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I. Factsheet on special procedures in 2024

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(to 44 States or
territories)

Facts and figures at a glance

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(46 thematic and 14
country-specific)

48

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General Assembly

0

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invitations

87

Active mandate
holders

133

Reports to the
Human Rights
Council

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Outgoing mandate
holders

56

Country-visit
reports

128

States with a standing
invitations

19

New mandate
holders

2

Forums

245

Expert meetings and
consultations

64%

Female mandate
holders

36%

Male mandate
holders

500

Media products

5

Public statements issued or
facilitated by the CC

173

Member States
visited at least
once



Communications

Member States
that received one
or more
communications

64%

Individuals

1,226

Sent

665

Replies
received

350

State
recipients

124

Reply rate

47% 309 substantive
replies

Non-State
recipients

145

Follow-up
communications

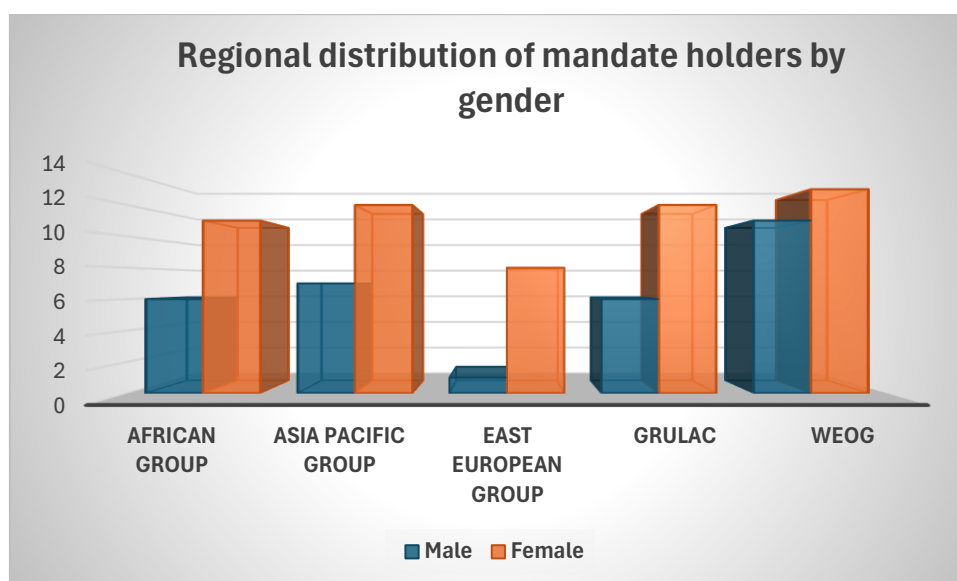
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Member States not
yet visited

20

II. Statistics on current mandate holders (as of 31 December 2024)

<i>United Nations Regional Groups of Member States</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Geographic distribution</i>
African Group	6	11	17	19.54%
Asia-Pacific Group	7	12	19	21.84%
Eastern European Group (EEG)	1	8	9	10.34%
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	6	12	18	20.69%
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	11	13	24	27.59%
Total	31	56	87	100.00%
Gender balance	36%	64%		



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 of 31 December 2024, the following 128 out of the 193 United Nations Member States (66.32%) as well as one non-Member Observer State had extended a standing invitation to the thematic special procedures.

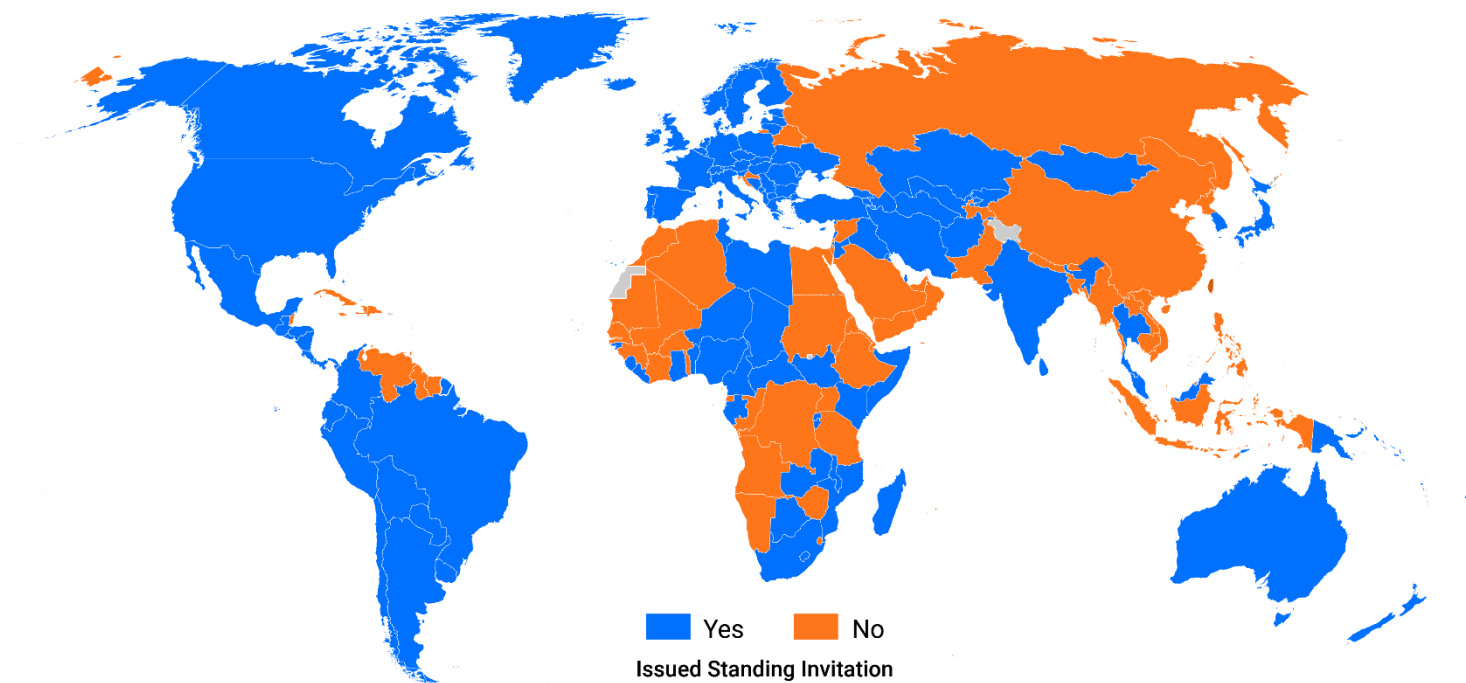
<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>
Afghanistan	15-Aug-17	Luxembourg	01-Mar-01
Albania	02-Dec-09	Madagascar	26-Aug-11
Andorra	03-Nov-10	Malawi	07-Sep-15
Argentina	03-Dec-02	Malaysia	26-Feb-19
Armenia	01-May-06	Maldives	02-May-06
Australia	07-Aug-08	Malta	Mar-01
Austria	Mar-01	Marshall Islands	04-Mar-11
Azerbaijan	15-Apr-13	Mexico	Mar-01
Bahamas	06-Jun-13	Monaco	22-Oct-08
Belgium	Mar-01	Mongolia	09-Apr-04
Benin	31-Oct-12	Montenegro	11-Oct-05
Bolivia	10-Feb-10	Mozambique	12-Apr-16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	07-May-10	Nauru	30-May-11
Botswana	02-May-18	Netherlands	Mar-01
Brazil	10-Dec-01	New Zealand	03-Feb-04
Bulgaria	Mar-01	Nicaragua	26-Apr-06
Burundi	06-Jun-13	Niger	21-Aug-12
Cabo Verde	26-Apr-13	Nigeria	25-Oct-13
Cameroon	15-Sep-14	North Macedonia	13-Oct-04
Canada	Apr-99	Norway	26-Mar-99
Central African Republic	03-Sep-13	Palau	03-May-11
Chad	01-Jun-12	Panama	14-Mar-11
Chile	12-May-09	Papua New Guinea	11-May-11
Colombia	17-Mar-03	Paraguay	28-Mar-03
Comoros	29-Jan-19	Peru	03-Apr-02
Costa Rica	2002	Poland	Mar-01
Croatia	13-Mar-03	Portugal	Mar-01

