

The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association – ILGA 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 sent to States between January 2011 and November 2018.



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SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Mexico** – (January 2017) Report, paras. 75, 103, 121b.
- **Hungary** – (February 2016) Report, paras. 35, 47, 62
- **Burundi** – (November 2014) Report, paras. 51, 56, 90.
- **Togo** – (October 2013) Report, paras. 65, 77-80, 88f.
- **Republic of Korea** – (June 2013) Report, paras. 96, 97.
- **Honduras** – (February 2012) Report, paras. 64, 88, 90, 91, 113.
 - **India** – (January 2011) Report, paras. 122, 123.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Australia (October 2016)
- Azerbaijan (September 2016)
- Ireland (November 2012)
- Tunisia (October 2012)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

<p>Anniversary of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders July 2018 (73rd Session General Assembly (GA))</p>	<p>Brief references to SOGI, transgender. Paras. 16, 23, 70.</p>
<p>Overall situation of persons acting to defend the rights of all people on the move March 2018 (37th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))</p>	<p>Brief reference to LGBTI. Para. 47.</p>
<p>Situation of human rights defenders and the impact of businesses in their activities July 2017 (72nd Session GA)</p>	<p>Brief reference to GI. Para. 19.</p>
<p>Suggestions for diversifying working methods, broadening the scope of cooperation with other key actors, and enhancing the visibility and accessibility of his mandate March 2017 (34th session HRC)</p>	<p>Brief reference to LGBTI. Para. 26.</p>
<p>Environmental human rights defenders August 2016 (71st Session GA)</p>	<p>No SOGIESC references.</p>
<p>Good practices in the protection of human rights defenders March 2016 (31st Session HRC)</p>	<p>Strong reference to SOGI, SO, LGBTI, transgender (risks for SOGI rights defenders, intersection between gender and other factors such as SO, violence towards women human rights defenders exacerbated by factors such as SO, importance of sociopolitical context to the work of LGBTI defenders, gender analysis and intersectional perspective to be added to human rights monitoring programmes, smear campaigns against LGBTI in media) Paras. 27, 38, 48, 63, 70, 80.</p>
<p>Global trends in risks and threats facing human rights defenders July 2015 (70th Session GA)</p>	<p>Strong reference to LGBTI, homosexuality, lesbian, transgender, intersex (specific threats and attacks to LGBTI defenders, encouraged by national environment that stigmatizes or criminalizes them, lack of any protection under the law or in practice, specific lack of visibility of lesbian, transgender and intersex persons, fear of reprisals; recommendation that States do more to disseminate the work and support LGBTI defenders) Paras. 56, 65, 66, 67, 93a.</p>
<p>Workplan and future activities of the Special Rapporteur March 2015 (28th session HRC)</p>	<p>Good references to LGBTI (identified defenders of ESC rights who are LGBTI as a particular group at risk requiring protection) Paras. 17, 54.</p>

Vision and working methods of the mandate
August 2014 (69th Session GA)

Brief reference to “lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, transsexual and intersex persons”.
Para. 48.

Elements of a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders
March 2014 (25th Session HRC)

Good reference to LGBT, SOGI, LGBTI (legislative moves to purportedly curb the promotion of homosexuality and criminalization laws, vulnerable groups at particular risk, women human rights defenders challenging stereotypes about sexual orientation, stigmatization and attacks to LGBT defenders by non-State actors).
Paras. 65, 90, 99, 104.

Large-scale development project and human rights defenders
August 2013 (68th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Role of national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights and as protectors of human rights defenders
March 2013 (22nd Session HRC)

Brief reference to LGBT.
Para. 120g.

Use of legislation to regulate activities of human rights defenders
August 2012 (67th Session GA)

Strong references to SOGI, homosexuality, LGBT. (Legislation relating to public morals criminalizing LGBT defenders, criminalization of same-sex relations between consenting adults, criminalization of LGBT rights associations and “promotion”, restrictions to fundamental freedoms of association, expression and peaceful assembly, chilling effect of pending draft legislation, violations to right to privacy; recommendation that States repeal all legislation criminalizing the activities on defenders working on SOGI issues)
Paras. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 91.

Selected groups of defenders at risk: journalists and media workers; defenders working on land and environment issues; and youth and student defenders
March 2012 (19th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

On the Declaration of Human Rights Defenders
July 2011 (66th Session GA)

Strong references to SO, LGBT, “sexuality” (stigmatization by community leaders and faith-based groups, specific protection needs for LGBT rights defenders protesting, targeting of LGBT defenders for defending a different idea of sexuality, women human rights defenders challenging traditional views on SO; recommendations that State address protection needs of defenders working on LGBT rights, at greater risk of facing violence)
Paras. 7, 19, 55, 57, 111b, 114.

Women human rights defenders and those working on women's rights and gender issues
March 2011 (16th Session HRC)

Strong reference to SO, LGBT, sexuality (women human rights defenders challenging traditional views on SO, 47 communications sent during the period concerned on LGBT issues, in particular in Africa, East and Central Europe, the Americas; further stigmatization based on advocacy for gender- or sexuality-based rights; communications on sexual violence and rape against LGBT activists)
Paras. 23, 37, 40, 42, 43, 58, 85, 86, 87.

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.
United States of America 7 August 2018	Human rights defenders SOGI	Allegations of death threats, acts of violence and intimidation, harassment and discrimination against a human rights defender and transgender activist.
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.
Brazil 22 March 2018	African descent Extrajudicial executions Foreign debt Housing Human rights defenders Poverty Racism 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 from the favelas, also elected member of City Council of Rio de Janeiro.
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.

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”.
Russian Federation 31 August 2017	Arbitrary detention Human rights defenders Migrants SOGI Torture	Alleged imminent deportation of Uzbek journalist and gay rights activist, Khudoberdi Turgunalievich Nurmatov (also known as Ali Feruz), from Russia to Uzbekistan.
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.
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.

Bulgaria 3 November 2016	Human rights defenders	Allegations of violence and attacks against HRD for his advocacy towards the protection of vulnerable groups in Bulgaria.
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.
Pakistan 16 March 2016	Extrajudicial executions Health Human rights defenders	Alleged threats and subsequent attempted assassination of transgender human rights defender, Adnany, and discriminatory conduct of hospital staff towards her.
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.
Philippines 8 January 2015	Independence of judges and lawyers Human rights defenders	Alleged disbarment procedure pending against Harry Roque, human rights lawyer and legal representative of a trans woman allegedly killed by a US marine
Honduras 9 December 2014	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Allegations of theft in the offices of an LGBTI rights organization.
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.
Botswana 8 July 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged arbitrary denial to register a human rights association working against discrimination and for the rights LGBTI people.
Macedonia 5 July 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders Racism	Allegations of on-going harassment of LGBTI rights defenders.
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.
Macedonia 17 May 2013	Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders	Alleged attack on LGBT rights defenders in Bitola.
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.
Serbia 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.
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 death threat 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.
Turkey 30 November 2011	Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged arbitrary arrest and sentencing of three LGBTI human rights defenders on 25 October 2011, Buse Kiliçkaya, Selay Tunç and Naz Gudumen.
Honduras 5 July 2011	Human rights defenders Torture	Alleged threat with firearm against LGBT activist, Alex David Sánchez Álvarez.
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'.

<p>Uganda 1 February 2011</p>	<p>Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders</p>	<p>Alleged murder of LGBT rights activist David Kato on 26 January 2011.</p>
<p>South Africa 14 January 2011</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women</p>	<p>Alleged “corrective” rape and torture of a lesbian woman.</p>