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I. Fact sheet on special procedures 2019

| **Mandates and mandate holders** | | | | **Communications** |
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|  |  |  |  | |
| **56** | mandates – **44** thematic and **12** country mandates | **669** | communications sent to **151** States and **54** non-State actors | |
| **80** | active mandate holders | **77%** | of United Nations Member States received one or more communications from special procedures | |
| **1** | mandate holder finished term in office | **1249** | individual cases covered, of which **268** women | |
| **1** | new mandate holder was appointed | **425** | Total replies received, of which **336** to communications sent in 2019 | |
| **44%** | of mandate holders are female | **45.14%** | reply rate to communications sent in 2019 | |
| **56%** | of mandate holders are male | **158** | communications followed-up by mandate holders | |
|  |  | **3** | communications reports submitted, one to each Human Rights Council session | |
| **Country visits** | |  | **Forums, consultations and expert meetings** | |
| **84** | Country visits to **57** states and territories | **2** | forums organized – 8th annual forum on Business and Human Rights and 12th annual forum on Minority Issues. | |
| **126** | Standing invitations extended by Member States and **1** by a non-member Observer State | **123** | experts meetings and consultations organized by mandate holders, including in cooperation with other parts of the United Nations system as well as with regional mechanisms. | |
| **7** | Standing Invitations recorded in 2019 |  |  | |
| **171** | UN Member States have been visited at least once |  | **Media outreach and public awareness** | |
| **22** | Member States not yet visited | **419** | media products released –  **309** news/press releases of which **60** were jointly done by more than one mandate, **29** media statements of which **8** were done jointly by mandate holders; and  **81** media advisories. | |
| **Thematic and country visit reports** | | **2** | press releases and public statements issued or facilitated by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures. | |
| **136** | reports submitted to the Human Rights Council, of which 62 country visit reports |  |  | |
| **46** | reports submitted to the General Assembly |  |  | |

II. Statistics on current mandate holders (as at 31 December 2019)

| *United Nations Regional Groups of Member States* | *Male* | *Female* | *Total* | *Geographic distribution* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African Group | 13 | 6 | 19 | 23.75% |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 7 | 4 | 11 | 13.75% |
| Eastern European Group (EEG) | 3 | 5 | 8 | 10.00% |
| Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) | 12 | 5 | 17 | 21.25% |
| Western European and Others Group (WEOG) | 10 | 15 | 25 | 31.25% |
| **Total** | **45** | **35** | **80** | **100%** |
| **Gender balance** | **56%** | **44%** |  |  |

III. Overview of standing invitations

A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests for visits from all special procedures. As at 31 December 2019, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, the following 126 Member States (64.61 %) as well as one non-Member Observer State had extended a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures.

| *Countries* | *Date* | *Countries* | *Date* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Afghanistan** | 15 August 2017 | **Luxembourg** | March 2001 |
| **Albania** | 02 December 2009 | **Madagascar** | 26 August 2011 |
| **Andorra** | 03 November 2010 | **Malawi** | 07 September 2015 |
| **Argentina** | 03 December 2002 | **Malaysia** | 26 February 2019 |
| **Armenia** | 01 May 2006 | **Maldives** | 02 May 2006 |
| **Australia** | 07 August 2008 | **Malta** | March 2001 |
| **Austria** | March 2001 | **Marshall Islands** | 04 March 2011 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 15 April 2013 | **Mexico** | March 2001 |
| **Bahamas** | 06 June 2013 | **Monaco** | 22 October 2008 |
| **Belgium** | March 2001 | **Mongolia** | 09 April 2004 |
| **Benin** | 31 October 2012 | **Montenegro** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Bolivia** | 10 February 2010 | **Mozambique** | 12 April 2016 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | 07 May 2010 | **Nauru** | 30 May 2011 |
| **Botswana** | 02 May 2018 | **Netherlands** | March 2001 |
| **Brazil** | 10 December 2001 | **New Zealand** | 03 February 2004 |
| **Bulgaria** | March 2001 | **Nicaragua** | 26 April 2006 |
| **Burundi** | 06 June 2013 | **Niger** | 21 August 2012 |
| **Cameroon** | 15 September 2014 | **Nigeria** | 25 October 2013 |
| **Canada** | April 1999 | **Norway** | 26 March 1999 |
| **Cape Verde** | 26 April 2013 | **Occupied Palestinian Territory (non-Member Observer State)** | 30 July 2014 |
| **Central African Republic** | 03 September 2013 | **Palau** | 03 May 2011 |
| **Chad** | 01 June 2012 | **Panama** | 14 March 2011 |
| **Chile** | 12 May 2009 | **Papua New Guinea** | 11 May 2011 |
| **Colombia** | 17 March 2003 | **Paraguay** | 28 March 2003 |
| **Comoros** | 29 January 2019 | **Peru** | 03 April 2002 |
| **Costa Rica** | 2002 | **Poland** | March 2001 |
| **Croatia** | 13 March 2003 | **Portugal** | March 2001 |
| **Cyprus** | March 2001 | **Qatar** | 01 June 2010 |
| **Czech Republic** | September 2000 | **Republic of Korea** | 03 March 2008 |
| **Denmark** | March 2001 | **Republic of Moldova** | 02 June 2010 |
| **Dominica** | 09 December 2009 | **Romania** | March 2001 |
| **Ecuador** | 09 January 2003 | **Rwanda** | 27 June 2011 |
| **El Salvador** | 09 February 2010 | **Saint Lucia** | 14 March 2016 |
| **Estonia** | March 2001 | **Samoa** | 14 February 2011 |
| **Fiji** | 17 March 2015 | **San Marino** | 03 April 2003 |
| **Finland** | March 2001 | **Sao Tome and Principe** | 02 February 2011 |
| **France** | March 2001 | **Serbia** | 11 October 2005 |
| **Gabon** | 29 October 2012 | **Seychelles** | 05 November 2012 |
| **Georgia** | 30 March 2010 | **Sierra Leone** | 07 April 2003 |
| **Germany** | March 2001 | **Slovakia** | March 2001 |
| **Ghana** | 21 April 2006 | **Slovenia** | March 2001 |
| **Greece** | March 2001 | **Solomon Islands** | 06 May 2011 |
| **Guatemala** | April 2001 | **Somalia** | 13 April 2016 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 07 May 2010 | **South Africa** | 17 July 2003 |
| **Honduras** | 12 May 2010 | **South Sudan** | 9 November 2016 |
| **Hungary** | March 2001 | **Spain** | March 2001 |
| **Iceland** | September 2000 | **Sri Lanka** | 17 December 2015 |
| **India** | 14 September 2011 | **Sweden** | March 2001 |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | 24 July 2002 | **Switzerland** | 01 April 2002 |
| **Iraq** | 16 February 2010 | **Thailand** | 04 November 2011 |
| **Ireland** | March 2001 | **Timor-Leste** | 9 March 2017 |
| **Italy** | March 2001 | **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | 13 October 2004 |
| **Japan** | 01 March 2011 | **Tonga** | 25 January 2013 |
| **Jordan** | 20 April 2006 | **Tunisia** | 28 February 2011 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 28 July 2009 | **Turkey** | March 2001 |
| **Kenya** | 22 January 2015 | **Turkmenistan** | 11 May 2018 |
| **Kuwait** | 13 September 2010 | **Tuvalu** | 26 April 2013 |
| **Latvia** | March 2001 | **Ukraine** | 23 June 2006 |
| **Lebanon** | 17 March 2011 | **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | March 2001 |
| **Lesotho** | 21 January 2015 | **Uruguay** | 18 March 2005 |
| **Liberia** | 25 September 2015 | **Uzbekistan** | 11 May 2018 |
| **Libya** | 15 March 2012 | **Vanuatu** | 12 May 2009 |
| **Liechtenstein** | 21 January 2003 | **Zambia** | 16 July 2008 |
| **Lithuania** | March 2001 |  |  |



Standing Invitations for Country Visits to the Special Procedures of the Human   
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Yes

No

**Issued Standing Invitation**

Definition and meta-data: <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/HRIndicators/MetadataStandingInvitations.pdf>

Source: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, [List of Standing Invitations to Special Procedures, October 2019](http://spinternet.ohchr.org/_Layouts/SpecialProceduresInternet/StandingInvitations.aspx)

For other relevant information on the activities of the Special Procedures, see the Annual Facts and Figures, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Publications.aspx#annual>

Note: The boundaries and the names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

IV. Statistics on standing invitations

| *United Nations Regional Groups of Member States* | | *Number of standing invitations extended by States within their regional group* | | *Percentage of standing invitations extended within regional groups* | | *Percentage of standing invitations extended by regional groups* | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| African Group | 29 out of 54 States | | 53% | | 23.02% | |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 29 out of 53\* States | | 54% | | 23.02% | |
| EEG | 21 out of 23 States | | 91% | | 16.67% | |
| GRULAC | 19 out of 33 States | | 57% | | 15.08% | |
| WEOG | 28 out of 30\* States | | 93% | | 22.22% | |
| **Total** | **126 out of 193 United Nations Member States** | |  | | **100%** | |

\*Not counting Kiribati and Turkey in Asia-Pacific group but in WEOG

NB. The State of Palestine, accorded non-Member Observer status on 29 November 2012 by General Assembly resolution 67/19, extended a standing invitation to the special procedures on 4 July 2014.