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cyprus	Mar-01	Qatar	01-Jun-10
Czech Republic	Sep-00	Republic of Korea	03-Mar-08
Denmark	Mar-01	Republic of Moldova	02-Jun-10
Dominica	09-Dec-09	Romania	Mar-01
Ecuador	09-Jan-03	Rwanda	27-Jun-11
El Salvador	09-Feb-10	Saint Lucia	14-Mar-16
Estonia	Mar-01	Samoa	14-Feb-11
Fiji	17-Mar-15	San Marino	03-Apr-03
Finland	Mar-01	Sao Tome and Principe	02-Feb-11
France	Mar-01	Serbia	11-Oct-05
Gabon	29-Oct-12	Seychelles	05-Nov-12
Georgia	30-Mar-10	Sierra Leone	07-Apr-03
Germany	Mar-01	Slovakia	Mar-01
Ghana	21-Apr-06	Slovenia	Mar-01
Greece	Mar-01	Solomon Islands	06-May-11
Guatemala	Apr-01	Somalia	13-Apr-16
Guinea-Bissau	07-May-10	South Africa	17-Jul-03
Honduras	12-May-10	South Sudan	09-Nov-16
Hungary	Mar-01	Spain	Mar-01
Iceland	Sep-00	Sri Lanka	17-Dec-15
India	14-Sep-11	State of Palestine	30-Jul-14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24-Jul-02	Sweden	Mar-01
Iraq	16-Feb-10	Switzerland	Apr-02
Ireland	Mar-01	Thailand	04-Nov-11
Italy	Mar-01	Timor-Leste	09-Mar-17
Japan	01-Mar-11	Tonga	25-Jan-13
Jordan	20-Apr-06	Tunisia	28-Feb-11
Kazakhstan	28-Jul-09	Turkey	Mar-01
Kenya	22-Jan-15	Turkmenistan	11-May-18
Kuwait	13-Sep-10	Tuvalu	26-Apr-13
Kyrgyzstan	30-Dec-20	Ukraine	23-Jun-06

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>Date</i>
Latvia	Mar-01	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mar-01
Lebanon	17-Mar-11	United States of America	19-Oct-21
Lesotho	21-Jan-15	Uruguay	18-Mar-05
Liberia	25-Sep-15	Uzbekistan	11-May-18
Libya	15-Mar-12	Vanuatu	12-May-09
Liechtenstein	21-Jan-03	Zambia	16-Jul-08
Lithuania	Mar-01		

Standing Invitations for Country Visits to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

Last Updated: 31 December 2024



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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.

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, December 2023

For other relevant information on the activities of the Special Procedures, see the Annual Facts and Figures,

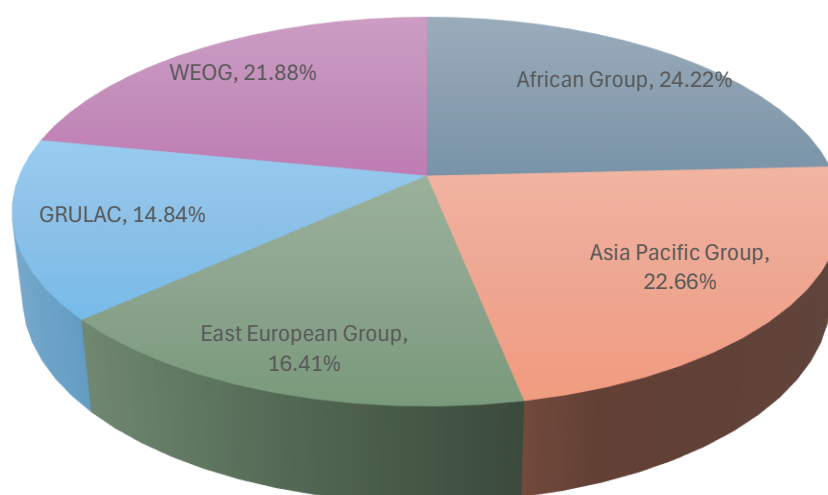
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IV. Statistics on standing invitations*

<i>United Nations Regional Groups of Member States</i>	<i>Number of standing invitations extended by States within their regional group</i>	<i>Percentage of standing invitations extended within regional groups</i>	<i>Percentage of standing invitations extended by regional groups</i>
African Group	31 out of 54 States	57.40%	24.22%
Asia-Pacific Group	29 out of 54 States	53.70%	22.66%
EEG	21 out of 23 States	91.30%	16.41%
GRULAC	19 out of 33 States	57.57%	14.84%
WEOG	28 out of 29 States	96.55%	21.88%
Total	128 out of 193 United Nations Member States		100%

* The list of Member States in regional groups is based on the list circulated by DGACM: <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups>. For statistical purposes, Türkiye and Israel have been counted as part of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG).

**REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF STANDING INVITATIONS
EXTENDED TO SPECIAL PROCEDURES**



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 2024

<i>States and territories visited</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Report</i>
Albania	Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	1 to 12 July	A/HRC/59/43/Add.1
Angola	Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations	8 to 17 July	A/HRC/58/51/Add.1
Australia	Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	8 to 19 August	A/HRC/58/58/Add.2
Australia	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	1 to 10 October	A/HRC/58/64
Australia	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	14 to 27 November	60 th HRC session
Benin	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	18 to 27 November	A/HRC/58/47/Add.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	14 to 22 April	A/HRC/59/44/Add.1
Brazil	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	8 to 19 April	A/HRC/58/53/Add.2
Brazil	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	5 to 16 August	59 th HRC session
Cambodia	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	21 to 27 July	60 th HRC session
Canada	Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	8 to 19 April	60 th HRC session
Canada	Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	13 to 24 May	60 th HRC session

<i>States and territories visited</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Report</i>
Canada	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	20 to 26 October	59 th HRC session
Central African Republic	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic	11 to 23 February	A/HRC/57/79
Chile	Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	25 March to 5 April	A/HRC/58/60/Add.1
Chile	Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	29 July to 9 August	A/HRC/59/52/Add.1
Chile	Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	21 de noviembre al 4 de diciembre	A/HRC/59/48/Add.1
China	Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	6 to 17 May	A/HRC/57/55/Add.1
Colombia	Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples	5 to 15 March	A/HRC/57/47/Add.1
Colombia	Working Group of Experts on people of African descent	15 to 24 May	60 th HRC session
Colombia	Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	29 July to 9 August	A/HRC/59/53/Add.1
Colombia	Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	26 August to 4 September	A/HRC/59/51/Add.1
Côte d'Ivoire	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	4 to 13 March	A/HRC/57/45/Add.1
Côte d'Ivoire	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	29 November to 9 December	61 st HRC session
Denmark and Greenland	Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	8 to 18 April	A/HRC/59/40/Add.1
Dominican Republic	Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	22 to 31 July	A/HRC/59/45/Add.1

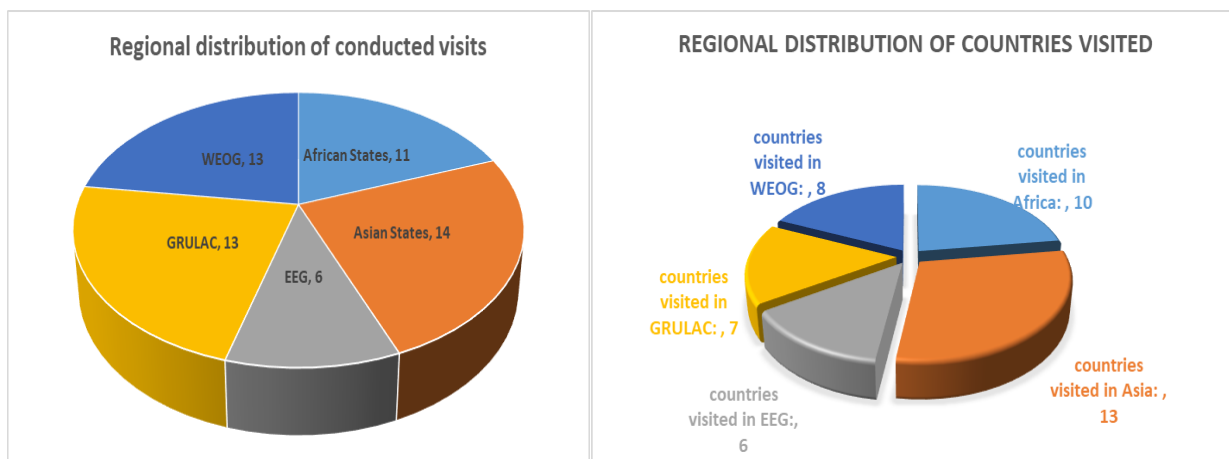
<i>States and territories visited</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Report</i>
Germany	Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	14 to 25 October	61 st HRC session
Guinea-Bissau	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	4 to 14 November	A/HRC/59/56/Add.1
Finland	Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	11 to 15 March	A/HRC/57/50/Add.3
Honduras	Special Rapporteur on right to development	11 to 21 November	60 th HRC session
Hungary	Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	7 to 17 October	A/HRC/58/49/Add.1
Kyrgyzstan	Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	23 September to 3 October	A/HRC/58/56/Add.2
Laos	Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	19 to 29 November	61 st HRC session
Lesotho	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism	10 to 19 April	A/HRC/58/57/Add.2
Liberia	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	9 to 18 December	59 th HRC session
Lithuania	Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	20 to 26 November	60 th HRC session
Malaysia	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	9 to 20 December	60 th HRC session
Mali	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali	16 to 20 December	A/HRC/58/79
Maldives	Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	12 to 21 March	57 th HRC session
Maldives	Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment	16 to 25 April	A/HRC/58/59/Add.1
Peru	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	11 to 22 March	A/HRC/57/42/Add.1
Philippines	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and	23 January to 2 February	59 th HRC session

