

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 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, ITS CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

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WORK SUMMARY

COUNTRIES VISITED

ADDRESSES SOGIESC ISSUES:

- **Bahamas** – (December 2017) Report, paras. 23, 36.
- **Australia** – (February 2017) Report, para. 96.
- **Argentina** – (November 2016) Report, paras. 12, 17, 18, 34-38, 49, 82b.
 - **Georgia** – (February 2016) Report, paras. 42, 52.
- **South Africa** – (December 2015) Report, paras. 11, 33, 34, 41-43, 48, 72, 82 (1c, 2k & 4a).
 - **Honduras** – (July 2014) Report, paras. 17, 38.
- **United Kingdom** – (March/April 2014) Report, paras. 13, 66, 93, 106, 107b(ii).
 - **Azerbaijan** – (December 2013) Report, paras. 79, 87c.
 - **India** – (April 2013) Report, paras. 7, 19, 50, 78.
 - **Croatia** – (November 2012) Report, paras. 22, 23, 24, 31.
- **Bosnia & Herzegovina** – (October/November 2012) Report, paras. 31, 32.
 - **Italy** – (January 2012) Report, paras. 1, 35.

DOES NOT ADDRESS SOGIESC ISSUES:

- Palestine (September 2016)
- Israel (September 2016)
- Sudan (May 2015)
- Afghanistan (November 2014)
- Bangladesh (May 2013)
- Papua New Guinea (March 2012)
- Solomon Islands (March 2012)
- Somalia (December 2011)
- Jordan (November 2011)
- United States (January/February 2011)

ANNUAL THEMATIC REPORTS

Violence against women in politics

August 2018 (73th Session General Assembly (GA))

Brief reference to LGBTI.
(LGBTI activists among the groups of women in politics who may be more exposed to risks of gender-based violence.)
Para. 10.

Online violence against women and girls

June 2018 (38th Session Human Rights Council (HRC))

Good references to SOGIE, SOGI and LBT.
(SOGIE-based discrimination affecting access of women to technology; LBT women among the groups of women that are particularly targeted by ICT-facilitated violence; particular importance of online anonymity for those facing discrimination and persecution based on SOGI.)
Paras. 28, 60.

Adequacy of the international legal framework on violence against women

July 2017 (72nd Session GA)

Brief reference to LGBT.
(LGBT persons listed among the groups of women violence against whom should be addressed by more regulations, according to civil society).
Para. 34.

A human rights-based approach to integrated services and protection measures on violence against women, with a focus on shelters and protection orders

June 2017 (35th Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Modalities for the establishment of femicide/gender-related killings watch

September 2016 (71st Session GA)

Brief references to LBT and SO.
(Underreporting of the murders of LBT women mentioned by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women; the importance of tracking the victim's sexual orientation, among other categories.)
Paras. 57, 59.

Vision-setting report

June 2016 (32nd Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Closing the gap in international human rights law: lessons from three regional human rights systems on legal standards and practices regarding violence against women
July 2015 (70th Session GA)

Brief reference to SO.
(Prohibition of SO-based discrimination among the debated topics during the negotiation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.)
Para. 12.

Existing legal standards and practices regarding violence against women in three regional human rights systems
June 2015 (29th Session HRC)

Brief reference to SO.
(Prohibition of SO-based discrimination among the debated topics during the negotiation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.)
Para. 13.

Violence against women as a barrier to the effective realization of all human rights
September 2014 (69th Session GA)

No SOGIESC references.

Violence against women: 20 years of developments within the UN
June 2014 (26th Session HRC)

Brief references to SOGI.
(CSW discussions; HRC resolution; violence and intersecting factors.)
Paras. 18, 28, 60.

Pathways to, conditions and consequences of incarceration for women
August 2013 (68th Session GA)

Strong references to LGBTI.
(A separate chapter on LGBTI persons in prison; examples of LGBT persons'/defenders' arrests in Iran.)
Paras. 28, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63.

State responsibility for eliminating violence against women
June 2013 (23rd Session HRC)

No SOGIESC references.

