individuals to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds through the Internet
June 2011 (17th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Kazakhstan 7 November 2018	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders SOGI	Drafting of a discriminatory and stigmatizing by-law prohibiting distribution of LGBT-related content to children.
Turkey 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.
Hungary 12 September 2018	Cultural rights Education Freedom of opinion and expression Women in law and practice	Information received concerning a government directive decertifying and defunding the teaching of gender studies at all Hungarian institutions of higher education on 9 August 2018. Opponents allegedly claim the subject “serves the gay lobby” and is concerned only with the study of “LGBTI communities”.

Tanzania 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.
Russian Federation 9 May 2018	Disability Freedom of opinion and expression Health Women in law and in practice	Information received concerning the removal of two foster children from the home of Yulia Savinovskih as a result of Savinovskih's perceived gender identity, linked with the categorisation of "transsexualism" as a mental disorder and stereotyped roles for men and women.
Honduras 9 March 2018	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women	Recent killing, in Puerto Cortés, of a trans woman, Jennifer Cristal Lopez, and a gay man, Jorge Antonio Rodas Garcia.
Indonesia 12 February 2018	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Internally displaced persons SOGI Torture	Alleged arbitrary arrests, detention and ill-treatment of twelve waria, or transgender women, in Aceh province.
Jordan 6 December 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression	Blocking of the website of the online magazine "My.Kali" by the authorities, allegedly in relation to the publication of information about sexual orientation and gender identity.
Tanzania 7 November 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of assembly and association Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	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 & raid by the police of the workshop at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam for "promoting homosexuality".
Egypt 31 October 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Privacy SOGI	Alleged unlawful arrests, detention, and incrimination of persons based on actual or perceived SOGIE, and/or their actual or perceived expression and advocacy for protection of LGBT rights, including HRDs Ahmed Alaa and Sarah Hegazy.
Russian Federation 29 September 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged administrative proceedings against Evdokia Romanova for "promotion of non-traditional sexual relations to minors through social networks and Internet".
Haiti 22 September 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Privacy SOGI	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.

Republic of Korea 16 August 2017	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI	Recent cases of arrests, interrogations, detentions and prosecutions of soldiers and military personnel perceived to be gay, under the Indecent Act provision of the Military Criminal Act.
Honduras 3 August 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged homicide attempt against Osmin David Valle Castillo in Tegucigalpa, director of the 'Somos CDC' LGBTI program.
Singapore 11 July 2017	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	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.
Honduras 10 July 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and practice	Murder of a trans woman LGBTI rights defender, Sherlyn Montoya, in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa.
El Salvador 26 May 2017	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	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.
Russian Federation 13 April 2017	Arbitrary detention Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture	Alleged unlawful detentions, torture and extrajudicial killings of men perceived to be gay or bisexual in Chechnya in the past weeks.
Brazil 13 April 2017	Education Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of religion	Two Projects of Law, called the "School Without Party Programme" bills, containing provisions that restrict the right to freedom of expression of students and teachers, to allegedly prevent "ideological and political indoctrination", with confirmations that "gender ideologies" would not be included in the school curriculum, and the term "sexual orientation" taken out of the curriculum's text on 6 April 2017.
Tunisia 24 November 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI	Alleged arbitrary arrest and detention of 2 HRDs due to their promotion and protection of LGBTI human rights in Tunisia.
Haiti 26 October 2016	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti	Alleged cancellation of Massi Madi LGBTQ film and arts festival meant to take place on 27 to 30 September 2016.