<i>States and territories visited</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Report</i>
	expression human rights in the context of climate change		
Poland	Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	18 to 29 November	A/HRC/59/43/Add.2
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	5 to 15 October	A/HRC/59/46/Add.1
Rwanda	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	11 to 21 March	60 th HRC session
Samoa	Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	30 October to 8 November	60 th session
Somalia	Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	5 to 11 May	A/HRC/57/80
Sweden	Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	18 to 22 March	A/HRC/57/50/Add.3
Thailand	Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	2 to 13 December	A/HRC/59/45/Add.2
Ukraine	Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	20 to 31 May	A/HRC/59/54/Add.1
United Arab Emirates	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	9 to 19 December	A/HRC/59/47/Add.2
United Kingdom of England and Northern Ireland	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	12 to 21 February	A/HRC/59/47/Add.1
United States of America	Special Rapporteur on the right to education	29 April to 10 May	A/HRC/59/41/Add.1
United States of America	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism	7 to 18 October	A/HRC/58/57/Add.1
Uzbekistan	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	19 to 30 August	A/HRC/58/50/Add.1

<i>States and territories visited</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Report</i>
Vanuatu	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	27 November to 5 December	A/HRC/59/42/Add.1
Venezuela	Special Rapporteur on the right to food	1 to 14 February	A/HRC/58/48/Add.1

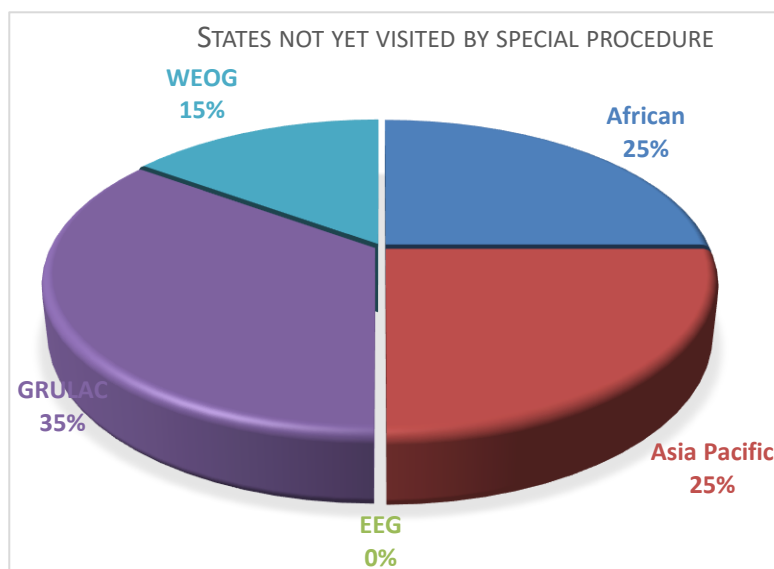
VI. Statistics on country visits conducted in 2024

<i>United Nations Regional Groups of Member States</i>	<i>Number of country and other official visits conducted</i>	<i>Number of countries visited</i>
African Group	11	10
Asia Pacific Group	14	13
EEG	6	6
GRULAC	13	7
WEOG	13	8
Total	57	44



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

As of 31 December 2024, out of the 193 United Nations Member States, 173 States (89.64%) had been visited by at least one special procedure mandate holder, while 20 States (10.36%) had not yet received any visits. Among the latter, 3 had not received requests, 15 had not accepted requests, and of them, two States had accepted requests for visits that had yet to take place.



<i>States never visited; no request sent (3 in total)</i>	<i>States never visited; request(s) sent (17 in total)</i>
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Andorra	Antigua and Barbuda
Monaco	Barbados
San Marino	Brunei
	Darussalam
	Djibouti ¹
	Dominica
	Eritrea ²
	Eswatini
	Grenada
	Guinea
	Micronesia (Federated States of)
	Nauru ³
	Palau
	Saint Kitts and Nevis
	Saint Lucia
	Sao Tome e Principe
	Suriname
	Tonga

¹ Djibouti has been visited by the Independent Expert on the situations of human rights in Somalia (2011) and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (2013). However, it has not accepted any visit from mandate holders intending to assess its internal human rights situation.

² Eritrea extended an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on the right to education and the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health in 2016.

³ The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants visited off-shore detention centres in Nauru during his country visit to Australia from 1 to 18 November 2016.

VIII. Status of country visits from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024

This table contains information covering the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. It includes only written correspondence. Pending visits indicate visits that, initiated by either the State or mandate holder, had not yet advanced to the stage of mutual agreement regarding the actual execution of the visit. Pending requests indicate any request sent by a mandate holder that did not receive a written reply. Each request and reminder sent by a country mandate holder to the concerned country, without a written reply, was counted as one pending request. For 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>.

	<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Number of visits since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with no pending requests</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with pending requests</i>	<i>5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Pending visits since 1/1/2020</i>
Afghanistan^a	X	3					X
Albania	X	2					X
Algeria		2				X	X
Andorra[*]	X	0	X				
Angola		2				X	X
Antigua and Barbuda^{**}		0		X			X
Argentina	X	3				X	X
Armenia	X	2					X
Australia	X	5					X
Austria	X	0		X			X
Azerbaijan	X	0		X			X
Bahamas	X	2					X
Bahrain		0		X	X		X
Bangladesh		6			X	X	X
Barbados^{**}		0		X			X
Belarus^{4a}		1			X		X
Belgium	X	0	X				
Belize		0		X			X
Benin	X	1					X
Bhutan		0		X			X
Bolivia	X	1					X

	<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Number of visits since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with no pending requests</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with pending requests</i>	<i>5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Pending visits since 1/1/2020</i>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	3					X
Botswana	X	2					X
Brazil	X	3			X		X
Brunei Darussalam**		0	X				
Bulgaria	X	0		X			X
Burkina Faso		0		X	X		X
Burundi^a	X	0		X			X
Cabo Verde	X	0		X			X
Cambodia^a		4					X
Cameroon	X	0		X			X
Canada	X	4					X
Central African Republic^a	X	7					X
Chad	X	0		X			X
Chile	X	5				X	X
China		1			X		X
Colombia	X	6			X	X	X
Comoros	X	0		X			X
Congo (Republic of the)		0	X				
Costa Rica	X	4					X
Côte d'Ivoire		3					X
Croatia	X	1					X
Cuba		0		X	X		X
Cyprus	X	1					X
Czech Republic	X	0	X				
Democratic People's Republic of Korea^a		0		X	X		X
Democratic Republic of the Congo		0		X	X		X
Denmark	X	2					X
Djibouti**		0		X			X

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Dominica**	X	0		X		X	X
Dominican Republic		2					X
Ecuador	X	1			X	X	X
Egypt		0		X	X	X	X
El Salvador	X	0		X			X
Equatorial Guinea		0		X			X
Eritrea**^a		0		X	X		X
Estonia	X	0	X				
Eswatini**		0		X			X
Ethiopia		0		X	X		X
Fiji	X	0		X	X		X
Finland	X	3					X
France	X	0		X	X		X
Gabon	X	0		X			X
Gambia		0		X			X
Georgia	X	3					X
Germany	X	3					X
Ghana	X	1			X		X
Greece	X	2					
Grenada**		0		X			X
Guatemala	X	0		X	X	X	X
Guinea**		0		X			X
Guinea-Bissau	X	1					
Guyana		0		X			X
Haiti		0		X	X		X
Holy See		0	X				
Honduras	X	5					X
Hungary	X	2					X
Iceland	X	0					X