V. Overview of country and other official visits conducted in 2019

| *States and territories visited* | *Mandate* |  | *Dates* | *Report* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Argentina** | [Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Privacy/SR/Pages/SRPrivacyIndex.aspx) | 6 to 17 May | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| [Working Group of Experts on people of African descent](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx) | 11 to 18 March | | [A/HRC/42/59/Add.2](https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/42/59/Add.2) |
| **Azerbaijan** | [Special Rapporteur on the right to food](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/FoodIndex.aspx) | 1 to 11 October | | A/HRC/43/44/Add.1 |
| **Bangladesh** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/MMIndex.aspx) | 14 to 24 January | | [A/HRC/40/68](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/121/46/PDF/G1912146.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Belgium** | [Working Group of Experts on people of African descent](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx) | 4 to 11 February 2019 | | [A/HRC/42/59/Add.1](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/243/13/PDF/G1924313.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Bhutan** | [Working Group on Arbitrary Detention](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Detention/Pages/WGADIndex.aspx) | 14 to 25 January | | [A/HRC/42/39/Add.1](https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/42/39/Add.1) |
| **Bolivia** | [Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Development/IEDebt/Pages/IEDebtIndex.aspx) | 6 to 15 May | | A/HRC/43/45/Add.1 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Migration/SRMigrants/Pages/SRMigrantsIndex.aspx) | 24 September to 1 October | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Brazil** | [Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members](https://ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Leprosy/Pages/LeprosyIndex.aspx) | 7 to 14 May | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Albinism/Pages/IEAlbinism.aspx) | 28 October to 8 November | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Environment/SRToxicsandhumanrights/Pages/Index.aspx) | 2 to 13 December | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Bulgaria** | [Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx) and other child sexual abuse material | 1 to 8 April | | A/HRC/43/40/Add.1 |
| [Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Women/SRWomen/Pages/SRWomenIndex.aspx) | 14 to 21 October | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Cambodia** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/KHIndex.aspx) | 29 April to 9 May | | [A/HRC/42/60](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/session42/Pages/ListReports.aspx) |
| **Canada** | [Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Environment/SRToxicsandhumanrights/Pages/Index.aspx) | 24 May to 6 June | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/SRDisabilities/Pages/SRDisabilitiesIndex.aspx) | 2 to 12 April | | A/HRC/43/41/Add.2 |
| **Central African Republic** | [Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/CountriesMandates/CF/Pages/IECentralAfricanRepublic.aspx) | 15 to 25 January | | [A/HRC/42/61](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/241/01/PDF/G1924101.pdf?OpenElement) |
| [Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/CountriesMandates/CF/Pages/IECentralAfricanRepublic.aspx) | 4 to 14 June | | [A/HRC/42/61](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/241/01/PDF/G1924101.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **China** | [Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/OlderPersons/IE/Pages/IEOlderPersons.aspx) | 25 November to 3 December | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Comoros** | [Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Torture/SRTorture/Pages/SRTortureIndex.aspx) | 12 to 18 June | | A/HRC/43/49/Add.1 |
| **Ecuador** | [Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx) | 17 to 26 September | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Women/SRWomen/Pages/SRWomenIndex.aspx) | 29 November to 9 December | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Working Group of Experts on people of African descent](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/WGEPADIndex.aspx) | 16 to 20 December 2019 | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **El Salvador** | [Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/TruthJusticeReparation/Pages/Index.aspx) | 24 April to 3 May | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Ethiopia** | [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomOpinion/Pages/OpinionIndex.aspx) | 2 to 9 December | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Fiji** | [Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx) | 28 November to 5 December | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **France** | [Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Housing/Pages/HousingIndex.aspx) | 2 to 11 April | | A/HRC/43/43/Add.2 |
| **Gambia** | [Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx) and other child sexual abuse material | 21 to 29 October | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/TruthJusticeReparation/Pages/Index.aspx) | 20 to 27 November | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Georgia** | [Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/WGHRandtransnationalcorporationsandotherbusiness.aspx) | 3 to 12 April | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Greece** | [Working Group on discrimination against women and girls](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Women/WGWomen/Pages/WGWomenIndex.aspx) | 1 to 12 April | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Working Group on Arbitrary Detention](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Detention/Pages/WGADIndex.aspx) | 2 to 13 December | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Honduras** | [Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Judiciary/Pages/SRJudgeslawyersIndex.aspx) | 16 to 22 August | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/WGHRandtransnationalcorporationsandotherbusiness.aspx) | 19 to 28 August | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Hungary** | [Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Migration/SRMigrants/Pages/SRMigrantsIndex.aspx) | 10 to 17 July | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Japan** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/KPIndex.aspx) | 2 to 4 December | | A/HRC/43/58 |
| **Jordan** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/MENARegion/Pages/PSIndex.aspx) | 8 to 12 July | | A/HRC/43/68 |
| **Kazakhstan** | [Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Terrorism/Pages/SRTerrorismIndex.aspx) | 10 to 17 May | | A/HRC/43/46/Add.1 |
| **Kyrgyzstan** | [Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disappearances/Pages/DisappearancesIndex.aspx) | 25 to 30 June | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on minority issues](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Minorities/SRMinorities/Pages/SRminorityissuesIndex.aspx) | 6 to 17 December | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| **Laos** | [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/SRExtremePovertyIndex.aspx) | 18 to 28 March | | [A/HRC/41/39/Add.2](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/177/01/PDF/G1917701.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Lesotho** | [Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/WaterAndSanitation/SRWater/Pages/SRWaterIndex.aspx) | 4 to 15 February | | [A/HRC/42/47/Add.1](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/206/90/PDF/G1920690.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Malaysia** | [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/SRExtremePovertyIndex.aspx) | 13 to 23 August | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/MMIndex.aspx) | 8 to 18 July | | A/HRC/43/59 |
| **Maldives** | [Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/CulturalRights/Pages/SRCulturalRightsIndex.aspx) | 9 to 18 June | | A/HRC/43/50/Add.2 |
| [Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Torture/SRTorture/Pages/SRTortureIndex.aspx) | 17 to 24 November | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| **Mali** | [Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/MLIndex.aspx) | 4 to 8 February | | A/HRC/43/76 |
| [Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/MLIndex.aspx) | 19 au 28 November | | A/HRC/43/76 |
| **Mongolia** | [Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Development/IEDebt/Pages/IEDebtIndex.aspx) | 2 to 11 September | | A/HRC/43/45/Add.2 |
| [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SRHRDefenders/Pages/SRHRDefendersIndex.aspx) | 30 April to 13 May | | A/HRC/43/51/Add.2 |
| **Montenegro** | [Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Trafficking/Pages/TraffickingIndex.aspx) | 1 to 8 November | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Mozambique** | [Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/OlderPersons/IE/Pages/IEOlderPersons.aspx) | 24 April to 2 May | | [A/HRC/42/43/Add.2](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/218/73/PDF/G1921873.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Nigeria** | [Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Housing/Pages/HousingIndex.aspx) | 13 to 23 September | | A/HRC/43/43/Add.1 |
| [Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Executions/Pages/SRExecutionsIndex.aspx) | 19 August to 2 September | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Norway** | [Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/SRDisabilities/Pages/SRDisabilitiesIndex.aspx) | 2 to 11 October | | A/HRC/43/41/Add.3 |
| [Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Environment/SREnvironment/Pages/SRenvironmentIndex.aspx) | 12 to 23 September | | A/HRC/43/53/Add.2 |
| **Qatar** | [Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Solidarity/Pages/IESolidarityIndex.aspx) | 2 to 10 September | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Working Group on Arbitrary Detention](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Detention/Pages/WGADIndex.aspx) | 3 to 14 November | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/IndexSRRacism.aspx) | 24 November to 1 December | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the right to education](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Education/SREducation/Pages/SREducationIndex.aspx) | 8 to 16 December | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Republic of Congo** | [Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/SRIndigenousPeoples/Pages/SRIPeoplesIndex.aspx) | 14 to 24 October | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Republic of Korea** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/KPIndex.aspx) | 7 to 11 January | | [A/HRC/40/66](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session40/Pages/ListReports.aspx) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Privacy/SR/Pages/SRPrivacyIndex.aspx) | 15 to 26 July | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/KPIndex.aspx) | 17 to 21 June | | A/HRC/43/58 |
| **Somalia** | [Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/SOIndex.aspx) | 15 to 26 July | | [A/HRC/42/62](https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/42/62) |
| **South Africa** | [Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Albinism/Pages/IEAlbinism.aspx) | 16 to 26 September | | A/HRC/43/42/Add.1 |
| **Spain** | [Special Rapporteur on minority issues](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Minorities/SRMinorities/Pages/SRminorityissuesIndex.aspx) | 14 to 25 January | | A/HRC/43/47/Add.1 |
| **Sri Lanka** | [Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FreedomReligionIndex.aspx) | 15 to 26 August | | A/HRC/43/48/Add.2 |
| [Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/AssemblyAssociation/Pages/SRFreedomAssemblyAssociationIndex.aspx) | 18 to 26 July | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Switzerland** | [Special Rapporteur on right to development](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Development/SRDevelopment/Pages/SRDevelopmentIndex.aspx) | 23 September to 2 October | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| [Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Mercenaries/WGMercenaries/Pages/WGMercenariesIndex.aspx) | 13 to 17 May | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Tajikistan** | [Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disappearances/Pages/DisappearancesIndex.aspx) | 1 to 5 July | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Thailand** | [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/MMIndex.aspx) | 13 to 24 January | | [A/HRC/40/68](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/121/46/PDF/G1912146.pdf?OpenElement) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/MMIndex.aspx) | 8 to 18 July | | A/HRC/43/59 |
| **The Netherlands** | [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/SRRacism/Pages/IndexSRRacism.aspx) | 30 September to 7 October | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FreedomReligionIndex.aspx) | 28 March to 5 April | | A/HRC/43/48/Add.1 |
| **Timor-Leste** | [Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/SRIndigenousPeoples/Pages/SRIPeoplesIndex.aspx) | 8 to 16 April | | [A/HRC/42/37/Add.2](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G19/232/32/PDF/G1923232.pdf?OpenElement) |
| **Togo** | [Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Slavery/SRSlavery/Pages/SRSlaveryIndex.aspx) | 27 to 31 May | | 45th HRC session  (September 2020) |
| **Tunisia** | [Special Rapporteur on the right to education](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Education/SREducation/Pages/SREducationIndex.aspx) | 7 to 12 April | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Tuvalu** | [Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/CulturalRights/Pages/SRCulturalRightsIndex.aspx) | 16 to 27 September | | 46th HRC session  (March 2021) |
| **Ukraine** | [Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SexualOrientationGender/Pages/Index.aspx) | 30 April to 10 May | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Uzbekistan** | [Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Judiciary/Pages/SRJudgeslawyersIndex.aspx) | 19 to 25 September | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| **Zimbabwe** | [Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/AssemblyAssociation/Pages/SRFreedomAssemblyAssociationIndex.aspx) | 17 to 27 September | | 44th HRC session  (June 2020) |
| [Special Rapporteur on the right to food](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Food/Pages/FoodIndex.aspx) | 18 to 28 November | | A/HRC/43/44/Add.2 |

VI. Statistics on country visits conducted in 2019

| *United Nations*  *Regional Groups of Member States* | *Number of country visits conducted\** | *Number of countries visited\*\** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| African Group | 19 | 14 |
| Asia-Pacific Group | 32 | 22 |
| EEG | 8 | 7 |
| GRULAC | 12 | 6 |
| WEOG | 13 | 8 |
| **Total** | **84** | **57** |

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| --- | --- |
| \* Distribution of visits by region out of the total number of visits | \*\* Distribution of countries visited by region |

VII. Overview of States not yet visited by any mandate holder

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| As of 31 December 2019, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, 171 States (88.6%) have been visited by at least one special procedures mandate holder. A total of 22 States (11.4%) have never been visited; 6 States have not yet received any request, 13 States have not yet accepted any request, 1 State has extended an invitation and 2 States have accepted requests for visits, however, they had not yet taken place as of 31 December 2019. | *States never visited, no request sent*  *(6 in total)* | *States never visited, request(s) sent*  *(16 in total)* |
| Andorra  Antigua and Barbuda  Monaco  Palau  Saint Kitts and Nevis  San Marino | Barbados  Brunei Darussalam  Djibouti[[2]](#footnote-3)  Dominica  Eritrea[[3]](#footnote-4)  Eswatini  Grenada  Guinea  Luxembourg[[4]](#footnote-5)  Micronesia (Federated States of)  Nauru[[5]](#footnote-6)  Saint Lucia  Sao Tome e Principe  Surinam  Tonga  Vanuatu[[6]](#footnote-7) |
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VIII. Status of country visits from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019

This table contains information covering the period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019. It only takes into account written correspondence. Pending requests reflect any request sent by a mandate holder to which there was no written reply. For any detailed information regarding the status of country visits please consult the OHCHR website at the following link: <https://spinternet.ohchr.org/Home.aspx?lang=en>

Over the last 5 years, several States have hosted visits of the country specific mandates on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Iran, Myanmar and Occupied Palestinian Territory (Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

|  | *Standing invitation* | *Number of visits since 1/1/2015* | *No visit since 1/1/2015 with no pending requests* | *No visit since 1/1/2015 with pending requests* | *5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2015* | *Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2015* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Afghanistan** | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Albania** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Algeria** |  | 2 |  |  | X | X |
| **Andorra***[[7]](#footnote-8)\** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Angola** |  | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Antigua and Barbuda**\* |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Argentina** | X | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| **Armenia** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Australia** | X | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Austria** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Azerbaijan** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Bahamas** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Bahrain** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Bangladesh** |  | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Barbados**[[8]](#footnote-9)\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Belarus**[[9]](#footnote-10)a |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Belgium** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **Belize** |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Benin** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Bhutan** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Bolivia** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Botswana** | X | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Brazil** | X | 7 |  |  | X | X |
| **Brunei Darussalam**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Bulgaria** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Burkina Faso** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Burundi** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Cambodia**a |  | 8 |  |  | X |  |
| **Cameroon** | X | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Canada** | X | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| **Cape Verde** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Central African Republic**a | X | 11 |  |  |  |  |
| **Chad** | X | 2 |  |  |  | X |
| **Chile** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **China** |  | 3 |  |  | X |  |
| **Colombia** | X | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Comoros** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Congo (Republic of the)** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Costa Rica** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Côte d'Ivoire**[[10]](#footnote-11)b |  | 7 |  |  | X |  |
| **Croatia** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Cuba** |  | 2 |  |  | X | X |
| **Cyprus** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Czech Republic** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**a |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Democratic Republic of the Congo** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Denmark** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Djibouti**\*\* |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Dominica**\*\* | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Dominican Republic** |  | 1 |  |  | X | X |
| **Ecuador** | X | 6 |  |  | X | X |
| **Egypt** |  | 1 |  |  | X | X |
| **El Salvador** | X | 5 |  |  |  | X |
| **Equatorial Guinea** |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Eritrea**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  | X |
| **Estonia** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Eswatini**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Ethiopia** |  | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Fiji** | X | 5 |  |  | X | X |
| **Finland** | X | 1 | X |  |  |  |
| **France** | X | 4 |  |  | X |  |
| **Gabon** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Gambia (the)** |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Georgia** | X | 7 |  |  |  | X |
| **Germany** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Ghana** | X | 3 |  |  | X |  |
| **Greece** | X | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Grenada**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Guatemala** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Guinea**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Guyana** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Haiti**b |  | 5 |  |  | X |  |
| **Holy See** |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| **Honduras** | X | 7 |  |  |  | X |
| **Hungary** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Iceland** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **India** | X | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Indonesia** |  | 2 |  |  | X | X |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)**a | X | 0 |  | X | X | X |
| **Iraq** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Ireland** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Israel** |  | 1 |  |  | X | X |
| **Italy** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Jamaica** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Japan** | X | 2 |  |  | X | X |
| **Jordan** | X | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Kazakhstan** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **Kenya** | X | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Kiribati** |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Kuwait** | X | 3 |  |  |  | X |
| **Kyrgyzstan** |  | 3 |  |  |  | X |
| **Lao People's Democratic Republic** |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Latvia** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Lebanon** | X | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Lesotho** | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Liberia** | X | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Libya** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Liechtenstein** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Lithuania** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Luxembourg**\*\* | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Madagascar** | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Malawi** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Malaysia** | X | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Maldives** | X | 2 |  |  |  | X |
| **Mali**a |  | 11 |  |  |  |  |
| **Malta** | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Marshall Islands** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Mauritania** |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Mauritius** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Mexico** | X | 5 |  |  | X | X |
| **Micronesia (Federated States of)**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Monaco**\* | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Mongolia** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **Montenegro** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Morocco** |  | 3 |  |  |  | X |
| **Mozambique** | X | 3 |  |  | X |  |
| **Myanmar**a |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| **Namibia** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Nauru**\*\* | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Nepal** |  | 2 |  |  | X | X |
| **Netherlands** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **New Zealand** | X | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Nicaragua** | X | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Niger** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Nigeria** | X | 5 |  |  | X |  |
| **Norway** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **State of Palestine/Occupied Palestinian Territory (Non-Member Oberver State)**a | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Oman** |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Pakistan** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Palau**\* | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Panama** | X | 1 |  |  |  | X |
| **Papua New Guinea** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Paraguay** | X | 4 |  |  |  | X |
| **Peru** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Philippines** |  | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Poland** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **Portugal** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Qatar** | X | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| **Republic of Korea** | X | 5 |  |  | X |  |
| **Republic of Moldova** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Romania** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Russian Federation** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Rwanda** | X | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Saint Kitts and Nevis**\* |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Saint Lucia**\*\* | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** |  | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Samoa** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **San Marino**\* | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Sao Tome e Principe**\*\* | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Saudi Arabia** |  | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Senegal** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Serbia** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Seychelles** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Sierra Leone** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Singapore** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Slovakia** | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Slovenia** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Solomon Islands** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Somalia**a | X | 5 |  |  |  | X |
| **South Africa** | X | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **South Sudan** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Spain** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Sri Lanka** | X | 9 |  |  |  | X |
| **Sudan**a |  | 7 |  |  |  | X |
| **Surinam**\*\* |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Sweden** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Switzerland** | X | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** |  | 2 |  |  |  | X |
| **Tajikistan** |  | 3 |  |  |  | X |
| **Thailand** | X | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **The Republic of North Macedonia** | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Timor-Leste** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Togo** |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Tonga**\*\* | X | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Trinidad and Tobago** |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Tunisia** | X | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| **Turkey** | X | 3 |  |  | X |  |
| **Turkmenistan** | X | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Tuvalu** | X | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Uganda** |  | 0 |  | X | X |  |
| **Ukraine** | X | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| **United Arab Emirates** |  | 0 |  | X |  | X |
| **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | X | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| **United Republic of Tanzania** |  | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **United States of America** |  | 8 |  |  | X | X |
| **Uruguay** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Uzbekistan** | X | 2 |  |  | X |  |
| **Vanuatu**\*\* | X | 0 | X |  |  |  |
| **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)** |  | 1 |  |  | X | X |
| **Viet Nam** |  | 1 |  |  | X |  |
| **Yemen** |  | 0 |  | X |  |  |
| **Zambia** | X | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Zimbabwe** |  | 2 |  |  | X | X |

IX. Statistics on communications (2019)

| *Statistics on communications (2019)* | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | |  |
| **54** | Communications sent to Non-State actors | | |  | | |
| **183** | Communications related to legislation | | |
| **151** | Countries received at least one communication | | |
| **188** | Communications followed up by mandate holders | | |
| **336** | Replies received to communications sent in 2019 of which 302 (45.14% reply rate[[11]](#footnote-12)) are substantive replies. Some communications received more than one reply. | | |
| **425** | Total replies received in 2019 of which 390 are substantive replies (this includes replies to communications sent before 2019) | | |
| **529** | Joint communications by two or more mandate holders | | |
| **669** | Communications sent (*breakdown : UA 22, AL 66, OL 52, JUA 115, JAL 274 and JOL 140*) | | |
| **1249** | Individuals covered, of which 268 were identified as female. | | |  | | |
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X. Analysis of communications sent and replies received (2019)