Uganda 29 August 2016	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Torture	Police raids during the “Uganda Pride” in August 2016, the arrest of several human rights defenders and activists, and the assault of many participants.
Bangladesh 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.
Indonesia 19 April 2016	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged harassment, arbitrary detention and risk of torture suffered by LGBT people from Aceh province, due to enforcement of Islamic criminal by-laws; and anti-LGBT public positions and policies adopted by some national government agencies in Indonesia.
Zambia 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”.
Honduras 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.
Ukraine 16 October 2015	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged physical assault of and threats against a human rights defender advocating for the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyzstan 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.
Ecuador 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.
Russian Federation 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.”
Venezuela 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 NGO staff that advocates for the rights of people living with HIV / AIDS and the rights of LGBTI persons.
Kyrgyzstan 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”.
Côte d'Ivoire 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.

Zimbabwe 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.
Bosnia and Herzegovina 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.
Uganda 4 February 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged passing by Parliament of a revised version of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill (2009) on 20 December 2013.
Honduras 20 January 2014	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged pattern of attacks and harassment against organizations that work in defense of the rights of LGBTI persons in Honduras.
Nigeria 13 January 2014	Arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders	Alleged upcoming signature of the Same Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Bill (2011) by the Senate on 18 December 2013.
Singapore 12 December 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged contempt of court charge against a prominent LGBT rights activist, Alex Au Wai Pang.
Brazil 7 November 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged death threats and false allegations of pedophilia and sexual abuse against LGBT defenders.
Cameroon 13 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of murder of LGBTI rights defender and intimidation of other defenders.
Haiti 2 August 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Haiti Human rights defenders	Alleged murder and physical assault against homosexual individuals and threats received by LGBT associations.
Republic of Moldova 29 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Women in law and in practice	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.
Belize 24 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack and death threats against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.
Russian Federation 12 July 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBTI rights activists and break-up of St. Petersburg Pride parade.

Sierra Leone 20 June 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged physical attack and threats against an LGBTI rights defender.
Georgia 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.
Nigeria 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.
Republic of Moldova 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.
Zambia 14 May 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged criminal charges against human rights defenders and alleged Government campaign against defenders working on LGBTI rights.
Nepal 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.
Uganda 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'.
Republic of Moldova 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.
Kosovo 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.
Ukraine 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.
Russia 12 December 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders	Alleged impending first reading of draft federal law introducing amendments to Code on Administrative Offences regarding "propaganda of homosexuality among minors".
Cameroon 5 November 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Independence of judges and lawyers	Alleged death threats against two lawyers and human rights defenders, Alice Nkom and Michel Togue, legal representatives of individuals charged on the basis of their real or perceived sexual orientation.

Zimbabwe 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.
Colombia 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.
Nepal 14 September 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged threats and intimidation against members of women's rights organization WOREC Nepal and LGBTI rights organization Mitini Nepal.
Honduras 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.
Republic of Moldova 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.
South Africa 28 June 2012	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged killing of a LGBTI rights defender.
Uganda 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.
Fiji 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.
Cameroon 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.
Costa Rica 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.
Uganda 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.
Belize 29 February 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged attack against LGBT rights defender Mr. Caleb Orozco (only case challenging constitutionality of homophobic legislation in Belize) and impunity for such attacks.
Malaysia 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.

Nigeria 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.
Russia 30 November 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegation of the passing of the first reading of a discriminatory bill by the Legislative Assembly in Saint Petersburg.
Republic of Moldova 31 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged ban to broadcast a documentary film on LGBT rights, following appeal decision filed by Moldovan Orthodox Church.
Belarus 30 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged arrest and detention of human rights defenders when local LGBTI groups gathered peacefully to commemorate International Day of Anti-Homophobia.
Mexico 25 May 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder on 4 May 2011, of activist Quetzalcoatl Leija Herrera in Chilpancingo, who was allegedly planning a LGBT demonstration for June 2011.
Mexico 14 February 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Health Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged detention of LGBT rights activist José Ricardo Maldonado Arroyo, director of 'Red de Personas Afectadas for VIH'.
Uganda 1 February 2011	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders	Alleged murder of LGBT rights activist David Kato on 26 January 2011.
South Africa 14 January 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women	Alleged "corrective" rape and torture of a lesbian woman.