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India	X	0		X	X		X
Indonesia		0		X	X		X
Iran (Islamic Republic of)^a	X	1			X		X
Iraq	X	1			X		X
Ireland	X	0		X			X
Israel		0		X	X		X
Italy	X	3					X
Jamaica		0		X			X
Japan	X	3			X		X
Jordan	X	1			X		X
Kazakhstan	X	0		X	X		X
Kenya	X	0		X	X		X
Kiribati		0	X				
Kosovo^π		2					
Kuwait	X	0		X			X
Kyrgyzstan	X	3					X
Lao People's Democratic Republic		1				X	X
Latvia	X	0		X			X
Lebanon	X	1			X		X
Lesotho	X	1				X	X
Liberia	X	2					X
Libya	X	1			X		X
Liechtenstein	X	1					
Lithuania	X	2					
Luxembourg	X	2					X
Madagascar	X	1			X		X
Malawi	X	0		X	X		X
Malaysia	X	1			X		X

	<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Number of visits since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with no pending requests</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with pending requests</i>	<i>5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Pending visits since 1/1/2020</i>
Maldives	X	5					X
Mali^a		6					X
Malta	X	1					
Marshall Islands	X	1				X	X
Mauritania		2					X
Mauritius		3					X
Mexico	X	2			X		X
Micronesia (Federated States of)**		0				X	X
Monaco*	X	0	X				
Mongolia	X	3					X
Montenegro	X	2					X
Morocco		0		X		X	X
Mozambique	X	1			X		X
Myanmar^a		0		X			X
Namibia		0		X			X
Nauru**	X	0		X			X
Nepal		1		X	X		X
Netherlands	X	1					X
New Zealand	X	2			X		X
Nicaragua	X	0		X			X
Niger	X	1					X
Nigeria	X	1					X
North Macedonia	X	1					X
Norway	X	0		X			X
Oman		0		X			X
Pakistan		0		X	X	X	X
Palau**	X	0		X			X
Panama	X	1					X
Papua New Guinea	X	0		X			X

	<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Number of visits since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with no pending requests</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with pending requests</i>	<i>5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Pending visits since 1/1/2020</i>
Paraguay	X	2					X
Peru	X	5			X	X	X
Philippines		3			X		X
Poland	X	3					X
Portugal	X	2				X	X
Qatar	X	1					X
Republic of Korea	X	1			X		X
Republic of Moldova	X	1				X	X
Romania	X	1					X
Russian Federation^a		0		X			X
Rwanda	X	0		X			X
Saint Kitts and Nevis^{**}		0		X			X
Saint Lucia^{**}	X	0		X			X
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1					
Samoa	X	1					
San Marino[*]	X	0	X				
Sao Tome and Principe^{**}	X	0	X				
Saudi Arabia		0		X	X	X	X
Senegal		0		X	X		X
Serbia	X	2					X
Seychelles	X	0		X			X
Sierra Leone	X	0		X			X
Singapore		0		X	X		X
Slovakia	X	0		X			X
Slovenia	X	1					X
Solomon Islands	X	0		X			X
Somalia^a	X	4					X
South Africa	X	1			X	X	X

	<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Number of visits since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with no pending requests</i>	<i>No visit since 1/1/2020 with pending requests</i>	<i>5 or more pending visit requests since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Invitations sent to thematic special procedures since 1/1/2020</i>	<i>Pending visits since 1/1/2020</i>
South Sudan	X	1					X
Spain	X	1					X
Sri Lanka	X	1			X		X
State of Palestine/Occupied Palestinian Territory (Non-Member Observer State)^a	X	0		X [#]			X
Sudan		0		X			X
Suriname^{**}		0		X			X
Sweden	X	2					X
Switzerland	X	1					
Syrian Arab Republic		1				X	X
Tajikistan		4					X
Thailand	X	1			X		X
Timor-Leste	X	0		X			X
Togo		0		X			X
Tonga^{**}	X	0		X			X
Trinidad and Tobago		0		X			X
Tunisia	X	3				X	X
Türkiye	X	1					X
Turkmenistan	X	0		X			X
Tuvalu	X	0		X			X
Uganda		0		X			X
Ukraine	X	2				X	X
United Arab Emirates		1			X	X	X
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	X	3					X
United Republic of Tanzania		0		X	X		X
United States of America	X	5			X	X	X

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Uruguay	X	2					X
Uzbekistan	X	2					X
Vanuatu**	X	1					X
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		2			X	X	X
Viet Nam		1			X		X
Yemen		0		X			X
Zambia	X	0		X	X		X
Zimbabwe		1			X		X

* These 3 States have not been visited nor have they received any requests from any special procedure mandate holders. For further information, please refer to Chapter VII above.

** These 17 States have not been visited, but one or more special procedure mandate holders have sent requests to visit them. For further information, please refer to Chapter VII above.

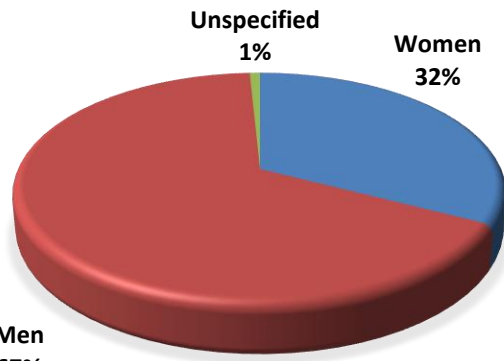
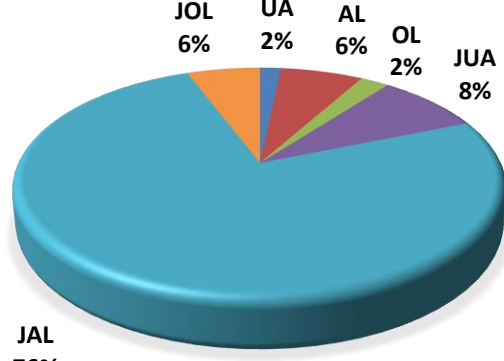
^a The Human Rights Council has mandated a specific special procedure mandate holder to monitor the human rights situation in this country.

^π All references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in full compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