In 2019, a total 669 communications were sent to 151 countries and other non-State actors, 336 (out of 669), of which received replies from 83 countries and other actors as listed below. The table contains all communications sent and responses received from 1 January to 31 December 2019 (responses received until 8 January 2020). Responses received after 8 January 2020, including to communications sent at the end of 2019, will be reflected in the next report.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Country* | *Number of communications sent during the period* | *Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period \** | *Number of substantive replies received during the period* | *Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period* |
| **Afghanistan** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Algeria** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Antigua and Barbuda** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Argentina** | 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| **Armenia** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Australia** | 9 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| **Austria** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Bahamas** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bahrain** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Bangladesh** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Barbados** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Belarus** | 7 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| **Belgium** | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| **Belize** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Benin** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bolivia (Plurinational State of)** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brazil** | 14 | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| **Brunei Darussalam** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Bulgaria** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Burkina Faso** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Burundi** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cambodia** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Cameroon** | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Canada** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Central African Republic** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chad** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Country* | *Number of communications sent during the period* | *Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period \** | *Number of substantive replies received during the period* | *Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period* |
| **Chile** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **China** | 22 | 17 | 17 | 0 |
| **Colombia** | 12 | 9 | 12 | 0 |
| **Comoros** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Costa Rica** | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| **Côte d'Ivoire** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Croatia** | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Cuba** | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Cyprus** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Czech Republic** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Democratic Republic of the Congo** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Denmark** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Djibouti** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dominica** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dominican Republic** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ecuador** | 15 | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| **Egypt** | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **El Salvador** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Equatorial Guinea** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ethiopia** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **France** | 8 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Gabon** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Georgia** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Germany** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ghana** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Greece** | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Grenada** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Guatemala** | 7 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Guyana** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Haiti** | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Holy See** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Honduras** | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| *Country* | *Number of communications sent during the period* | *Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period \** | *Number of substantive replies received during the period* | *Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period* |
| **Hungary** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **India** | 21 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| **Indonesia** | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | 15 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| **Iraq** | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Ireland** | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| **Israel** | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Italy** | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Jamaica** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Japan** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| **Jordan** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| **Kenya** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Kuwait** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| **Lao People's Democratic Republic** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Latvia** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Lebanon** | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Lesotho** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Liberia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Libya** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Luxembourg** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Malawi** | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Malaysia** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Maldives** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Malta** | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| **Mauritania** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Mauritius** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Mexico** | 14 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Mongolia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Morocco** | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| **Mozambique** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Myanmar** | 15 | 9 | 12 | 0 |
| **Namibia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Country* | *Number of communications sent during the period* | *Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period \** | *Number of substantive replies received during the period* | *Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period* |
| **Nepal** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Netherlands** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **New Zealand** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Nicaragua** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nigeria** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **North Macedonia** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Other actors** | 54 | 18 | 19 | 5 |
| **Pakistan** | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Panama** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Paraguay** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Peru** | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Philippines** | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **Poland** | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Qatar** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Republic of Korea** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Romania** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Russian Federation** | 9 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| **Saint Kitts and Nevis** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Saint Lucia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Saudi Arabia** | 14 | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| **Senegal** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Serbia** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Sierra Leone** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Singapore** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Slovakia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Solomon Islands** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Somalia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **South Sudan** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Spain** | 10 | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| **Sri Lanka** | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **State of Palestine** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Sudan** | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Suriname** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Country* | *Number of communications sent during the period* | *Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period \** | *Number of substantive replies received during the period* | *Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period* |
| **Sweden** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Switzerland** | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Thailand** | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| **Timor-Leste** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Togo** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Trinidad and Tobago** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Tunisia** | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Turkey** | 11 | 8 | 11 | 0 |
| **Turkmenistan** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Uganda** | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ukraine** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **United Republic of Tanzania** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **United States of America** | 23 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| **Uruguay** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Uzbekistan** | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)** | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Viet Nam** | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Yemen** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Zambia** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

These communications concerned 1249 alleged victims of which 977 are male, 268 female and 4 others. During this period, 54 communications were also sent to ‘Other actors’, for e.g. businesses, international bodies, agencies and non-State actors to which 24 replies were received.

\* Some communications received more than one reply.

XI. Themes addressed in reports of special procedures (2019)

A. Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* |  | *Title and/or theme of the report* |
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| Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/59) – Report of the Working Group on its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions on the theme “Data for racial justice”  General Assembly (A/74/274) – Addressing negative racial stereotypes and stereotyping of people of African descent |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/62) – Right to access to justice for persons with albinism  General Assembly (A/74/190) – Albinism worldwide |
| Working Group on Arbitrary Detention | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/39) – Annual report |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/43) – Gender dimensions of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights  General Assembly (A/74/198) – Policy coherence on business and human rights in practice |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/53) – Cultural rights: tenth anniversary report  General Assembly (A/74/255) – Importance of public spaces for the exercise of cultural rights |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/38) – Guidelines and recommendations on the practical implementation of the right to development  General Assembly (A/74/163) – Right to development and disaster risk reduction |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/54) – Disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty  General Assembly (A/74/186) – Rights of older persons with disabilities |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/40) – Annual report |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to education | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/37) – Implementation of the right to education and Sustainable Development Goal 4 in the context of the growth of private actors in education  General Assembly (A/74/243) – Right to education and the prevention of atrocity crimes or mass or grave human rights violations |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/55) – Right to breathe clean air  General Assembly (A/74/161) – Climate change |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/36) – Investigation, accountability and prevention of intentional state killings of human rights defenders, journalists and prominent dissidents  General Assembly (A/74/318) – Application of death penalty to foreign nationals |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/56) – Right to food for fishery workers  General Assembly (A/74/164) – Sustainable Development Goals |
| Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/57) – Guiding principles on human rights impact assessments of economic reforms  General Assembly (A/74/178) – Responsibility for complicity of international financial institutions in human rights violations in the context of retrogressive economic reforms |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/35) – Surveillance and human rights  General Assembly (A/74/486) – Hate speech online |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/41) – Opportunities and challenges facing the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the digital age  General Assembly (A/74/349) – Impact of violations to the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association on sustainable development |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights for the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/41) – Principles on human rights and the protection of workers from exposure to toxic substances  General Assembly (A/74/480) – The duty to prevent exposure |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/34) – The critical role of the social and underlying determinants of health in advancing the realization of the right to mental health  General Assembly (A/74/174) – Health-care workers |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/60) – Access to justice for the right to housing  General Assembly (A/74/183) – Right to housing for indigenous peoples |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/60) – Situation of women human rights defenders  General Assembly (A/74/159) – Impunity for human rights violations committed against human rights defenders |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/48) – Exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly by judges and prosecutors, both offline and online  General Assembly (A/74/176) – Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/37) – Rights of indigenous peoples and justice  General Assembly (A/74/149) – The right of indigenous peoples to autonomy or self-government |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/40) – Internal displacement and the role of national human rights institutions  General Assembly (A/74/261) – Internally displaced children |
| Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/48) – Public participation and decision-making in global governance spaces and its impact on a democratic and equitable international order  General Assembly (A/74/245) – Public participation and decision-making in global governance spaces and its impact on a democratic and equitable international order |
| Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/44) – Criminalization or suppression of the rendering of humanitarian assistance to migrants and refugees who enter a State in an irregular manner  General Assembly (A/74/185) – Global refugee protection and human rights-based international solidarity |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/47) – Stigmatization as dehumanization: wrongful stereotyping and structural violence against women and children affected by leprosy |
| Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/42) – Relationship between private military and security companies and the extractive industry from a human rights perspective  General Assembly (A/74/244) – Gendered human rights impacts of private military and security companies |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/38) – The impact of migration on migrant women and girls: a gender perspective  General Assembly (A/74/191) – Good practices and initiatives on gender-responsive migration legislation and policies |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/64) – Update on activities)  General Assembly (A/74/160) – Concept of a minority in the United Nations |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/43) – Human rights protection of older persons in emergency situations |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/39) – Climate change and poverty  General Assembly (A/74/493) – Impact of the use of digital technologies in social protection systems on the enjoyment of human rights |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/63) – Security and surveillance, gender perspective of the right to privacy as well as privacy and health data  General Assembly (A/74/277) – Recommendation on the protection and use of health-related data |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/54) – Global extractivism and racial equality  Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/55) – Contemporary manifestations of Nazism and neo-Nazism  General Assembly (A/74/321) – Human rights obligations of Member States in relation to reparations for racial discrimination rooted in slavery and colonialism  General Assembly (A/74/253) – Anti-Semitic violence and related acts of racism and intolerance |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/58) – Freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression  General Assembly (A/74/358) – Combatting Antisemitism to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/51) – Sale and sexual exploitation of children in the context of sports  General Assembly (A/74/162) – Safeguards for the protection of the rights of children born from surrogacy arrangements |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/45) – Data collection and management as a means to create heightened awareness on violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity  General Assembly (A/74/181) – Discriminatory laws and sociocultural norms |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/44) – Contemporary forms of slavery  General Assembly (A/74/179) – Child slavery |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/52) – Impact of measures to address terrorism and violent extremism on civic space and the rights of civil society actors and human rights defenders  General Assembly (A/74/335) – Role of “soft law” and new institutions in the creation, enforcement, oversight and regulation of counter-terrorism measures |
| Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/59) – Relationship between corruption and torture or ill-treatment  General Assembly (A/74/148) – Relevance of the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment to the context of domestic violence |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/46) – Innovative and transformative models of social inclusion of survivors of trafficking in persons into societies  General Assembly (A/74/189) – Access to remedy for victims of trafficking for abuses committed by businesses and their suppliers |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/45) – Practical experiences of domestic reparation programmes  General Assembly (A/74/147) – Apologies for gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/46) – Negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights  General Assembly (A/74/165) – Legal issues arising from the practice of actual blockades and economic sanctions amounting to de facto blockades |
| Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/42) – Twenty-five years of the mandate: an analysis of its evolution, current challenges and the way forward  General Assembly (A/74/137) – A human rights-based approach to mistreatment and violence against women in reproductive health services with a focus on childbirth and obstetric violence |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/47) – Human rights to water and sanitation in spheres of life beyond the household with an emphasis on public spaces  General Assembly (A/74/197) – Megaprojects and the right to water and sanitation |
| Working Group on discrimination against women and girls | | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/33) – Women deprived of liberty |

B. Country mandates

| *Mandate* | | *Title and/or theme of the report* |
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| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/52) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country  General Assembly (A/74/196) – Structural conditions that hamper the conduct of elections | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/60) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country and an analysis of Cambodia and the Sustainable Development Goals  Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/60/Add.1) – Assessing protection of those at risk of being left behind | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/61) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/66) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country  General Assembly (A/74/275) – Overview of recent developments in the human rights situation in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/41/53) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/67) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country, with a focus on the execution of child offenders  General Assembly (A/74/188) – Situation of ethnic and religious minorities | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/77) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/68) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country  General Assembly (A/74/342) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/40/73) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, with an emphasis on access to natural resources and environmental degradation  General Assembly (A/74/507) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/62) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country  General Assembly (A/74/166) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country (Human Rights Council report transmitted to the General Assembly) | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan | Human Rights Council (A/HRC/42/63) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic | *The mandate holder will take up his functions once the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic has ended.* | |

XII. Joint statements issued by special procedures (2019)

Statement by Dainius Puras, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, presenting the annual report of special procedures to the 40th Human Rights Council session, 13 March 2019.

Statement by Dainius Puras on behalf of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures during the first informal seminar related to resolution 38/18 of the Human Rights Council on the prevention role of the Human Rights Council, 10 April 2019.

XIII. Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders (non-exhaustive list) (2019)