Violence against women with disabilities
August 2012 (67th Session GA)

Good SOGI references.
(SOGI in the context of multiple forms of discrimination; problems faced by "lesbians and other sexual minorities who identify as female" with disabilities.)
Paras. 13, 27.

Gender-related killings of women
June 2012 (20th Session HRC)

Strong references to SOGI and LGBTIQ.
(A separate section on "Killings as a result of SO and GI"; other references to SOGI/LGBTIQ in the context of violence.)
Paras. 16, 18, 26, 53, 55, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 93.

Continuum of violence against women from the home to the transnational sphere: the challenges of effective redress
August 2011 (66th Session GA)

Strong references to SOGI, LBT, LGBTI.
(Discrimination, stalking and violence, including statistics and case examples.)
Paras. 33, 36, 84.

Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and violence against women
June 2011 (17th Session HRC)

Strong references to SO, SOGI.
(Several mentions of sexuality, SO and GI among protected grounds; risk of violence; risk of long-term health consequences.)
Paras. 22, 47, 51, 58, 67, 73, 76, 104.

INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS

COUNTRY/DATE	EXPERTS	SITUATION
Brazil 22 March 2018	African descent Extrajudicial executions Foreign debt Housing Human rights defenders Poverty Racism SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Killing of Marielle Franco and her driver on 14 March 2018. Franco was an Afro-Brazilian human rights defender working for the rights of women, people of African descent, LGBT people, young people in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and socially excluded communities. She identified herself as a woman, as a feminist, as black, as favelada, as bisexual and as married to another woman.
Honduras 9 March 2018	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of opinion and expression SOGI Torture Violence against women	Information received in connection with the recent murder of a transgender woman, Jennifer Cristal López (José Denis Ramos Gámes) and a gay man, Jorge Antonio Rodas García, in Puerto Cortés.
Honduras 10 July 2017	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of assembly and association Human rights defenders SOGI Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Information received in connection with the recent murder, in the vicinity of the capital, Tegucigalpa, of a transsexual woman, who was also an LGBTI rights activist, Ms. Sherlyn Montoya.
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	Information received regarding 3 murders of 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.
Brunei Darussalam 25 September 2014	Arbitrary detention Independence of judges and lawyers Torture Violence against women	The 2013 Shariah Penal Code Order: mandatory death penalty for some non-violent acts, including same-sex relations.
Egypt 17 April 2014	Arbitrary detention Independence of judges and lawyers Torture Violence against women	Alleged arrest, detention, conviction and sentencing of four individuals on the sole basis of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
Bosnia & Herzegovina 7 Feb 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.

Kuwait 5 February 2014	Arbitrary detention Violence against women Women in law and in practice	Allegations of arbitrary arrest and detention of a Kuwaiti national on the basis of her gender identity and expression. She was reportedly charged with “imitation of the opposite sex”, which is a criminal offence under Amendment 198 of the Kuwaiti Penal Code.
Iran 28 June 2013	Extrajudicial executions Freedom of religion Iran Torture Violence against women Women in law and in practice	The revised Islamic Penal Code: death penalty for some non-violent acts, including “for sodomy for the non-Muslim party in same-sex relations.”
Nepal 14 Sep 2012	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom of assembly and association Health Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged undue delays in registration proceedings of a non-governmental organization, and alleged instances of harassment and arbitrary arrest on the part of the authorities against LGBT individuals.
Nepal 28 March 2013	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged intimidation of and threats against women and LGBTI human rights defenders, reportedly as a result of their support of a victim of domestic violence, following her self-identification as a lesbian.
Turkey 30 Nov 2011	Human rights defenders Violence against women	Alleged arbitrary arrest and sentencing of three women human rights defenders and members of the Pink Life Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transvestite and Transsexual Solidarity Association.
United States 19 Aug 2011	Health Migrants Torture Violence against women	Alleged torture and ill-treatment towards 16 gay and transgender individuals in immigration facilities.
Honduras 18 May 2011	Executions Violence against women	Alleged murders of 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transvestite people during the course of 18 months in the country.
South Africa 18 May 2011	Freedom of opinion and expression Human rights defenders Torture Violence against women	Alleged “corrective” rape of a lesbian woman.