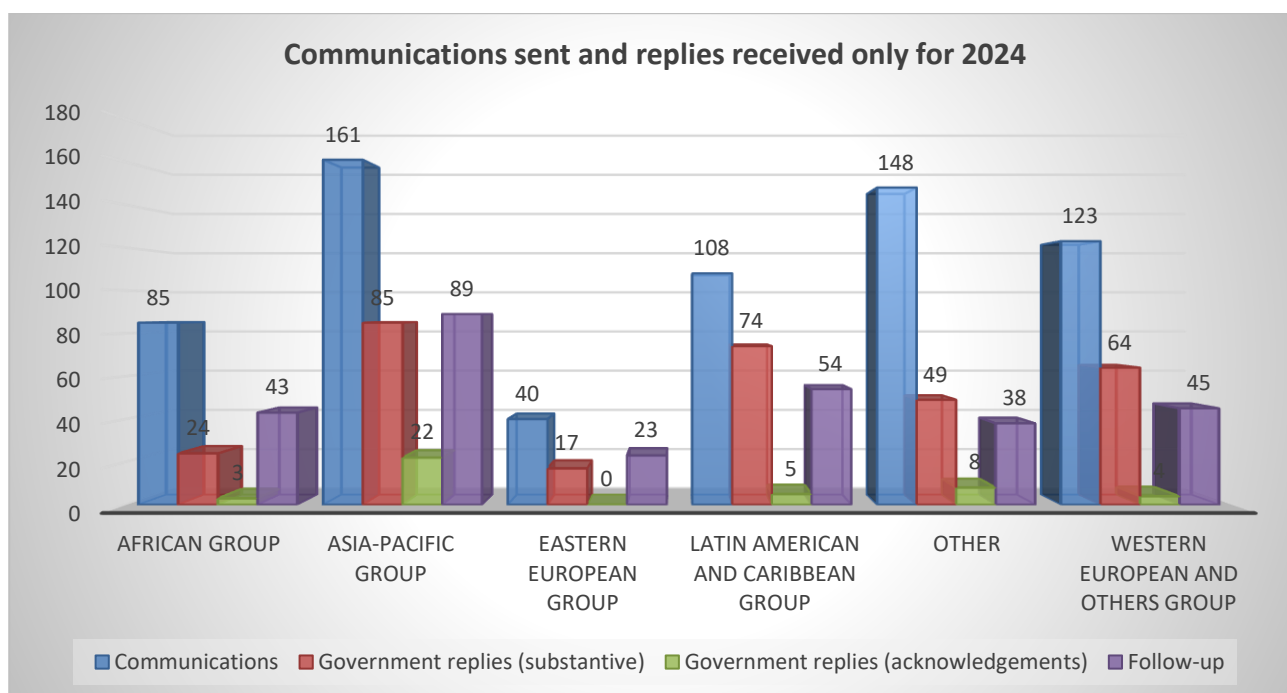
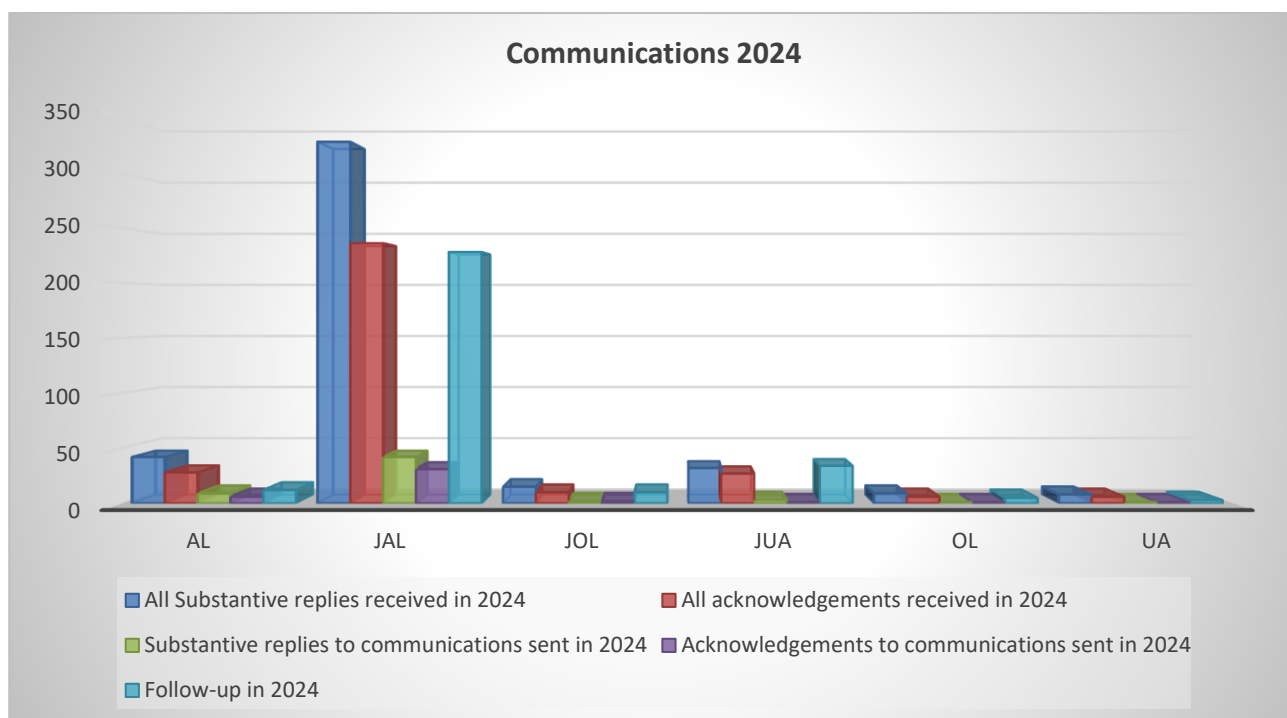
[#] Although the State of Palestine has extended a standing invitation to all mandate holders, Israel has not permitted the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 to conduct visits

IX. Statistics on communications (2024)

Statistics on communications (2024)

145	Communications sent to non-State actors															
53	Communications related to legislation															
124	Countries received at least one communication															
292	Communications followed up by mandate holders															
350	Replies received to communications sent in 2024 of which 309 (46.77% reply rate ⁵) are substantive replies. Some communications received more than one reply.															
464	Total replies received in 2024 of which 418 are substantive replies (this includes replies to communications sent before 2024)															
596	Joint communications by two or more mandate holders															
665	Communications sent (<i>breakdown: UA 11, AL 43, OL 15, JUA 56, JAL 502 and JOL 38</i>)	GENDER COMPOSITION OF VICTIMS <table><thead><tr><th>Gender</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Men</td><td>67%</td></tr><tr><td>Women</td><td>32%</td></tr><tr><td>Unspecified</td><td>1%</td></tr></tbody></table>	Gender	Percentage	Men	67%	Women	32%	Unspecified	1%						
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1266	Individuals covered, of which 414 were identified as female	COMMUNICATIONS SENT BY TYPE <table><thead><tr><th>Type</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>JAL</td><td>76%</td></tr><tr><td>JUA</td><td>8%</td></tr><tr><td>JOL</td><td>6%</td></tr><tr><td>AL</td><td>6%</td></tr><tr><td>UA</td><td>2%</td></tr><tr><td>OL</td><td>2%</td></tr></tbody></table>	Type	Percentage	JAL	76%	JUA	8%	JOL	6%	AL	6%	UA	2%	OL	2%
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⁵ Since 2018, only the substantive replies are counted to determine reply rate to communications.



X. Analysis of communications sent, and replies received (2024)

In 2024, a total of 665 communications were sent to 124 countries and 145 other non-State actors to which 350 replies were received from 88 countries and other actors as listed below. The table contains all communications sent and responses received from 1 January to 31 December 2024 (responses received until 10 January 2025). Responses received after 10 January 2025, including to communications sent at the end of 2024, will be reflected in the next report.

Information about the opinions issued by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the countries concerned is available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/wg-arbitrary-detention/opinions-adopted-working-group-arbitrary-detention>.

Information about the cases addressed by the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances concerned are available in their session reports <https://www.ohchr.org/en/special-procedures/wg-disappearances/sessions-working-group>.

A. Special Procedures Communications sent to states

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
Albania	1	0	0	0	0
Algeria	3	1	1	0	0
Angola	3	3	3	1	1
Argentina	11	8	8	1	1
Australia	2	1	1	0	0
Azerbaijan	4	4	4	0	0
Bahrain	4	4	4	0	0
Bangladesh	5	4	4	0	0
Belarus	9	6	6	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2	1	1	0	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	0	0	0
Brazil	7	6	6	2	2
Bulgaria	1	1	1	0	0
Burkina Faso	2	1	1	0	0
Burundi	1	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	2	1	1	0	0
Canada	3	3	3	0	0
Central African Republic	1	0	0	0	0
Chile	3	3	3	1	1
China	17	8	8	0	0
Colombia	14	9	15	0	0
Comoros	1	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	3	2	2	1	1
Croatia	1	1	1	0	0
Cuba	4	2	2	0	0
Cyprus	4	4	4	0	0
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	2	2	0	0

<i>Country</i>	<i>Number of communications sent during the period</i>	<i>Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period **</i>	<i>Number of substantive replies received during the period</i>	<i>Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period</i>
Democratic Republic of the Congo	9	0	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	1	0	0	0
Ecuador	5	5	5	0
Egypt	8	1	1	0
El Salvador	3	2	2	0
Equatorial Guinea	2	0	0	0
Ethiopia	1	0	0	0
France	8	3	3	0
Gambia	1	0	0	0
Georgia	4	0	0	0
Germany	6	5	5	0
Greece	3	0	0	0
Guatemala	6	6	6	0
Guinea	1	0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	2	1	3	0
Guyana	1	1	1	0
Haiti	3	0	0	0
Holy See	2	1	1	1
Honduras	2	2	2	0
Iceland	1	1	1	0
India	11	2	2	0
Indonesia	5	5	5	1
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21	17	17	0
Iraq	6	3	3	0
Ireland	1	1	1	0
Israel	24	3	3	2
Italy	6	3	3	0
Japan	3	3	3	0
Jordan	2	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	3	3	3	0
Kenya	4	0	0	0
Kuwait	1	1	1	0
Kyrgyzstan	4	2	2	0
Lebanon	1	0	0	0
Liberia	1	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	1	1	1	0
Madagascar	1	0	0	0
Malawi	2	0	0	0
Malaysia	3	2	2	1
Maldives	1	1	1	0
Mali	1	0	0	0