| *Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders (non-exhaustive list) (2019)* | |
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| A. Follow-up on communications | |
| In 2019, 188 follow-up communications were sent out of a total of 669 communications; several of these communications are highlighted below (see Annex IX). In addition, the following three mandate holders issued observations on communications: | |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/41/36/Add.1). |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/40/60/Add.1 and Corr.1) |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received (A/HRC/41/41/Add.1). |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues (jointly with other mandates) | Follow-up communication was sent to India (IND 11/2019 of 27 May 2019) on the issue of the National Register of Citizens in Assam and the potential exclusion of millions of persons belonging to minorities. Government replies received on 23 August 2019 and 2 September 2019 respectively |
|  | Follow-up communication was sent to Latvia (LVA 1/2019 of 24 September 2019) regarding restrictions on the use of minority languages in education. Government reply was received on 27 November 2019 |
|  | Follow-up communication was sent to Turkey (TUR 7/2019 of 9 July 2019) regarding the case of a human rights defenders, Ms. Eren Keskin. Government reply was received on 6 September 2019 |
|  | Follow-up communication was sent to Colombia (COL 5/2019 of 6 June 2019) regarding the persecution of human rights defenders of African descent. Government replies received on 30 July 2019 and 9 August 2019 respectively |
|  | Follow-up communication was sent to Israel (ISR 6/2019 of 1 May 2019) regarding forced evictions targeting the Bedouin minority, as well as demolitions and destruction of Bedouin property. Government has not responded yet. |
|  | Follow-up communication was sent to Yemen (YEM 1/2019 of 26 April 2019) concerning the case of Mr. Hamid Kamali bin Haydara, a Baha’í follower who was sentenced to death by a Specialized Criminal Court on 2 January 2018. Government has not responded yet. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (with SR Health) | Follow-up communication sent to India (IND 10/2019 of 8 April 2019) concerning the degrading situation of human rights defender Dr. G.N. Saibaba with respect to his detention, lack of reasonable accommodation and lack of access to healthcare while in custody. Government reply received on 27 December 2019. |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (jointly with other mandates) | Follow-up communication sent to China (CHN 9/2019, 20 May 2019) concerning the ongoing surveillance, harassment and intimidation by State security forces of Mr. Jiang Tianyong, a renowned human rights lawyer and the subject of a number of previous communications. Government reply received on 27 June 2019. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparations and guarantees of non-recurrence | On 2 August 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Tunisia (TUN 3/2019) concerning the transitional justice process in the country, particularly in relation to a bill aimed at dismantling Tunisia's specialized criminal chambers and replacing them with an institution that would entail systemic impunity for gross human rights violations committed in Tunisia between 1955 and 2013, thereby reversing the country's essential progress towards the rule of law. Government has not responded yet.  On 18 July 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Guatemala (GTM 6/2019) concerning the acts of intimidation, attacks and reprisals against judges working on high impact cases, which may affect access to justice, truth and reparation, in particular in cases of transitional justice, which can mean a serious setback in the fight against impunity. Government reply received on 25 September 2019  On 12 April 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Nepal (NPL 1/2019) concerning the reported lack of impartiality, independence and transparency in the procedure for the appointment of the members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and Commission on the Investigation of Enforced Disappearance (CIEDP); the reported lack of progress in the work undertaken by both commissions; and the possible amendment of the Act on the Commission on Investigation of Disappeared Persons, Truth and Reconciliation 2071 (2014). Government reply received on 7 June 2019.  On 22 February 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Colombia (COL 1/2019) concerning death threats and acts of intimidation committed against witnesses, lawyers and human rights defenders involved in a trial against a former military high ranking official accused of serious human rights violations. Government reply received on 7 April 2019 |
| Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights | On 12 September 2019, the Independent Expert sent (3) joint communications namely to, Belgium, (BEL 3/2019) Luxembourg (LUX 1/2019) and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretary General, (OTH 44/2019) regarding a case submitted to the OECD National Contact Points of Belgium and Luxemburg concerning two banks, namely KBL European Private Bankers and the KBC Group, which allegedly have failed to comply with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises in violation of the United Nations Security Council embargo on arms against the apartheid regime in South Africa. The Independent Expert having submitted a letter to both National Contact Points on 25 May 2018, the communication follows their initial assessments and their decision not to investigate the case any further, despite serious procedural flaws having been raised regarding the proceedings that potentially jeopardized the outcome of the process. While OECD replied on 18 October 2019 and Belgium replied on 11 November 2019, reply from Luxemburg is awaited. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | On 2 April 2019, a joint letter led by the Special Rapporteur was transmitted to the Government of Australia concerning the lack of appropriate medical care to migrants and refugees on the offshore facilities of Australia. In the letter, the Special Rapporteur reiterated recommendations made during the visit in 2015. On 18 June 2019, following the response provided by the Government of Australia to the letter dated 2 April 2019, the Special Rapporteur, jointly with a number of other mandate holders issued a public statement as a follow-up. |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | On 7 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Egypt (EGY 3/2019), concerning the continued detention and health deterioration of poet Galal el Behairy. Government has not responded yet.  On 15 and 27 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to the United Kingdom (GBR 1/2019) and to private companies (OTH 13/2019) concerned regarding the alleged planned re-development of the Seven Sisters Indoor Market, in the London Borough of Haringey, and the renewed and continuous allegations of mistreatment and intimidation against traders and residents by private companies involved. The Special Rapporteur has been following this case since 2017. Government responded on 14 May 2019, while the private companies replied on 10th April and 8th May 2019.  On 10 May 2019, the Special rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to China (CHN 5/2019), regarding the prolonged detention of nine Tibetans from Ngawa (Aba), in Sichuan province, who, in December 2016, were sentenced to prison for their participation in celebrations for the Dalai Lama’s 80th birthday in 2015. The mandate has been following the situation in Tibet since 2012. Government responded on 11 June 2019 to this communication.  On 27 May, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication regarding the increasing communal violence targeting religious minorities in Sri Lanka (LKA 3/2019), in particular Muslims, as well as the precarious living and security conditions of displaced refugees and asylum seekers belonging to religious minorities, as a result of intimidation and acts of violence. The Special Rapporteur has been following this situation since 2017. Government responded on 29th May and 31st July 2019.  On 29 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint follow up communication to Bangladesh (BGD 1/2019), concerning the alleged death threats and incitement to violence by a militant Islamic group against women human rights defender Sultana Kamal. The mandate has been following the situation of Ms. Kamal since 2017. Government has not responded yet. |
| B. Follow-up country visits | |
| Two mandate holders conducted a total of three follow-up visits: | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | Visit to Republic of the Congo in October 2019 in follow-up to a previous country visit conducted in November 2010 ([A/HRC/18/35/Add.5](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/39/17/Add.2)). |
| Working Group of experts on people of African descent | Visit to Belgium in February 2019 in follow-up to a previous country visit conducted in June 2005 (E/CN.4/2006/19/Add.1).  Visit to Ecuador in December 2019 in follow-up to a previous visit conducted in June 2009 (A/HRC/15/20/Add.3). |
| C. Follow-up reports | |
| Four mandates presented reports in which they followed-up on their recommendations made to States: | |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | Follow-up report to the mandate’s past country visits to Cote d’Ivoire, Honduras, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Japan and Turkey (A/HRC/41/35/Add.2).  Report of the Special Rapporteur to the General Assembly on online hate speech (A/74/486), which follows the report from the previous mandate holder on hate speech and incitement to hatred (A/67/357). |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | Follow-up reports on the visits to Tajikistan (A/HRC/42/47/Add.6), Portugal (A/HRC/42/47/Add.3), El Salvador (A/HRC/42/47/Add.4), and Botswana A/HRC/42/47/Add.5). |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances | Follow-up report on the visits to Peru and Sri Lanka (A/HRC/42/40/Add.1). |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | Report on Safeguards for the protection of the rights of children born from surrogacy arrangements (A/74/162) which followed-up on the report on Surrogacy and the sale of children presented in 2018 (A/HRC/37/60). |
| D. Other follow-up activities | |
| Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | Follow-up regarding implementation of recommendations made in A/74/244 (2019) on the gendered human rights impacts of private military and security companies and on A/69/338 (2014) on the use by the United Nations of private security companies: on 19 December 2019, the Working Group sent a letter to Mr. Gilles Michaud, Under Secretary General for Safety and Security at the United Nations, regarding the role that the United Nations can play to private security companies which it contracts strengthen gender integration in all aspects of their operations. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences | On 13 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of migrants and the Special Rapporteur on the right to housing issued a Press Release to express concern over the forced eviction of an informal settlement populated by migrants in Calabria, Italy. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery visited the settlement considered during a country visit to Italy undertaken in October 2018. |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | On 29 November, the Special Rapporteur delivered a key note address and participated in a round table at the Irish Centre for human rights, with particular focus on her findings and recommendations following her country visit to Ireland in March 2018 and related recent developments. She subsequently had a courtesy meeting with the President of Ireland.  In December 2019, the Special Rapporteur issued a press release as a follow up to a communication sent to the Holy See in February 2019, concerning the allegation of ongoing and historical clerical sexual abuse of children, including the alleged cover-up attempts by the members of the Catholic church hierarchy. The press release welcomed the announcement of the Vatican to abolish the high level of secrecy it has applied to sexual-abuse accusations against clerics, ending a policy that critics said had often shielded priests from criminal punishment by the secular authorities, and called on the Church to take concrete measures to launch prompt and thorough investigations, provide justice and redress to victims worldwide, and enforce zero tolerance policies on child sexual abuse in all institutions under its oversight.  In October 2019, the Special Rapporteur and the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children welcomed the adoption of the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics by the General Assembly of the UN World Tourism Organisation as a significant step forward for the protection of children from exploitation in travel and tourism, especially sexual exploitation. On 19 November, they, together with a group of independent experts issued a press release to welcome the adoption of the Convention as a major step towards tackling child exploitation and urged Stated to expedite its swift ratification and effective implementation of the Framework Convention. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | Following his official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 24 September to 1 October 2019, on 28 October and 15 November 2019, the Special Rapporteur transmitted two follow-up letters to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The letters followed up on several issues that were brought to the attention of relevant authorities of BiH during the visit. The Special Rapporteur was encouraged to learn about positive developments resulted from his intervention. In a response from BiH, the Special Rapporteur was particularly pleased to know for instance that the Vucjak site was closed and migrants formerly sheltered there were relocated to newly identified facilities. |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | The Special Rapporteur examined on different occasions, and in relation to different States, the human rights implications arising in connection with the phenomenon of the so-called foreign terrorist fighters and continues to remain seized of the matter. The Special Rapporteur monitored and followed-up, to the extent possible, developments relating to the question of the death penalty worldwide. |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | On 1-2 March, the Special Rapporteur participated in a seminar in Newcastle on the protection of cultural heritage in armed conflict and situations of forcible displacement, following up on the work of the mandate to develop a cultural rights approach to cultural heritage and to have recognized intentional destruction of cultural heritage as a cultural rights violation.  On 7 March, the Special Rapporteur contributed to a debate on Sexual and reproductive rights in Barcelona, addressing how fundamentalisms and extremisms violate women’s rights, as a follow up to the thematic approach developed by the mandate on women’s cultural rights (2012) and fundamentalism (2017).  On 23 October, the Special Rapporteur participated in an expert consultation on artistic freedoms, following up on the work of the mandate on this theme (2013) and exploring with stakeholders in the field avenues to further expand its impact. |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | In follow-up to his official visit to Mongolia in May 2019, the Special Rapporteur participated in a consultation on the adoption of a comprehensive law on the protection of human rights defenders in Mongolia organised by OHCHR in close coordination with the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the framework of “OHCHR’s Financial and technical assistance for Mongolia’s implementation of international human rights mechanisms recommendations in particular the UPR. The Special Rapporteur took also part in related workshops organised by civil society supporting the review and adoption of a comprehensive and human rights compliant legal framework for the promotion and defence of human rights.  During 2019, the Special Rapporteur followed up on implementation of the global communication campaign on the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on human rights defenders, launched in December 2018. In 2019, the digital campaign featured a flagship video on every day and high profile defenders around the world, (two made-for-social videos), an interactive website, and a digital toolkit for partners to promote the campaign materials on social media. The Special rapporteur also facilitated the translation of an information poster on the UN Declaration on human rights defenders  into over 50 languages and dialects. |

XIV. External support received by mandate holders in 2019

A. Thematic mandates

| *Title* | | *Mandate Holder* | | *External support received through other sources* | | *Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR* |
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|  |  | |  | |  | |
| Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent | Ms. Dominique Day  (United States of America) | | No information received | |  | |
| Sabelo GUMEDZE  (South Africa) | | No information received | |
| Michal BALCERZAK  (Poland) | | No information received | |
| Ricardo SUNGA III  (Philippines) | | NO external support received | |
| Ahmed REID  (Jamaica) | | No information received | |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism | Ikponwosa ERO  (Nigeria) | | YES from the following:  1. Support both in cash US$60,000 and in kind as Office space was received from ‘Under the Same Sun’.  2.Multi-year cash grant from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for particular event, but monies not held by mandate holder  3. Multi-year contribution (until December 2020) from Open Society Foundation USA of cash US$100,000, for general use of the mandate holder.  4. Ford Foundation one-time support of US$100,000 cash grant that was ear-marked for specific event. | | US$  34,246.58 from France  US$  33,444.82 from Finland | |
| Working Group on Arbitrary Detention | Elina STEINERTE  (Latvia) | | NO external support received | | US$  114,155.25 from France  US$50,000 from South Korea | |
| Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste ADJOVI  (Benin) | | YES, external support in kind received from Arcadia university as well as Université d’Aix- Marseille, Clinique Aix, Global Justice for research Assistants on a regular basis. | |
| José GUEVARA  (Mexico) | | NO external support received | |
| Seong-Phil HONG  (Republic of Korea) | | NO external support received | |
| Leigh TOOMEY  (Australia) | | Yes external support in kind received through Cambridge University for five research students who assisted in preparation of country assessment reports for WGAD country visits. | |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | Surya DEVA  (India) | | YES, from the following  1. in kind and one time support received from Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights who funded travel of participants for a gender consultation (31 Jan – 1 Feb) and arranged venue/food etc.  2. In kind one time assistance provided by the UNDP Asia Pacific to publish a booklet on November 2019, on Gender Guidance for UNGP on business and HR based on WG’s 2019 report to HRC. | | Received from US$ 55,105.41 from Norway  US$ 75,081.76 from Germany (for the Forum on BHR and the WG)  From the Russian FederationUS$16,666 for the Forum on BHR and US$40,000 for the WG | |
| Githu MUIGAI  (Kenya) | | No information received | |
| Anita RAMASASTRY  (United States of America) | | Yes from the following   1. in kind and one-time earmarked support received from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and American University Beirut who co-hosted consultation (Beirut, 22-23 March) to inform project on business, conflict and human rights. American University in Beirut provided venue and FES sponsored travel of participants 2. in kind and one-time earmarked support received from UNDP Asia-Pacific who co-hosted regional consultation (Davao, Philippines, 4-5 Sep) and sponsored travel of participants to inform project on business, conflict and human rights. | |
| Elżbieta KARSKA  (Poland) | | NO external support received | |
| Dante PESCE  (Chile) | | NO information received | |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | Karima BENNOUNE  (United States of America) | | NO external support received | | US$ 55,105.41 from Norway | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development | Saad ALFARAGI  (Egypt) | | NO external support received | | US$10,000 from Egypt | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR  (Costa Rica) | | YES from the following:  1. Government of Australia (DFAT) USD 100,830 towards 2019 annual support; and USD 115,435 as 2019 allocation for a 3 year project ending in Dec 2020.  2. Ford Foundation – Institute of International Education (IIE) US$25,000 towards provision of research Assistant for a multi-year project ending in 2019.  3. Anonymous donor US$185,000 for 2019 allocation of a two years general support agreement ending in 2020.  4. Open Society Foundations, US$22,500 for a general support agreement for the period Sept – Dec 2019. | | US$ 111,482.72 from Finland  US$ 25,000 from South Korea  US$ 33,003.30 from Spain  US$30,000 from the Russian Federation | |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances | Luciano HAZAN  (Argentina) | | NO information received | | US$  114,155.25  from France  US$50,000 from South Korea | |
| Houria ES SLAMI  (Morocco) | | NO external support received | |
| Bernard DUHAIME  (Canada) | | NO information received | |
| Tae-Ung BAIK  (Republic of Korea) | | NO information received | |
| Henrikas MICKEVICIUS (Lithuania) | | NO information received | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to education | Koumbou BOLY  (Burkina Faso) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | David R. BOYD (Canada) | | YES, external support in cash of CAD $ 37,5000 was received from the University of British Columbia as a three year grant for general use of the mandate holder to organize activities/ events and for research assistants. | | US$ 11,376.56 from Monaco | |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Agnes CALLAMARD  (France) | | Yes, external support received from the following:   1. earmarked contribution from Art 19 in kind and cash GBP9,800 as reimbursement for participation to meetings, including air or train travels, hotels cost, local transport. 2. Earmarked one-time in kind and in cash of USD2,300 as reimbursement for participation to meetings, including air or train travels, hotels cost, local transport. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food | Hilal ELVER  (Turkey) | | NO external support received | | US$ 75,975 from Switzerland | |
| Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights | Juan BOHOSLAVSKY (Argentina) | | YES from the following: 1. in kind earmarked support from Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung – towards contribution for organisation of side event during HRC 40 (travel of participants+ catering) and separately another contribution for travelling and also organisation of expert consultation to prepare thematic reports (private debt and human rights) and also to present reports (guiding principles and IFIs complicity) for discussion. It also covered translation of reports.  2. Earmarked in kind contribution received from ‘CWLG /Open Society Foundations’ towards preparation, translation (FR/ENG/SP) and publication of a user friendly version of report A/73/178. Preparation of a user friendly version of A/HRC/40/57 (project on going). Travelling for expert consultation on thematic report (private debt) and to present previous reports on the guiding principles. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | David KAYE  (USA) | | Yes, support received from the following:   1. One-time cash grant from Open Society Foundation of US$62,500 to support fellowship and student assistance through the home institution of the mandate. 2. One-time cash grant from Ford Foundation of US$50,000 to support fellowship and student assistance through the home institution of the mandate. | | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Clement Nyaletsossi VOULE  (Togo) | | YES external support received in kind from Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights through provision of office space and research assistants. Also in kind support provided by International Center for Not-for-Profit Law for research assistance on a regular basis and funds to support travel of participants to events and conferences organized by the SR. Also received earmarked support from Ford Foundation to travel participants to specific events organized by SR. | | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. | |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes | Baskut TUNCAK  (Turkey) | | YES one-time earmarked external support in cash of USD8,000 received from anonymous donor towards particular event and provision of office space and administrative support. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | Dainius PŪRAS  (Lithuania) | | YES a multi-year i.e. 2018 – 2020 external contribution of GBP£91,115.16 (USD 119,417 for use in 2019 only) received from Open Society Foundation to strengthen the mental health and human rights engagement and research capacity of the mandate holder in coordination with the University of Sussex. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living | Leilani FARHA  (Canada) | | YES, external support received from Germany for €70,000 earmarked for specific events as well as for research assistants and provision for office space and admin support. Separately, US$25,000 was received from Ford Foundation for general use by the mandate holder. Also €25,000 was received from Misereor towards general use of the mandate holder. | | US$ 25,000 from South Korea | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | Michel FORST  (France) | | YES, external support ‘in kind’ from French NHRI received for office space and administrative support. A multi-year cash contributions of €200,000/year received from Norway. A one-time cash grant received from Sweden of €100,000 for a consultant who was required to organize regional consultations, prepare communications and also funded for travels and accommodation. | | EU multi-year contribution towards a joint project of three SP mandate holders continued in 2018. | |
| Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers | Diego GARCIA-SAYAN  (Peru) | | YES, external support in kind received from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation for a part-time Assistant (based in USA). | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | Victoria Lucia TAULI-CORPUZ  (Philippines) | | YES, external support received from Tebtebba Foundation of US$26,000 for general use by Mandate Holder as well as office space and research assistants; Multi-year funding from Ford Foundation US$250,000 for general use by the Mandate Holder as well as for research assistants; another multi-year funding from the Christensen Fund for US$50,000 also for general use by the Mandate Holder as well as for research assistants. All these support are until March 2020. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY  (Philippines) | | Yes, external support received from OFDA of USAID for US$ 41,600 as multi-year contribution towards travel expenses including per diems mainly for working and academic visits. | |  | |
| Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order | Livingstone SEWANYANA (Uganda) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity | Obiora C. OKAFOR (Nigeria) | | YES external support received from Osgoode Hall Law School and the Nathanson Centre for Transnational Human Rights, both of York University, Toronto, Canada for $20,000 towards multi-year funding of research assistants. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members | Alice CRUZ (Portugal) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Working Group on the use of [mercenaries](http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/mercenaries/index.htm) as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | Chris KWAJA  (Nigeria) | | No information received | |  | |
| Lilian BOBEA (Dominican Republic) | | No information received | |
| Jelena APARAC (Croatia) | | No information received | |
| Sorcha MACLEOD (UK) | | YES external support received from the following  1. General ongoing support provided in kind by the University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, Centre for Enterprise Liability.  In addition a one off amount of CHF255 was provided to support the launch of the WG’s thematic report on the gendered human rights impacts of private military and security companies, November 2019.  2. Council of Europe in kind as well as €300 in cash as one-time earmarked support for Flights, accommodation, expenses and honorarium to support attendance at the Kharkiv International Legal Forum, Ukraine for a panel on ‘Business and Human Rights in situations of Armed Conflict and Internal Displacement (with special focus on Internally Displaced Persons)’ 3. University of Nottingham provided in kind and one-time support for flights, accommodation and expenses to attend an expert workshop on 'Privatising Migration Control: Standards, Remedies and Accountability' (Privatising Migration: A Solution for the European Union?)  4. in kind support from International Code of Conduct Association for flights, accommodation and expenses to support attendance at ICoCA workshop on ‘Future Security Trends’ and to moderate a panel at the Annual General Assembly, ‘Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: From Policy to Practice’ | |
| Saeed MOKBIL  (Yemen) | | NO external support received | |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | Felipe González MORALES  (Chile) | | NO external support received | | US$99,975 from Switzerland | |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues | Fernand de VARENNES  (Canada) | | YES external support received from the following:   1. One-time, in kind support from Government of Canada to provide catering for Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Education, Languages and the Human Rights of Minorities 2. One-time, in-kind support from Tom Lantos Institute to organise mandate’s first 3 regional forums on education, language and the human rights of minorities (Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe), including assistance with translation and transportation costs for experts and participants. | | US$  65,645.51 from Austria for the Forum on Minority issues  From the Russian FederationUS$16,667 for the Forum on Minority issues and US$50,000 for the SR | |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | Rosa KORNFELD-MATTE  (Chile) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | Philip ALSTON  (Australia) | | YES external support in kind received from NYU Law School for general use by Mandate Holder. | | US$ 78,037.90 from Finland | |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy | Joseph CANNATACI  (Malta) | | YES external support received from several sources as below:   1. Cash support of €3,500 as well as in-kind support from University of Malta / University of Groningen for hosting of the Meeting of Corporations Task Force March 2019, as well as for general use of the mandate, towards research assistants, provision of office space and others. 2. In kind support from Huawei towards hosting of September 2019 Corporations Task Force meeting (venue, lunches, coffee breaks and one dinner for 3 day meeting in Brussels). 3. In kind support from Council of Europe towards hosting of venue for two-day international consultation event on Privacy and Health-related data in Strasbourg June 2019. 4. In kind support from New York University towards provision of venue for consultation meeting on Gender and Privacy– two-day event organised on 30-31 October 2019 5. In kind support from Facebook towards sponsoring of sandwich lunches, coffee breaks and audio-visual for two-day consultation event on Privacy and Gender organised at NYU on 30-31 October 2019 | | US$ 1,600.66 from Germany | |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | E. Tendayi ACHIUME  (Zambia) | | Yes, external support received in kind from UCLA School of Law for research assistance and administrative support including office space. UCLA Law School also hosted expert group meetings for forthcoming reports of the mandate holder. Also received two year cash grant of US$250,000 from Ford Foundation, who promoted access to the mandate within the global south, by supporting a fellow. Received another earmarked in kind support from NYU Gallatin School who hosted an expert group meeting for the mandate. | | US$50,000 from the Russian Federation | |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | Ahmed SHAHEED  (Maldives) | | No information received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO  (The Netherlands) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Independent Expert on  protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender  identity | Victor MADRIGAL-BORLOZ (Costa Rica) | | Yes external assistance were received from several quarters, namely:   1. Assistance in kind from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts for the period 1 July – 31 Dec 2019 for provision of research Assistant and administrative support and office space. 2. Earmarked assistance from France of €30,000 for use in 2019 towards specific events. 3. Earmarked cash assistance of US$58,026 from Global Equality Fund for use during 1 July – 31 December 2019. 4. Earmarked cash assistance of €30,000 from Finland for general use during 2019 – 2020. 5. Two anonymous donations of US$15,822 each for general use of the mandate within the period 1 July – 31 December 2019. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences. | Urmila BHOOLA  (South Africa) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism | Fionnuala Ni AOLAIN  (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | | Yes, contribution in cash of US$72,780 received from University of Minnesota Law School for general use by the mandate holder, for research assistants, for particular events and provision of office space on a regular basis. | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | Nils MELZER  (Switzerland) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | Maria Grazia GIAMMARINARO  (Italy) | | No information received | | US$ 200,000 from Switzerland | |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence | Fabian SALVIOLI (Argentina) | | NO external support received | | US$ 50,000 from South Korea | |
| Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights | Idriss JAZAIRY  (Algeria) | | The Special Rapporteur resigned on 9 December 2019 for health reasons. | | US$50,000 from the Russian Federation | |
| Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences | Dubravka ŠIMONOVIC  (Croatia) | | NO external support received | | US$ 50,000 from South Korea  US$ 11,001.10 from Spain | |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | Léo HELLER  (Brazil) | | YES external support received from Germany for €70,000 for research assistant and organization of particular events and hiring of consultants. | | US$ 33,003.31 from Spain | |
| Working Group on discrimination against women and girls | Elizabeth BRODERICK (Australia) | | YES external support in kind received from University of Sydney for research assistants, provision of administrative and office support. Also AUD$4,487 received as support towards cost for catering for roundtables at the University of Sydney Business School during Working Group Sydney visit | | US$50,000 from South Korea  US$ 771,475.52 from Norway | |
| Meskerem TECHANE (Ethiopia) | | NO external support received | |
| Ivana RADACIC (Croatia) | | No information received | |
| Melissa UPRETI (Nepal) | | No information received | |
| Alda FACIO  (Costa Rica) | | NO external support received | |
| B. Country mandates | | | | | | |
| *Title* | *Mandate Holder* | | *External support received through other sources* | | *Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR* | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus | Anaïs MARIN  (Poland) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia | Rhona SMITH  (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) | | YES external support ‘in kind’ received from Newcastle University, UK permitting to undertake missions and attend meetings as SP Mandate Holder in Geneva during normal university working time. | |  | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic | Marie-Thérèse KEITA BOCOUM  (Côte d’Ivoire) until September 2019 and thereafter  Mr. Yao AGBETSE (Togo) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | Tomas Ojea QUINTANA (Argentina) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea | [Daniela KRAVETZ](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC39/SR_Eritrea/KRAVETZ_Daniela.doc)  Chile | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran | Javaid REHMAN  (Pakistan), | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali | [Alioune TINE](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/CallApplications/HRC37/Mali/TINEAlioune.doc)  (Senegal) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar | Yanghee LEE  (Republic of Korea), | | YES external support in kind received from Sungkyunkwan University for provision of research assistants, and general support | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 | Stanley Michael LYNK  (Canada) | | YES, external support in kind received from University of Western Ontario, Canada, for research assistance. | |  | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia | Bahame NYANDUGA  (Tanzania) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan | Aristide NONONSI  (Benin) | | NO external support received | |  | |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic | Paulo Sérgio PINHEIRO  (Brazil) - *will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | |

XV. Special procedure mandate holders (as at 31 December 2019)

A. Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* | *Mandate holder* | *Email address* |
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| Working Group of experts on people of African descent | Ms. Dominique Day (United States of America)  Mr. Ahmed Reid (Jamaica)  Mr. Ricardo III Sunga (Philippines )  Ms. Michal Balcerzak (Poland)\*  Mr. Sabelo Gumedze (South Africa) | [africandescent@ohchr.org](mailto:africandescent@ohchr.org) |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism | Ms. Ikponwosa Ero (Nigeria) | [albinism@ohchr.org](mailto:albinism@ohchr.org) |
| Working Group on Arbitrary Detention | Mr. Seong-Phil Hong (Republic of Korea)  Mr. Sètondji Roland Jean-Baptiste Adjovi (Benin)  Ms. Leigh Toomey (Australia)  Mr. José Guevara (Mexico)\*  Ms. Elina Steinerte (Latvia) | [wgad@ohchr.org](mailto:wgad@ohchr.org) |
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B. Country mandates

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XVI. List of special procedures mandate holders to be appointed in 2020

43rd session of the Human Rights Council (24 February to 20 March 2020)

Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights [HRC res. 34/3]

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons [HRC res. 42/12]

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context [HRC res. 34/9]

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences [HRC res. 42/10]

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [HRC res. 35/19]

Special Rapporteur on the right to food [HRC res. 40/7]

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [HRC res. 42/20]

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material [HRC res. 34/16]

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders [HRC res. 34/5]

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia [HRC res. 42/33]

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar [HRC res. 40/29]

44th session of the Human Rights Council (15 June to 3 July 2020)

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression [HRC res. 34/18]

Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes [HRC res. 36/15]

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [HRC res. 42/16]

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children [HRC res. 35/5]

45th session of the Human Rights Council (14 September to 2 October 2020)

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, members from African States and Latin American and Caribbean States [HRC res. 42/22]

Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities [HRC res. 35/6]

Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, member from African States [HRC res. 36/6]

Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, member from Asia-Pacific States [HRC res. 42/9]

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation [HRC res. 42/5]

Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, member from Latin American and Caribbean States [HRC res. 41/6]

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan [HRC res. 39/22]