<i>Country</i>	<i>Number of communications sent during the period</i>	<i>Number of communications that received a reply during the selected period **</i>	<i>Number of substantive replies received during the period</i>	<i>Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period</i>
Mauritania	1	0	0	0
Mexico	14	9	9	0
Mongolia	1	1	1	0
Montenegro	2	2	3	0
Morocco	1	1	1	0
Mozambique	3	0	0	0
Namibia	1	0	0	0
Nepal	4	0	0	0
Netherlands	1	1	1	0
New Zealand	1	1	1	1
Nicaragua	4	0	0	0
Nigeria	2	0	0	0
Norway	3	2	2	0
Other actors	145	40	45	6
Pakistan	8	2	2	0
Panama	1	1	1	0
Paraguay	2	1	1	0
Peru	8	5	5	0
Philippines	6	1	1	5
Qatar	1	1	1	0
Republic of Korea	4	2	2	0
Russian Federation	12	1	1	0
Rwanda	3	0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	1	1	1	0
Saudi Arabia	5	3	3	0
Senegal	1	0	0	0
Serbia	4	1	1	0
Singapore	2	1	1	0
Somalia	2	1	1	0
South Africa	3	3	5	1
Spain	7	5	5	0
Sri Lanka	5	2	2	0
State of Palestine	1	1	1	0
Sudan	4	0	0	0
Sweden	1	1	2	0
Switzerland	5	5	5	0
Syrian Arab Republic	1	1	1	0
Tajikistan	1	1	1	0
Thailand	15	2	2	11
Timor-Leste	1	0	0	0
Togo	2	2	2	0
Tunisia	6	2	2	0
Türkiye	7	4	4	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
Turkmenistan	2	1	1	0
Uganda	4	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	2	1	1	2
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15	9	9	0
United Republic of Tanzania	4	0	0	0
United States of America	27	13	13	1
Uruguay	4	3	3	0
Uzbekistan	3	2	2	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	10	0	0	0
Viet Nam	4	2	2	2
Zambia	1	1	2	1
Zimbabwe	2	1	1	0

These communications concerned both identified (name and sex) and unidentified victims. Among them, 1265 were identified as alleged victims of which 846 are male and 414 females. Whereas unidentified victims amounted to 349,946,502, with 5,814,016 recognized as female and 100,574 as male. During this period, 145 communications were also sent to 135 'Other actors', for e.g., businesses, international bodies, agencies, and non-State actors to which 51 replies were received.

** Some communications received more than one reply.

B. Special Procedures Communications sent to non-states actors

Business enterprises and other actors	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
Adventus Mining Corporation	Canada	1	1	1
Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung	Germany	1	0	0
American Airlines Group	United States of America	1	0	0
Amundi Asset Management SA (Investment Management)	Italy	1	0	1
Architecture for REDD+ Transactions	United States of America	1	0	1
Ashish Nirman Sewa Pvt. Ltd	Nepal	1	0	0
Asian Development Bank - ADB	Philippines	1	0	0
Aster Global Environmental Solutions, Inc.	United States of America	1	0	1
Atico Mining Corporation	Canada	1	0	1
Avianca Group Limited	Colombia	1	0	0
Avianca S.A.	Colombia	1	0	0
Badan Pengusahaan Kawasan Perdagangan Bebas dan Pelabuhan Bebas Batam (BP Batam)	Indonesia	1	0	0

Business enterprises and other actors	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
BAE system	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	0
Bank of America	United States of America	1	0	0
Bank of Montreal	Canada	1	0	1
Barrick Gold Corporation	Canada	1	0	1
Belo Sun Mining Ltd	Canada	1	0	1
Blackrock Inc.	United States of America	2	0	0
Boeing	United States of America	1	0	0
Capital Group	United States of America	1	0	0
Capital World Investors	United States of America	1	0	0
Caterpillar	United States of America	1	0	0
Causeway Capital Management LLC	United States of America	1	0	0
China CAMC Engineering Co. Ltd. (CAMCE)	China	1	0	0
China First Highway Engineering Co. Ltd.	China	1	0	0
China State Construction Engineering Corp.	China	1	0	0
Citigroup	United States of America	1	0	0
Climate and Land Use Alliance	United States of America	1	0	1
Climateworks Foundation	United States of America	1	0	1
David and Lucile Packard Foundation	United States of America	1	0	1
Empresas Públicas de Medellín - EPM	Colombia	1	0	1
Enertrag SE	Germany	1	0	0
Equator Principles Limited	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	1
Fédération International de Football Association	Switzerland	1	0	0
Fidelity Management & Research Co. LLC	United States of America	2	0	0
First Eagle Investment Management Llc	United States of America	1	0	0
Ford Foundation	United States of America	1	0	0
Formosa Ha Tinh Steel Corporation	Viet Nam	1	0	1
Formosa Plastics Corporation	China	1	0	0
Fruitful Jobs	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	1
Garima International Design Associates Nepal Pvt. Ltd	Nepal	1	0	0

Business enterprises and other actors	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
General Dynamics	United States of America	1	0	0
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	United States of America	1	0	0
Good Energies by Porticus	Switzerland	1	0	0
Google LLC	United States of America	1	0	1
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	United States of America	1	0	0
Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Republic of Korea	1	0	0
Grupo Aeroméxico S.A.B.	Mexico	1	0	0
Harris Associates LP	United States of America	1	0	0
Haygrove Limited	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	1
HDF Energy	France	1	0	1
Hess Corporation	United States of America	1	0	0
Huadian Jinsha River Upstream Hydropower Development Co. Ltd.	China	1	0	0
Hyphen Hydrogen Energy Ltd	Namibia	1	0	0
International Monetary Fund - IMF	United States of America	2	0	0
Invesco Ltd.	United States of America	2	0	0
Israel Aerospace Industries Limited	Israel	1	0	0
Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.	China	1	0	0
JP Morgan Chase	United States of America	1	0	0
Korea Expressway Corporation	Republic of Korea	1	0	0
Kumar Shrestha Nirman Sewa	Nepal	1	0	0
La Plata S.A	Ecuador	1	0	1
Litton & Co., Inc.	Philippines	1	0	1
Lockheed Martin	United States of America	1	0	0
London Bullion Market Association	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	1	1
Meridiam	France	1	0	1
Meta	United States of America	1	0	1
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	United States of America	1	0	0
Namibia Ports Authority (NAMPORT)	Namibia	1	0	1
Newport Group, Inc	United States of America	1	0	0
Nguvu Moja Security Services Ltd.	Canada	1	0	1

Business enterprises and other actors	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
Nicholas Holdings ltd	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	1
Norges Bank Investment Management	Norway	1	0	1
Northrop Grumman	United States of America	1	0	0
Oshkosh corporation	United States of America	1	0	0
Poly Changda Engineering Co. Ltd.	China	1	0	0
PT Astra Agro Lestari Tbk	Indonesia	1	0	0
PT Astra International Tbk	Indonesia	1	0	0
PT Makmur Elok Graha (MEG)	Indonesia	1	0	0
Pyunghwa Engineering Consultants Ltd.	Republic of Korea	1	0	0
RBC Global Asset Management	Canada	1	0	1
Rheinmetall AG	Germany	1	0	0
Rolls-Royce Power Systems	Germany	1	0	0
Roshan Construction pvt. Ltd	Nepal	1	0	0
Royal Bank of Canada	Canada	1	0	0
RTX	United States of America	1	0	0
Salazar Resources Ltd.	Canada	1	1	1
SGA security	United Republic of Tanzania	1	0	1
Sichuan Road and Bridge (Group) Co. Ltd	China	1	0	0
SITARA Consult Pvt. Ltd	Nepal	1	0	0
Soosung Engineering and Consulting	Republic of Korea	1	0	1
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance	United States of America	1	0	0
State Street Corporation	United States of America	1	0	0
Sun Valley Gold LLC	United States of America	1	0	1
Telegram FZ LLC	United Arab Emirates	1	0	0
The Squad Group Limited	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	0
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	United States of America	1	0	0
ThyssenKrupp	Germany	1	0	1
Trafigura Pte Ltd.	Singapore	1	0	0
Tundi Group	Nepal	1	0	0
Union Investment Privatfonds GmbH	United States of America	1	0	0
Van Eck Associates Corp	United States of America	1	0	0
Vanguard Group Inc	United States of America	1	0	0
Wellington Management Co. LLP	United States of America	2	0	0