XVII. List of sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions establishing special procedure mandates

A. Thematic mandates

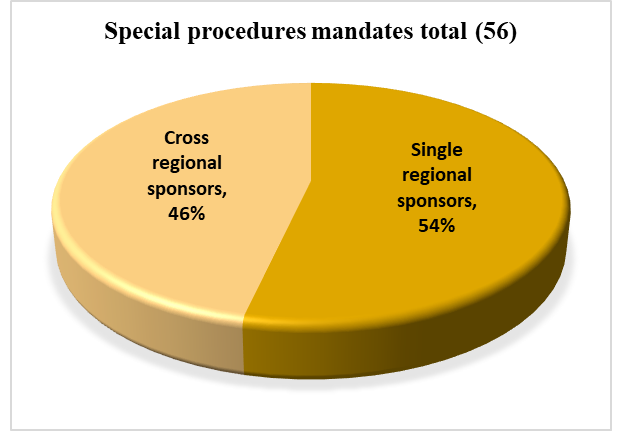
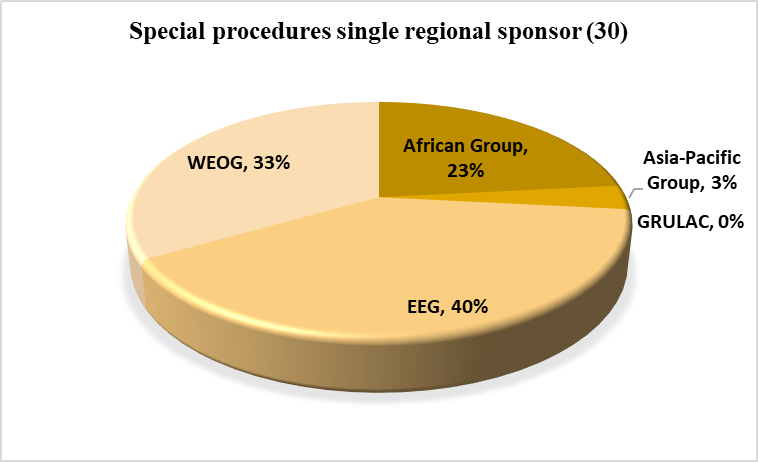
| *Regional Group* | *Country* | *Mandate* |
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| **Single regional sponsors (25 thematic mandates)** | | |
| African Group | African Group | Working Group of Experts on people of African Descent |
| African Group | African Group | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism |
| African Group | African Group | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance |
| African Group | Côte d’Ivoire, African Group | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order |
| GRULAC | Mexico, Colombia | Working Group on discrimination against women and girls |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Special Rapporteur on the right to food |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights |
| GRULAC | Mexico, Guatemala | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination |
| GRULAC | Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants |
| GRULAC | Argentina, Brazil | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons |
| GRULAC | Cuba | Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity |
| GRULAC | Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism |
| GRULAC | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Uruguay | Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity |
| WEOG | France. | Working Group on Arbitrary Detention |
| WEOG | Portugal | Special Rapporteur on the right to education |
| WEOG | Sweden | Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions |
| WEOG | Netherlands, Canada | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression |
| WEOG | Norway | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders |
| WEOG | United Kingdom | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences |
| WEOG | Denmark | Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment |
| WEOG | Canada | Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences |
| WEOG | Spain, Germany | Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation |

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| **Cross regional sponsors (19 thematic mandates)** | | |
| *Regional Group* | *Country* | *Mandate* |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | Maldives, Costa Rica, Slovenia, Switzerland, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the issue of Human Rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | Czech Republic, Indonesia, Lithuania, Maldives, Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG | France, Albania, Romania, Belgium, Peru, Chile, Philippines, Senegal, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Hungary, Australia, Botswana, Maldives, Mexico, Thailand | Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG | France, Argentina, Japan, Morocco | Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG, WEOG | Argentina, Ghana, Norway, Russian Federation | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC | Brazil, Ethiopia, Fiji, Japan, Morocco | Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG, | Argentina, Austria, Colombia, France, Maldives, Morocco, Peru, Switzerland, Uruguay | Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG | Brazil, Finland, Germany, Namibia | Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living |
| African Group, EEG, WEOG | Austria, Senegal, Slovenia | Special Rapporteur on minority issues |
| African Group, GRULAC, WEOG | Austria, Honduras, Uganda | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons |
| Asia-Pacific Group, WEOG | Germany, Philippines | Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief |
| GRULAC, EEG, WEOG, | European Union, GRULAC | Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |
| GRULAC, WEOG | Mexico, New Zealand, | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of persons with disabilities |
| GRULAC, WEOG | Austria, Brazil, Germany, Liechtenstein, Mexico | Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy in the digital age |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG and GRULAC | Non-Aligned Movement | Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, EEG | Non Aligned Movement | Special Rapporteur on the right to development |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG | Brazil, Mozambique, Paraguay, Portugal, Thailand | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health |

B. Country mandates

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| **Single regional sponsors (5 country mandates)** | | | |
| *Regional Groups* | | *Country* | *Mandate* |
| WEOG | Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea |
| African Group | African Group | | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali |
| African Group | African Group | | Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in Sudan |
| African Group | African Group | | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic |
| Asia-Pacific Group | Japan | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Cambodia |
| C. Cross regional sponsors (7 country mandates) | | | |
| | *Regional Groups* | *Country* | *Mandate* | | --- | --- | --- | | | | |
| African Group, WEOG | Somalia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | Independent Expert on the situation of Human Rights in Somalia |
| African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC | Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Arab Group. | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Belarus |
| EEG, WEOG | European Union | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea |
| WEOG  EEG | Sweden*,* North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran |

XVIII. Statistics on sponsors of Human Rights Council resolutions establishing special procedures mandates

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XIX. Non-exhaustive list of forums, consultations, workshops, expert meetings and other events organized by mandate holders in 2019

A. Thematic mandates

| *Mandate* |  | *Description of events organized by mandate holders* |
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| Working Group of Experts on people of African Descent | | From 25 to 29 March 2019, the Working Group organized its twenty-fourth session in Geneva on the theme “Data for racial justice”. It discussed the human rights situation of people of African descent globally and took a comprehensive look at the varied intersections of big data and racial justice (and injustice). All conclusions and recommendations from the session were reported to the Human Rights Council in its annual report.  On 31 October, the Working Group organized a side event at the United Nations in New York on addressing racial stereotypes and stereotyping of people of African descent. The side event, with participation from civil society, allowed for additional discussion of the Working Group’s thematic report to the General Assembly on the role of negative racial stereotypes and the stereotyping of people of African descent in perpetuating racially biased decision-making, racial disparities and racial injustice.  On 9 December 2019 the Working, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Permanent Missions of Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and Trinidad and Tobago organized a one day event in Geneva. The event entitled “Ensuring Recognition, Justice and Development” raised awareness and galvanized support among member states, civil society organizations and the general public for the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024).  On 20 December 2019 in Quito, Ecuador the Working Group organized a Technical Meeting on “Leaving no-one behind: people of African descent in the 2030 Agenda”. During the meeting the Working Group’s draft Operational Guidelines on inclusion of people of African descent in the 2030 Agenda were presented and discussed with a range of stakeholders. |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism | | On 10-11 January, the Independent Expert co-organized with Lancaster University a conference in the United Kingdom, under the theme “Witchcraft and Human Rights: Past, Present and Future Perspectives.”  From 20 to 23 May, the Independent Expert co-organized with the Open Society Initiative for West Africa, a human rights training in Dakar, Senegal for persons with albinism in West Africa.  On 13 June 2019, the Independent Expert organized a first-ever commemorative side-event with the theme “Still Standing Strong” to mark International Albinism Awareness Day. The side-event was sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Malawi, Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, the International Disability Alliance, Under the Same Sun and Human Rights Watch. The event featured American super-model, Diandra Forrest and was held the margins of the 12th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. An additional event was held at Times Square where four large electronic billboards featuring persons with albinism from various ethnicities were launched. A global campaign titled #nydgcolourfull was also launched and will be featuring the billboards in various cities worldwide.  In July, the Independent Expert, along with the University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights organized a training in Pretoria for persons with albinism in the southern Africa region.  On 21 and 22 September, during the visit of the Independent Expert to South Africa, she held a consultation with over 40 leaders of civil society organizations serving persons with albinism from six provinces. Nearly all the participants were persons with albinism. The event was organized by the OHCHR regional office in Pretoria with support from the University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights.  From 24 to 29 November, the Independent Expert held a consultation and training in Mozambique for civil society organizations representing persons with albinism from Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa Countries (PALOP). These events were held with support from OHCHR and UNESCO. |
| Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises | | Since 2017, the Working Group organized a series of consultations to inform the drafting of its thematic report to the 41st session of the Human Rights Council on the [Gender dimension of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/41/43). The consultations aimed at gathering inputs to develop a gender guidance specifically for each of the 31 Principles of the UN Guiding principles. In 2019 The Working Group, in collaboration with Geneva Academy and the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, organized a [multi-stakeholder expert consultation](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Business/Gender/MultiStakeholderExpertConsultation.pdf) on 31 January and 1 February 2019 in Geneva.  In addition, a regional consultation for Latin America was held in Mexico City on 21 and 22 February 2019. It was co-hosted by OACNUDH, UNICEF, ONUWOMEN, Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos México (CNDH), Comisión de derechos humanos del Distrito Federal (CDHDF), Global Compact- México; Proyecto sobre Organización, Desarrollo, Educación e Investigación (PODER); Oxfam, Plataforma Internacional contra la Impunidad, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Instituto de Derechos Humanos y Empresas de la Universidad de Monterrey, and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.  Building on the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and other regional Forums, the Working group and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) co-organized the inaugural UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights on 14-15 March 2019 in New Delhi, India. The UN South Asia Forum aimed at raising awareness about business and human rights issues in South Asia and facilitating implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), including through National Action Plans.  The Working Group in 2018 launched a project (supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) to clarify the practical steps that states, companies and investors should take to prevent and address business-related human rights abuse in conflict and post-conflict contexts. The project will be informed by a series of multi-stakeholder consultations in several regions, comprehensive research and submissions by stakeholders. Final recommendations will be presented to the UN General Assembly in New York in October 2020. The first regional consultation took place in Beirut, on 22 March, 2019 with the support of the Olayan School of Business at the American University of Beirut and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). The second consultation, for the Asia and Pacific region, was co-organized with UNDP and held on 4 and 5 September 2019 in Davao, Philippines. Additional regional consultations will be organized in 2020.  The Fourth Regional Consultation on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean – “Looking ahead: Actions to Foster Responsible Business Conduct” was held on 3-4 September 2019 in Santiago de Chile. The event was organized by the [Office for South America of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)](http://acnudh.org/) and the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, with the support of the ILO and the OECD within the framework of a project financed by the European Union on "Responsible Business Conduct in Latin America and the Caribbean".  In order to implement the mandate given by the Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/RES/38/13, the Working Group organized a two-day global consultation on the role of national human rights institutions in facilitating access to remedy for business-related human rights abuses in Geneva on 10-11 October 2019. The consultation aimed at exploring how the existing role of NHRIs in facilitating access to effective remedy for business-related human rights abuses can be strengthened, including through sharing of NHRIs’ experiences, challenges, lessons learned, and innovations from all world regions. The global consultation was organised within the framework of the Working Group’s thematic work on the access to remedy for business-related human rights abuses, and aimed to complement the OHCHR’s Accountability and Remedy Project. It built on prior engagement with NHRIs, including in the context of previous consultations on access to remedy at the national and regional levels, country visits as well as focused sessions at the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. The consultation was organized in coordination with GANHRI and was open to the participation of all interested stakeholders.  The 8th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights chaired and guided by the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, was held from 25 to 27 November. The 2019 Forum, the world's largest annual gathering on business and human rights, was opened by the High Commissioner and brought together over 2,400 participants from more than 130 countries, representing governments, businesses, civil society and community groups, national human rights institutions, and international organizations. Under the overall theme of “Time to act: Governments as catalysts for business respect for human rights", Governments were urged to move from paper to practice in implementing fully the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Participants took part in more than 60 panel discussions on current and emerging business-related human rights issues, including climate justice and human rights, the impact on human rights of new technology and artificial intelligence, and ensuring access to remedy. Indigenous peoples and human rights defenders provided their “voices from the ground” amidst strong calls for greater protection of individuals and communities from business-related abuses. |
| Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights | | From 18 to 19 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur held an expert meeting with some European cultural rights defenders at the Frankfurt Book Fair. The meeting allowed participants to share their experiences in a wide range of circumstances, and to provide recommendations for the Rapporteur’s next thematic report.  On 22 October, the Special Rapporteur held a second expert meeting with the same objectives, but this time in New York, with the attendance of international cultural rights defenders. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to development | | In accordance with Council resolution 36/9, the Special Rapporteur has convened regional consultations on the practical implementation of the right to development. On 10 and 11 April 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened the fifth and final meeting, which took place in Dakar, Senegal. The summary meeting followed regional consultations held by the Special Rapporteur in Addis Ababa, Geneva, Panama City and Bangkok. Gathering experts working in the areas of development finance, accountability, community organizing and global governance from Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, the Dakar consultation provided an opportunity to reflect on—and refine—nearly 200 contributions on practically fulfilling the right to development received from Member States, representatives of civil society and international organizations during the past year and a half. The consultations resulted in the development of guidelines and recommendations for designing, monitoring and assessing the structures, processes and outcomes of human rights-informed development policies, which were presented to the Human Rights Council at its September 2019 session. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities | | On 19 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities convened an expert meeting in New York on the intersections between women’s rights and rights of persons with disabilities.  On 4 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a meeting on the standardization of the production of documents in easy-to-read and plain language in the United Nations, with the participation of UNOG DCM and OHCHR teams producing reports in accessible formats.  On 16 and 17 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities convened an expert meeting in Geneva on the topic of “Bioethics and Disability”. The meeting gathered 24 experts from various regions and backgrounds, including from academia, civil society, OHCHR and WHO, with a view to inform the thematic report to the Human Rights Council in March 2020 (A/HRC/43/41). |
| Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances | | On 20 May 2019, on the margins of its 118th session, the Working Group organized a training session on forensic science to enhance its capacity to cooperate with States and families in the search for victims of enforced disappearance and investigations into disappearances. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to education | | On 7 and 8 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur held an experts meeting on “Education and peace: the right to education and the prevention and reparation of atrocity crimes”. The meeting aimed at providing valuable insights related to the 2019 thematic report to the General Assembly on this issue. |
| Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment | | On 20 and 21 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on the theme of experience and best practices of States at the national and regional levels with regard to human rights obligations relating to the environment (as per resolution A/HRC/RES/37/8).  The Special Rapporteur co-organized two regional workshops on advancing children’s right to a healthy environment in May in Colombia (LAC region) and in October in Indonesia (AP region) together with UNICEF, UNEP, Terre des Homme and so on.  In November 2019, the Special Rapporteur co-hosted five regional webinars on the role of national human rights institutions in protecting the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme, UNEP, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, these informative webinars also identified many good practices. |
| Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | | The Special Rapporteur organized and participated in a number of side-events held within the margins of the 41st regular session of the Human Rights Council (June 2019) and the 74th session of the General Assembly (October 2019), focusing respectively on the human rights inquiry she conducted into the unlawful death of Saudi journalist Mr. Jamal Khashoggi and the right of foreign nationals to consular assistance, particularly within the context of death penalty cases. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to food | | In March 2019, the Special Rapporteur travelled to Rome to hold meetings with the Committee on Food Security Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting and the Open Ended Working Group on Food Systems and Nutrition.  On the margins of the March 2019 Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur also hosted a meeting with interested Member States and Geneva-based United Nations agencies relevant to the right to food, featuring the Chair of the Committee on Food Security, to discuss and raise awareness about the mandate’s ongoing Rome-based activities and its efforts to mainstream human rights into food and nutrition policies. |
| Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights | | On 1 March 2019, the Independent Expert participated in a side event on the Guiding Principles on human rights impact assessment for economic reform policies (A/HRC/40/57) organized in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Greece and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. Focusing on the Guiding Principles, which were developed at the request of the Human Rights Council by the Independent Expert in consultation with States and relevant stakeholders (A/HRC/RES/34/3 and A/HRC/RES/37/11), this side event also further explored the need to enhance the capacity of States and other stakeholders to assess the human rights impact of economic reform policies. Practicalities, opportunities and challenges of human rights impact assessments in the field of economic reforms were also discussed. Close to 40 participants joined the discussion.  On 3 December 2019, the Independent Expert held an expert consultation in Geneva, in collaboration with the University of Geneva and Frederic Ebert Stiftung, with the view of informing his upcoming thematic report on private debt and human rights to be presented at HRC43. Close to 20 participants from various backgrounds and regions participated in the discussion. This meeting was the last of a series of consultations and discussions, which took place during fall 2019 in Princeton (18 October), Nairobi (31 October-1 November, invitation from Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa) and Buenos Aires (19 November, co-organized by FES Argentina). |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression | | On 1 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression convened a regional consultation on digital and offline threats to freedom of expression in East Africa, in the margins of the World Press Freedom Day, held in Addis Ababa. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | | The Special Rapporteur held a number of consultations to obtain inputs for his report to the 41st session of the Human Rights Council on the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association in the Digital Age:  From 24-25 January 2019the Special Rapporteur held a regional consultation in Mexico City, entitled: “Consultative Meeting on Digital Space and the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association - Dialogue between experts from Latin America and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Mr. Clément Nyaletsossi Voulé.” This meeting was convened by ICNL and brought together a group of over thirty experts on digital space and human rights defenders.  Between 28 January and 1 February 2019 the Special Rapporteur held bilateral meetings with a number of tech companies in Silicon Valley in preparation of the UNGA report, including Facebook, WhatsApp, Google/YouTube, Twitter, Cloudflare, Reddit, Mozilla and GitHub. He also met with the Wikimedia Foundation, and held a joint meeting with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights Watch.  From 21-22 February 2019 the Special Rapporteur held a regional consultation in Nairobi, entitled “Digital Space and the Protection of Freedoms of Association and Peaceful Assembly in Africa – Consultative meeting with UN Special Rapporteur Clément Voulé.” This meeting brought together representatives of thirty-five civil society organisations drawn from eighteen countries on the African continent, to identify challenges to protecting the right to freedom of association and assembly in the digital age and develop recommendations and strategies to counter such threats.  The Special Rapporteur also engaged in a number of consultations for his report to the 74th session of the General Assembly on the links between shrinking civic space and sustainable development:  On 5 February 2019the Special Rapporteur gave a briefing on the links between the rights to freedom of assembly and of association and development at the World Bank, Washington, DC, where he also met with experts from the World Bank’s Human Rights and Development Trust Fund, the Global Partnership for Social Accountability, and some of the World Bank’s lead researchers.  On 7 March 2019the Special Rapporteur held an expert consultation in Copenhagen, Denmark, entitled “The impact of restrictions to the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association on sustainable development” This meeting was organized with the collaboration and support of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, and brought together representatives of thirteen CSOs, and UN OHCHR.  On 30-31 May 2019the Special Rapporteur held a consultation in Johannesburg, entitled “The Impact of Restrictions on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association in Sustainable Development.” Over 50 activists representing organizations and movements in the civic space, across 5 regions in the globe participated,  The Special Rapporteur also held a two day expert consultation with lawyers from different countries and regions of the world on the role of lawyers titled “‘Human rights in peaceful protest: lawyers at the forefront’ on 4-5 November 2019*.* |
| Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes | | On 25 April 2019 the Special Rapporteur held a consultation on questions related to exposure of indigenous peoples to toxic substances in parallel to the 18th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York. The consultation was co-organised by the SR and the UNPFII.  On 10 September 2019 the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event bearing the title “Towards recognition of safe and healthy work as a fundamental right at work”, in parallel to the 42nd Session of the Human Rights Council. Representatives of States, the European Union, trade unions and civil society, as well as the World Health Organization and International Labour Organisation, joined the Special Rapporteur to discuss the importance of recognizing safe and healthy work as a fundamental right at work, and the 15 principles proposed by the Special Rapporteur in his report to the 42nd HRC to enhance the realization of workers' rights by States and businesses.  On 28 October 2019 the Special Rapporteur co-organised together with the NYU Center for the Investigation of Environmental Hazards a Panel discussion dedicated to The Duty to Prevent Exposure to Toxics. This event, organized parallel to the 74th session of the UN General Assembly convened human rights activists, prominent industry influencers, professionals, academics, and NGO representatives to discuss developments in science that illustrate the need for a paradigm shift in human rights and toxics discussions. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health | | On 22 January 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert consultation with WHO to discuss and exchange ideas on his thematic report on the underlying and social determinants of mental health.  On 18 February 2019, the Special Rapporteur coordinated an expert consultation, held at the University of Essex. The consultation sought to gather input and views from a small group of multi-disciplinary experts in the areas of public health, mental health, and human rights in order to develop and refine his upcoming thematic report on the underlying and social determinants of mental health. |
| Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders | | On 16 November 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a consultation with defenders operating on conflict and post-conflict situations in Tunis, for the elaboration of his thematic report to the HRC on the same topic.  The Special Rapporteur also held two other regional consultations with human rights defenders from Africa and the Middle East to support the elaboration of his thematic report to the General Assembly on Impunity for human rights violations committed against human rights defenders. These consultations took place in Nairobi on 28 and 29 March 2019 and on 9 June 2019.  In addition, on 24 and 27 June 2019, the Special Rappporteur held an online expert webinar on the recommendations for his thematic report on impunity. |
| Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples | | In February 2019 the Special Rapporteur co-hosted a meeting in Mexico City, together with UNPFII, EMRIP, the Rapporteurship on Indigenous Peoples of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and IWGIA on the issue of indigenous autonomies. The discussions contributed to her thematic report to the General Assembly in 2019, which addressed the right of indigenous peoples to autonomy or self-government as a component of their right to self-determination.  From 13 to 15 November 2019, the Special Rapporteur organised a consultation with the OHCHR regional office in Bangkok, Tebtebba and AIPP and aimed at obtaining information on indigenous peoples’ human rights situation in the region. The consultation was attended by some 100 participants from 12 Asian countries and covered a wide array of topics including access to land and resources, indigenous justice and self-governance, conservation, economic social and cultural rights and mitigation of the impact of climate change and businesses activities on the rights of indigenous peoples. Over 100 indigenous representatives attended, as did various civil society representatives and staff of the UNEP, FAO, IUCN and various OHCHR country offices in the region. The consultation discussions will contribute to a mandate report on the situation indigenous peoples are facing in the region. The report will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its 45th session in September 2020. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons | | From 4 to 8 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur held several expert consultations, civil society briefings and bilateral meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. On 4 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a workshop on ‘the role of National Human Rights Institutions in preventing conditions leading to internal displacement’, together with GANHRI, UNHCR and OHCHR in preparation for her report to the 41st session of the Human Rights Council. On 6 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert meeting on ‘Improving protection of internally displaced children’ in preparation for her report to the 74th session of the General Assembly. The meeting brought together child rights experts and was attended by the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict, the SRSG on Violence against Children and the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.  On 27 June 2019, during the 41st session of the Human Rights Council, and under the framework of the GP20 Plan of Action to advance prevention, protection, and solutions for internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur organized, together with Save the Children, a side event titled 'Protecting the Rights of Internally Displaced Children'.  On 24 October 2019, another side event on ‘Protecting Internally Displaced Children’ was jointly organized by the Special Rapporteur, UNICEF, UNHCR, and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations under the framework of the GP20 Plan of Action during the 74th session of the General Assembly.  The Special Rapporteur carried out a working visit to Ethiopia in September 2019 in which she engaged with a wide range of interlocutors and joined a mission to areas of return in Gedeo zone led by the USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and Head of OCHA, and the ASG for Peacebuilding Support.  On 6 December 2019, the Special Rapporteur co-organized with the Permanent Missions of Norway, Afghanistan and Ethiopia a roundtable discussion with States reflecting on her first term on the mandate and her plans for the next three years.  The Special Rapporteur co-organized the 16th, 17th and 18th Sanremo Courses on the Law of Internal Displacement, held in June and November 2019 at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo bringing together Government officials from several States who deal with internal displacement issues. In November, the course was, for the first time, offered also in French. |
| Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order | | On 22 and 29 May 2019, in preparation of his forthcoming reports to the Human Rights Council and General Assembly, the Independent Expert held consultations in Geneva and Washington D.C. respectively with representatives of civil society on the issue of public participation and decision-making in global governance spaces and its impact on a democratic and equitable international order. The IE was interested in looking at how such spaces can become more accessible, inclusive and responsive to the voices of people and groups previously excluded from international decision-making bodies, but whose lives and livelihoods are affected by the decisions taken. |
| Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination | | From 1 to 5 April 2019, the Working Group on the use of mercenaries held its 36th session in Geneva. The Working Group held two expert meetings during its session with the aim to seek information and recommendations that will feed into the two thematic reports to be presented to the Human Rights Council and General Assembly in 2019. The consultations focused on the gender dimensions of the private military and security industry and on the human rights impact of private military and security companies engaged in the extractive industry respectively. The meetings brought together academics, civil society representatives, private industry, multi-stakeholder mechanisms, trade unions and the United Nations. Participants from Africa, Europe and Latin America attended the two meetings and engaged in vibrant and varied discussions.  From 25 to 29 November 2019, the Working Group on the use of mercenaries held its 38th session in Geneva. The Working Group organized two panel events on: 1. the Use of Private Military and Security Companies in Migrant Detention Centres (as part of the Business and Human Rights Forum); and 2. Gender and Private Military and Security Companies: the Role of States, Companies and Clients in Addressing Human Rights Challenges. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants | | On 21 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a webinar consultation on “gender responsive migration legislation, policies and practices at the regional and national levels” for his forthcoming report to the General Assembly on the same topic.  On 20 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a meeting between relevant mandate holders of the Special Procedures and representatives of UN entities in the Executive Committee of the UN Network on Migration. It was decided during the meeting that they should enhance their cooperation through regular exchanges, including discussions during their respective annual meetings.  On 25 June 2019, together with UN Women, UNICEF, the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, the Special Rapporteur co-organised a panel discussion launching his report on the impact of migration on the human rights of women and girls. During the event, panellists discussed strategic approaches for ensuring that global migration governance supports the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.  On 5 July 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a web consultation with civil society partners from Asia Pacific region.  On 14 August 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a webinar consultation with civil society organizations from English speaking African countries.  On 4 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a webinar consultation with civil society organizations from French speaking African countries.  On 8 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a web consultation with civil society organizations from the Americas.  On 12 and 13 November 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a commemoration event in Mexico City marking the 20th anniversary of the mandate. 25 panellists from Member States, UN agencies, civil society, and NHRI, spoke at the event in 6 different panels. |
| Special Rapporteur on minority issues | | On 6 and 7 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened the European Regional Forum on Education, Language and the Human Rights of Minorities. This was the first of three regional forums he announced at the November 2018 11th UN Forum on Minority Issues in Geneva to explore new approaches to making the Forum more accessible and responsive to regional contexts and realities. Some 170 participants, including leading experts on education and language, and participants from civil society, regional and international organizations - including the OHCHR, UNHCR, OSCE, UNESCO, and the Council of Europe - as well as state representatives were in attendance.  On 8 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized a workshop bringing together a group of six of the world’s leading experts on statelessness in Galway, Ireland. They discussed the root causes to the apparently increasing numbers of individuals who are stateless, why most and a growing proportion of these are persons who belong to minorities, and how to respond to the apparent targeting of minorities for deprivation or denial of citizenship. The Special Rapporteur, who had presented a report on statelessness as a minority issue in 2018, as well as led the 2018 Forum on Minority Issues at the United Nations in Geneva on the same topic, will be working towards a practical guide on how to address the growing challenge of the statelessness of minorities.  On 20 and 21 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur held the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Education, Language and the Human Rights of Minorities, at the Mahidol University, in Bangkok, Thailand. There were some 70 registered participants, including representatives from 8 states, who met to develop a recommendation aimed at reflecting the conditions and challenges involving the teaching of and education in minority languages.  The Africa-Middle East Regional Forum on Minority Issues was held on 28 and 29 October, 2019 in Tunis, Tunisia, to provide regional insights and recommendations from Africa and the Middle East regarding the strengthening of the implementation of international human rights in the area of education in, and the teaching of, minority languages, About 40 participants, including civil society, minorities and other stakeholders participated in the Africa—Middle East Regional Forum.  On 28 and 29 November 2019, the UN Forum on Minority Issues held its 12th session with the participation of more than 500 representatives from States, international and regional organizations, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders, under the theme “Education, Language and the Human Rights of Minorities”. The session was co-chaired by Anastasia Crickley (former Chairperson of the CERD) and Astrid Thors (former OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities) and opened with statements by the President of the Human Rights Council, H.E. Mr. Coly Seck, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, the OSCE High Commissioner on Human Rights, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Zannier, and the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Fernand de Varennes. Invited expert panellists representing all 5 world regions shared their expertise and experience with regard to the recognition of minority languages, the promotion of education in and teaching of minority languages, and specific legislative and policy initiatives, with particular focus on minority women and girls. |
| Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons | | On 13 September 2019, the Independent Expert convened a participatory panel discussion in Geneva at the Palais des Nations on “Context Gaps and the Human Rights Imperative for Older Persons – in & beyond humanitarian emergencies” a key issue in addressing existing protection gaps and in which she focused on concrete rights-based solutions. This opportunity served also to look back and acknowledge the achievements made by the mandate as well as to identify common challenges and to reaffirm the cross-regional commitment towards overcoming existing divergences in strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons. |
| Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights | | On 17 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized a panel event on human rights in the digital age, in collaboration with the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law and Amnesty International, and the Guardian as a media partner. The event discussed the relevance of the international human rights law framework in a world increasingly dominated by digital technologies, bringing together high-level panellists from diverse fields, including the High Commissioner for Human Rights. |
| Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy | | On 12 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a consultation on health data and the right to privacy at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance | | On 29 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur held an expert group meeting on reparations, racial justice and equality to inform her thematic report to the General Assembly. The expert group meeting took place at New York University. Sixteenexperts including members of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent participated in the meeting. The meeting centred on challenges and opportunities for achieving racial equality through reparations mechanisms, barriers to advancing reparations mechanisms and lessons learned from past reparations schemes.  On 3July 2019, the Special Rapporteur organised a joint CSO consultation at the margin of 41st session of Human Rights Council. The discussion focused on the global surge of racism and national populism.  On 17 October, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert group meeting on new information technologies and effects on racial equality at University of California, Los Angeles. The meeting discussed the most pressing forms and mechanisms of structural racial discrimination and inequality associated with new information technologies, including algorithmic discrimination and bias, and automated and interactive machine decision-making.  On 30 October, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on “Reparations and Human Rights Obligations to Ensure Racial Justice” in the margins of the 74th session of the General Assembly. |
| Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief | | From 29 April to 1 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur in cooperation with OHCHR Bangkok office and the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section organised a sub-regional workshop in Bangkok on the role of youth as agents of change in building societies based on respect for the rights to freedom of religion or belief, and freedom of expression.  From 28 to 30 May 2019, the Special Rapporteur organized a series of consultations on “antisemitism and its impact on the right to freedom of religion or belief” in Paris, Vienna and Budapest. The consultation in Paris was organized in partnership with UNESCO while the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) hosted the consultation in Vienna. These consultations aimed to identify trends of antisemitism in Europe, to assess the impact of antisemitism on the rights of Jews and freedom of religion or belief and to learn about the good practices by the Government and other stakeholders in addressing antisemitism and religious intolerance. The information gathered from the consultations contributed to the report presented at the 74th General Assembly in 2019.  On 27 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a consultation on antisemitism and its impact on freedom of religion or belief in London. The roundtable was hosted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Antisemitism with the participation of different activists, academics and practitioners on the issue.  On 13 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur hosted a workshop on “Freedom of religion or belief and Gender Equality” at the Ecumenical Centre of the World Council of Churches. The workshop discussed about the strategies to advance the human rights of women and LGBTIQ+ while protecting the right to freedom of religion or belief. Participants shared their perspectives on the use of religion and culture to discriminate against women and people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. Furthermore, they exchanged on experiences in overcoming the stereotypes and promoting their rights through wide engagement with different stakeholders.  On 18 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a side event on “Addressing and Preventing Antisemitism through Education" at the General Assembly with the United Nations Department of Global Communications, and UNESCO. The panel focused on how education, especially human rights and global citizenship education, can build learners’ resilience to prejudice and violent extremism, sharpen their critical thinking skills and foster constructive engagement online and off-line.  On 16-17 December, the Special Rapporteur and the Office’s Anti-Racial Discrimination Section co-organized - jointly with UNESCO, the OSCE-ODIHR and the World Jewish Congress – an international workshop for policymakers on “the role of education in addressing anti-Semitism”. The training was based on a [guideline](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000263702) for policy makers on addressing antisemitism through education published by UNESCO and OSCE ODIHR. Experts shared practical examples that could be adapted in different national frameworks. On 16 December evening, there was also a public panel discussion on “Promoting human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination: role of education” at the Graduate Institute featuring the Deputy High Commissioner, Kate Gilmore, President of Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities and WJC Vice President, Herbert Winter, and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief. |
| Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material | | On 7 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a panel discussion on the sale and sexual exploitation of children in the context of sports, following the presentation of her report on this topic to the Human Rights Council. The discussion was attended by States, UN agencies, sports federations and civil society.  On 24 June 2019, the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children met with the representatives of Governments, UN agencies and NGOs to consult on the preliminary findings of her report to the General Assembly on Safeguards for the protection of the rights of children born from surrogacy arrangements. The small-scale consultation was organized as a follow-up to her call for inputs and was aimed at engaging with and seeking further input from interested stakeholders.  In preparation of her report, an additional consultation was also organized on the margins of the International Surrogacy Forum held by the Cambridge Family Law Centre, the International Academy of Family Lawyers and the American Bar Association at the University of Cambridge on 27 and 28 June 2019.  On 23 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a public consultation with States and other stakeholders as part of a process to inform the preparation of her final report to the Human Rights Council. On 24 and 25 September, the Special Rapporteur, in partnership with the UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti, held a two-day expert meeting hosted by UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti in Florence. |
| Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity | | On 13 February 2019, the Independent Expert organized a public consultation that saw the participation of more than 80 persons, including States, civil society representatives, academics and UN agencies. The purpose of the consultation was to seek views and inputs around the issue of data collection and management related to sexual orientation and gender identity.  On 14 February 2019, the Independent Expert and UNDP co-organized a meeting with 30 experts to discuss key human rights safeguards that must be taken into consideration when collecting and managing data, aiming at identifying a human rights-based approach to data collection and use in the context of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In parallel, the Independent Expert sent a questionnaire and will be hosting a series of on-line consultations to collect additional inputs for his report.  From 1 to 2 October 2019, the Independent Expert and Flávia Piovesan, Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, held their first Joint Consultation to discuss the inclusion in the economic, social and cultural sphere of the LGBTI persons and the eradication of violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the Caribbean. The consultation was organized as part of a strategic alliance between both human rights mandates, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme. |
| Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences | | On 26 November 2019, the Special Rapporteur, jointly with the BBC, organized a public film screening of a documentary called “Maids for Sale” in which she participated during the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights. Some 200 people attended the screening and the subsequent panel discussion, showing the strong interest in online slavery being facilitated by major tech companies such as Facebook/Instagram, Apple, Google and others. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism | | On February 1 2019, the Special Rapporteur held a joint meeting with Nicholas Millar Legal Advisor ICNL and Vanja Skoric, Executive Director ECNL, on her impending civil society focused report at HRC40.  From 27 to 28 February 2019, the Special Rapporteur conducted a working level visit to various EU Institutions in Brussels to conduct various meeting related to human rights, terrorism and security issues in the EU and gender issues and UNSCR 1325. She met with civil society organizations, lawyers, victims, organizations, EEAS, SECPOL 2 (EEAS), the Terrorism and Radicalization Unit of the European Commission, European Counter-Terrorism Co-ordinator and various European Union Ambassadors.  On 22 and 23 April 2019, the Special Rapporteur hosted a two day meeting with members of the North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture and Rendition which has undertaken a Truth Process on the US Torture program carried out between 2001-2009 as well as the role that North Carolina Airports and private companies played in the rendition programme to Guantanamo Bay Cuba. The Center for Victims of Torture were also engaged to address reparations possibilities for Guantanamo Bay detainees. |
| Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children | | From 31 January to 1 February 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert consultation on the social inclusion of trafficking victims into societies. Experts from Africa, Asia and the Middle East attended the consultation, which took place in Addis Ababa. Inputs received will inform the Special Rapporteur’s upcoming thematic report to the HRC, to be presented in June 2019. |
| Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence | | On 10 and 11 December 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened and expert meeting on “Memorialization in the context of serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law” to identify relevant practical experiences from different countries to distil best practices, shortcomings and lessons learned, and the emerging practices and challenges on memorialization in transitional justice processes. The outcome of the meeting will inform the Special Rapporteurs report to the 45th session of the HRC. |
| Special Rapporteur on violence against women | | From 11 to 22 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur participated in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which she delivered an oral report. She also organized two side events, entitled “Twenty-five years of the mandate and the femicide watch initiative” and “The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and general recommendation No. 35”. Moreover, in conjunction with Facebook, she organized an event on the issue of online violence against women and girls and non-consensual distribution of intimate images. |
| Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation | | From 14 January to 28 February 2019, on the occasion of the World Water Day, the Special Rapporteur organized the 2nd Human Rights Youth Challenge, organized together with the Permanent Mission of Spain, the Permanent Mission of Germany, UN-Water, UNESCO-IHP, and OHCHR. The theme of the challenge for the Second Human Rights Youth Challenge was ‘Leave no one behind’, which was the theme of the 2019 World Water Day. The goal of the challenge was to draw attention to people who lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation in spheres of life beyond the household. Amongst over 80 submissions received, the Special Rapporteur looked for submission that demonstrated a good understanding of the human rights to water and sanitation, particularly focusing on those who are left behind in sphere of life beyond household such as public spaces. The winner of the 2nd Challenge was invited to speak as a panellist at the HRC42 side-event organized by the Special Rapporteur.  On 13 March 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened GRULAC Regional consultation on impact of mega-projects on the human rights to water and sanitation in Mexico City.  On 13 September 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert consultation on his thematic report on privatization in Geneva.  On 17 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a consultation with private water operators in New York City.  On 21 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a public consultation on his thematic report on privatization in New York City.  On 22 October 2019, the Special Rapporteur convened a public consultation on his thematic report on the progressive realization of the human rights to water and sanitation in New York City.  Throughout the second half of 2019, the Special Rapporteur continued to hold online consultations via Skype on his two thematic reports on privatization and the human rights to water and sanitation. |
| Working Group on discrimination against women and girls | | During its 24th session held in New York from 28 January to 1 February 2019, the Working Group held meetings with NY based CSOs including as a follow-up to the WG’s 2015 country visit to the United States and also held a day-long consultation with relevant CSOs, academics and experts on the issue of women deprived of liberty, the topic of the WG’s thematic report to the HRC in June 2019.  On 13 March 2019, the Working Group organized a side event during the 63rd session of the CSW, entitled “Current challenges and opportunities for women human rights defenders: How can the international community better support their work?” The event provided a unique opportunity to bring WHRDs from different parts of the world in the UN space to engage with Member States, international organizations and civil society who listened to their stories, challenges and opportunities. The event was very well attended – with over 50 participants representing Member States, UN entities, civil society, academics and others. Stakeholders who took the floor expressed their strong support for WHRDs across the world.  Throughout 2019, the Working Group expanded outreach at the regional level to enhance its thematic expertise. It convened a number of regional thematic consultations to inform the preparation of its forthcoming thematic reports, including on women’s rights in the world of work and sexual, reproductive health and rights in situations of crisis, and the rights of girls. The following regional consultations took place:  A European regional consultation on ‘Women’s Human Rights in the Changing World of Work’ and a consultation with Roma women from several countries in Central and Eastern Europe held on the occasion of the Working Group’s 25th session in June 2019 in Geneva.  A thematic consultation with CSOs in Tunisia on ‘Women’s Human Rights in the Changing World of Work’ held on 15 June 2019.  An Asia-Pacific regional Expert Group Meeting (EGM) was held on 12-13 September 2019 in Sydney, Australia on ‘Women’s Human Rights in the Changing World of Work’, in collaboration with the ‘Women, Work and Leadership Research Network’ at the University of Sydney.  The Working Group organized a consultation in collaboration with OHCHR Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA) from 5 to 8 October 2019 in Morocco attended by fifteen human rights defenders from the MENA region. The consultation provided an opportunity to strengthen the capacity of women’s human rights defenders in understanding the UN human rights system, particularly the different methods of work of the Working Group. Furthermore, participants were informed about the different ways in which they can engage with the Working Group and contribute to its work in furtherance of the mandate’s mission to develop and strengthen the dialogue with key stakeholders on the matters pertaining to its mandate.  During its 26th session in Addis Ababa on 21-26 October 2019, the Working Group engaged with Member States of the African Union, regional bodies including different entities of the African Union, and regional civil society organizations and women human rights defenders. The Working Group carried out a number of consultations covering thematic areas of women’s human rights in the changing world of work, sexual and reproductive rights and health in crisis situations and on the rights of girls.  Regional consultations were held on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Situations of Crisis and Insecurity; the rights of the Girl Child and Adolescent Girl, and Women’s Human Rights in the Changing World of Work in Mexico on 20-22 November 2019. These consultations enabled the Working Group to reach grassroots organisations and individuals and to learn the realities lived by women and girls. Through these consultations, the Working Group was able to extend support to women human rights defenders networks. |