Business enterprises and other actors	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
Wells Fargo & Company	United States of America	1	0	0
Winrock International	United States of America	1	1	1
X Corp.	United States of America	1	0	0
Xingrun Construction Group Co. Ltd.	China	1	0	0
Xinyi Glass Holdings Limited	China	1	1	1
Yooshin Engineering Corporation	Republic of Korea	1	0	0

International organisation	Host country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	Indonesia	1	0	0
Council of Europe	Switzerland	1	1	1
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution	Canada	1	0	0
Permanent Delegation of the European Union	Switzerland	3	0	1
UNESCO World Heritage Center	France	1	0	1
World Bank Group - WBG	United States of America	1	0	1

Other entities	Country	Number of communications sent during the period	Number of substantive replies received during the period	Number of acknowledgements replies received during the period
Ansar Allah movement	Yemen	1	0	0
Arakan Army	Myanmar	1	0	1
Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica (BCIE)	Honduras	1	0	1
Columbia University	United States of America	1	0	0
European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)	Germany	1	0	1
International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Canada	1	0	0
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)	Canada	1	0	0
International Olympic Committee	Switzerland	1	0	1
Libyan National Army	Libya	3	0	0
Nooksack Tribal Council	United States of America	1	0	0
Rapid Support Forces	Sudan	3	0	0
Taliban	Afghanistan	2	0	0

Tatmadaw (Armed forces of Myanmar)	Myanmar	1	0	0
Turkish Cypriot authorities	Cyprus	1	0	1
UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	0	1
UNOPS Nicaragua	Nicaragua	1	0	1
PMA Nicaragua	Italy	1	0	1

XI. Themes addressed in reports of special procedures (2024)

A. Thematic mandates

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/70): Fulfilling the economic, social and cultural rights of people of African descent in the age of digitalization, artificial intelligence and new and emerging technologies General Assembly (A/79/278): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/70 to the General Assembly
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/45): The right to education for persons with albinism General Assembly (A/79/175): Children with albinism and the right to a family life
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/44): Arbitrary detention and mandatory sentencing
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/55): Investors, environmental, social and governance approaches and human rights General Assembly (A/79/178): Protecting and respecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons in the context of business activities: fulfilling obligations and responsibilities under the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/46): Scene-setting report General Assembly (A/79/176): Access to information on climate change and human rights
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/44 and A/HRC/55/44/Corr.1): Right to participate in science General Assembly (A/79/299): The right to participate in sports
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/43): Right to development of children and future generations General Assembly (A/79/168): Climate justice: loss and damage
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/56): Rights of persons with disabilities General Assembly (A/79/179): Participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in review and follow-up processes on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/54): Enforced or involuntary disappearance Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/54/Add.4): Enforced disappearances and elections
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/58): Academic freedom General Assembly (A/79/520): Artificial intelligence in education
Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/43): Business, planetary boundaries, and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
	General Assembly (A/79/270): Overview of the implementation of the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/56): Protection of the dead General Assembly (A/79/172): Investigating and preventing unlawful deaths of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender-diverse and intersex persons
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/49): Fisheries and the right to food in the context of climate change General Assembly (A/79/171): Starvation and the right to food, with an emphasis on the Palestinian people's food sovereignty
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/55/54): Fiscal legitimacy through human rights: a principled approach to financial resource collection and allocation for the realization of human rights General Assembly (A/79/142): The fiscal social contract and the human rights economy
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/53): Journalists in exile General Assembly (A/79/319): Global threats to freedom of expression arising from the conflict in Gaza
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/60): Model Protocol for Law Enforcement Officials to Promote and Protect Human Rights in the Context of Peaceful Protests Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/50): Preserving the gains and pushing back against the global attack on civic space and growing authoritarianism General Assembly (A/79/263): Protecting the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association from stigmatization
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/57/52): Pollution information portals: strengthening access to information on releases of hazardous substances General Assembly (A/79/163): Gender and hazardous substances
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/56/52): Drug use, harm reduction and the right to health General Assembly (A/79/177): Harm reduction for sustainable peace and development
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/55/53): Resettlement after evictions and displacement: addressing a human rights crisis General Assembly (A/79/317): Towards guiding principles on resettlement: a review and assessment of current laws, policies and practices
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/50): "We are not just the future": challenges faced by child and youth human rights defenders General Assembly (A/79/123): Contributions made by human rights defenders to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/62): Safeguarding the independence of judicial systems in the face of contemporary challenges to democracy General Assembly (A/79/362): Justice is not for sale: the improper influence of economic actors on the judiciary

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/47): Indigenous persons with disabilities General Assembly (A/79/160): Mobile Indigenous Peoples
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/47): Planned relocations of people in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change General Assembly (A/79/334): Peace processes and internal displacement
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/49): Vision for the mandate General Assembly (A/79/212): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/49 to the General Assembly
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/57): Participation of civil society organizations seeking to express international solidarity through transnational, international and regional networks General Assembly (A/79/170): Artificial intelligence and international solidarity: towards human-centred artificial intelligence international solidarity by design
Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/59): Vision and working methods General Assembly (A/79/152): Care and support for persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members from a human rights perspective
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/57/45): Role of mercenaries, mercenary-related actors and private military and security companies in the trafficking and proliferation of arms General Assembly (A/79/305): Trends and challenges in the financing of mercenaries and related actors
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/54): Revisiting migrants' contributions with a human rights-based approach: a discussion on facilitating and hindering factors General Assembly (A/79/213): Children are children first and foremost: protecting child rights in migration contexts
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/51): Promoting diversity on minority issues to strengthen the universal dimension of human rights General Assembly (A/79/169): Institutional designs promoting minorities' effective participation towards diverse and inclusive societies
Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/51): United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas and working methods of the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas General Assembly (A/79/145): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/51 to the General Assembly
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/42): Legal capacity and informed consent General Assembly (A/79/167): Future generations of older persons
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/61): Eradicating poverty beyond growth Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/61/Add.3): Breaking the cycle: ending the criminalization of homelessness and poverty

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
	General Assembly (A/79/162): The burnout economy: poverty and mental health
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/46): Legal safeguards for personal data protection and privacy in the digital age General Assembly (A/79/173): Proposal for the updating of General Assembly resolution 45/95 of 14 December 1990, entitled “Guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files”
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/68): Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/67): Combating the glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance General Assembly (A/78/538): Online racist hate speech General Assembly (A/79/195): Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/47): Hatred on the basis of religion or belief General Assembly (A/79/182): Peace and freedom of religion or belief
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/55): Study on the sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the entertainment industry General Assembly (A/79/122): Threats to children posed by technologies in facilitating, heightening and committing various manifestations of the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/49): Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in relation to the human rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association General Assembly (A/79/151): Electoral participation and protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/46): Contemporary forms of slavery as affecting currently and formerly incarcerated people General Assembly (A/79/159): Role of workers’ organizations in preventing workers from being subjected to contemporary forms of slavery
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/48): Vision and priorities General Assembly (A/79/324): Protection of human rights by regional organizations while countering terrorism: norms, cooperation, victims of terrorism and accountability
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/52): Current issues and good practices in prison management General Assembly (A/79/181): Investigating, prosecuting and preventing wartime sexual torture, and providing rehabilitation for victims and survivors

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/60): Trafficking in persons, mixed migration and protection at sea General Assembly (A/79/161): Trafficking in persons and gender and peace and security
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/50): Approach to the mandate and preliminary areas of interest General Assembly (A/79/180): Approach to the mandate and areas of engagement
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/55): Monitoring and assessment of the impact of unilateral sanctions and overcompliance on human rights General Assembly (A/79/183): Access to justice in the face of unilateral sanctions and overcompliance
Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/48): Prostitution and violence against women and girls General Assembly (A/79/325): Violence against women and girls in sports
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/48): Water and economy nexus: managing water for productive uses from a human rights perspective General Assembly (A/79/190): The water/food nexus: a human rights perspective
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/51): Escalating backlash against gender equality and urgency of reaffirming substantive equality and the human rights of women and girls