XX. Engagement with other parts of the United Nations system and regional mechanisms (non-exhaustive list)

Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with a large range of stakeholders, such as:

(a) The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Commissioner, including the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner and the ASG for human rights including in his capacity as senior UN representative leading the efforts within the UN system to address intimidation and reprisals against those cooperating with the UN on human rights;

(b) Other human rights mechanisms, such as Treaty Bodies, the Universal Periodic Review, the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, the UN Business and Human Rights Forum, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous, the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples;

(c) Other UN bodies and representatives such as: the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Under Secretary-General Advisor on policy, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, UN Women, UNFPA, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, UNHCR, UNEP, WHO, OCHA, UNODC, FAO, WFP, International Fund for Agricultural Development, UNAIDS, UNWTO, ITU, United Nations Country Teams, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Global Communications, the Department of safety and security, the Department for General Assembly and conference management, the UN Statistics Division, the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, the UN Network on Migration, the Expert and Advisory Board Meeting of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, the Economic Community for Latin America and the Caribbean, ;

(d) Other UN intergovernmental bodies such as the Security Council and its Committees, the General Assembly, the high level political forum on Sustainable Development, the Madrid Climate Change Conference, the International Migration Review Forum for the Global Compact on Migration, the Commission on the Status of women, the Open ended Intergovernmental Working group in charge of preparation of a legally binding international instrument on trans-national corporations and other business enterprises, the Open-ended intergovernmental working group to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework, without prejudging the nature thereof, relating to the activities of private military and security companies, the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, and the United Nations Committee on World Food Security;

(e) Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with regional mechanisms, including the European Union (European Commission, European Parliament, Fundamental Rights Agency); the Council of Europe; the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; the OECD, the Organization of American States, including the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; the African system, including the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the African Court on Human and Peoples’ rights, the African Union; the Commonwealth, and the Platform of international and regional women’s rights mechanisms on violence against women and women’s rights.

1. \* Reproduced as received, in the language of submission only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Djibouti has been visited by the mandate holders on the situation of human rights in Somalia (2011) and in Eritrea (2013) but has not yet accepted a visit from any other mandate holder concerning its own human rights situation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Eritrea extended an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on the right to education and to the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Luxembourg has accepted a visit request from the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (dates to be agreed). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of migrants visited off-shore detention centres in Nauru during his country visit to Australia from 1 to 18 November 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Vanuatu has accepted visit requests from the Special Rapporteur on minority issues, the Special Rapporteur on indigenous peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (dates to be agreed). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. \* These 6 States have never been visited and have not received a request by one or more of the special procedures mandate holders. For further information, please refer to the previous Chapter VII Overview of States not yet visited by any mandate holder. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. \*\* These 16 States have never been visited but requests for a visit by one or more of the special procedures mandate holders have been sent. For further information, please refer to the previous Chapter VII Overview of States not yet visited by any mandate holder. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. a Human Rights Council has mandated a specific special procedures expert for this country. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. b The Human Rights Council had previously mandated a specific special procedures expert for this country who is no longer active. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Since 2018, only the substantive replies are counted to determine reply rate to communications. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)