B. Country mandates

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/80): Situation of human rights in Afghanistan Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/25): The phenomenon of an institutionalized system of discrimination, segregation, disrespect for human dignity and exclusion of women and girls General Assembly (A/79/330): Situation of human rights in Afghanistan
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/65): Situation of human rights in Belarus General Assembly (A/79/201): Situation of human rights in Belarus
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/58): Situation of human rights in Burundi General Assembly (A/79/202): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/58 to the General Assembly
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/82): Situation of human rights in Cambodia
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/79): Human rights situation in the Central African Republic General Assembly (A/79/204): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/79 to the General Assembly

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Title and/or theme of the report</i>
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/63): Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea General Assembly (A/79/235): Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/56/24): Situation of human rights in Eritrea General Assembly (A/79/241): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/56/24 to the General Assembly
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/62): Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran General Assembly (A/79/371): Vision and priorities of the mandate
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/79): Situation of human rights in Mali
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/65): Situation of human rights in Myanmar General Assembly (A/79/550): Situation of human rights in Myanmar
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/73): Anatomy of a genocide General Assembly (A/79/384): Genocide as colonial erasure
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/59): Situation of human rights in the Russian Federation General Assembly (A/79/508): Torture in the Russian Federation: a tool for repression at home and aggression abroad
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	Human Rights Council (A/HRC/57/80): Situation of human rights in Somalia General Assembly (A/79/206): Note by the Secretariat referring document A/HRC/57/80 to the General Assembly
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic	<i>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</i>

XII. Joint statements issued by special procedures (2024)

Statement by Isha Dyfan, Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, presenting the annual report on the special procedures to the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, 21 March 2024.

Press statement by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures denouncing personal attacks against special procedures mandate holders, 16 May 2024.

Statement by Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, also on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, at the High-level informal Presidential discussion on the link between climate change, food security and health security, and their impact on the enjoyment of human rights, 20 June 2024.

Statement of Isha Dyfan, Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, at the high-level event organised by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the critical role of human rights in realizing the Pact for the Future, Summit for the Future, 21 September 2024.

Joint Declaration on the Pact for the Future adopted by the 30th Annual Meeting of Special Rapporteurs, Independent Experts, and Chairpersons of the Working Groups of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council Geneva, reaffirming human rights as central to a peaceful, inclusive and sustainable future, 13 December 2024.

XIII. Follow-up activities undertaken by mandate holders (non-exhaustive list) (2024)

A. Follow-up on communications

Follow-up on communications (non-exhaustive list) (2024)

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	The Working Group sent 41 follow-up communications in relation to 10 cases.
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	The Special Rapporteur sent follow-up communications on the below cases and situations: - Nigeria: case of Yahaya Sharif-Aminu (NGA 1/2024), sentenced to death penalty, a case originally raised in 2020 (UA NGA 4/2020). This was followed by a news release on 16 May 2024. - Iran: case of Mr. Toomaj Salehi (IRN 22/2023), a case raised in the past on 30 November 2022 (UA IRN 26/2022) and 19 May 2023 (UA IRN 6/2023). This was followed by a news release on 25 April 2024 and a meeting with the Government of Iran on 2 May 2024. - China: the situation in Tibet (CHN 8/2024), with similar concerns having been raised in the past (including JAL CHN 14/2023, JAL CHN 8/2023, JAL CHN 14/2022, JAL CHN 6/2022, JAL CHN 14/2021, JAL CHN 5/2019 and JAL CHN 16/2018). - Germany-Namibia: concerning the recognition of the harm committed during the colonial period and the need for reparations and adequate memorialization (DEU 5/2024 and NAM 1/2024), a situation originally raised on 23 January 2023 (DEU 1/2023 and NAM 1/2023). France: concerning the ban of Hijab in sports (FRA 7/2024), to seek responses to the questions unanswered by the Government of France in its response to the communication 13/2023, which was published on 26 December 2023. This was followed by a news release on 28 October 2024.
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	China: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (17/2024) concerning the enforced disappearance of Ms. He Fangmei (CHN 10/2022). The Working Group transmitted a follow up communication (CHN 15/2024) concerning the arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance of activists, human rights defenders, and members of ethnic and religious minority groups (CHN 10/2024, CHN 12/2024, CHN 8/2020, CHN 12/2020, CHN 4/2021, CHN 7/2021, CHN 2/2022, CHN 8/2023, CHN 18/2023). DPRK: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (PRK 3/2024) concerning the execution of two women and the life-imprisonment of nine women who were forcibly repatriated by China to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (PRK 2/2024). Guinea: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (GIN 1/2024) concerning the abduction and enforced disappearance of two human rights defenders by State agents (GIN 2/2022, GIN 2/2021, GIN 1/2021, GIN 1/2023). Mauritania: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (MRT 1/2024) concerning the lack of justice and accountability for the serious human rights violations committed from 1989 to 1991 (MRT 3/2020).

Follow-up on communications (non-exhaustive list) (2024)

	Pakistan: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (AL PAK 8/2024) concerning the continued unlawful detention and imprisonment following the enforced disappearance of Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khattak (PAK 8/2020; PAK 11/2020; PAK 4/2021; PAK 9/2023). Tunisia: The Working Group transmitted a follow-up communication (TUN 6/2024) concerning the interception of migrants at sea and the principle of non-refoulement (TUN 5/2023).
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	The Special Rapporteur sent follow-up communications on the below cases and situations: Republic of Korea: concerning the repeal of Students Human Rights ordinances (OL KOR 3/2024). Similar concerns were raised in OL KOR 1/2018 and in OL KOR 6/2022.
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	The Special Rapporteur sent several follow-up communications: Singapore: SGP 2/2024, concerning Mr. Rosman bin Abdullah, an individual with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities who was sentenced to death and reportedly did not receive procedural accommodations. This case was previously raised in SGP 2/2022 USA: USA 27/2024, concerning the use of nitrogen hypoxia for executions, which was previously raised in USA 29/2023. Thailand: THA 12/2024, concerning the killings of 84 individuals belonging to the Malay Muslim community by security officials in the Tak Bai incident in October 2004, which was previously raised in THA 17/2004, THA 18/2004, THA 22/2004, THA 4/2005 and THA 10/2006. Saudi Arabia: SAU 2/2024, concerning the alleged imminent execution of Mr. Abdullah al-Derazi, Mr. Youssef al-Manasif and Mr. Jalal al-Labbad. These cases were previously raised in SAU 8/2022, SAU 1/2023 and SAU 4/2023. Sudan: SDN 3/2024 and Rapid Support Forces: OTH 115/2024, concerning alleged violations of human rights, international humanitarian law and international criminal law committed in the context of the armed conflict in North and West Darfur, Sudan. The use of starvation as a weapon of war was previously the subject of a press release by several special procedures mandate holders on 26 June 2024. Concerns regarding the lack of humanitarian assistance and displacement was also the subject of a press release by several special procedures mandate holders on 5 February 2024. The killing of human rights defenders in El Geneina, West Darfur, was raised in communication SDN 4/2023. Haiti: HTI 2/2024, concerning, amongst other issues, extrajudicial and summary executions by alleged gang members, an issue which was previously raised in HTI 1/2022 and HTI 2/2022. Iraq: IRQ 3/2024, concerning a large number of executions of individuals convicted of terrorism-related offences, often without prior notification to families or lawyers, following unfair trials, including the use of forced confessions, and based on broad and ambiguous legal provisions, previously raised in IRQ 4/2020, IRQ 9/2020, IRQ 1/2021 and IRQ 1/2024. Venezuela: VEN 3/2024, concerning the killing of 16 individuals by members of state security forces. Similar killings by state security agents were previously raised in VEN 1/2018, VEN 3/2020, VEN 2/2021, VEN 1/2023 and VEN 2/2024. Pakistan: PAK 3/2024, concerning an individual killed by vigilante violence following allegations of blasphemy. Related incidents were raised in PAK 2/2017, PAK 2/2022 and PAK 3/2023.

Follow-up on communications (non-exhaustive list) (2024)

	Indonesia: IDN 2/2024, concerning extrajudicial and summary executions in West Papua including individual cases which were also raised in IDN 3/2023 and IDN 4/2023.
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	The Special Rapporteur sent a follow-up communication: Pakistan: AL PAK 8.2024, concerning the case of Mr. Muhammad Idris Khattak, whose alleged unlawful detention continues (case originally raised in AL PAK 4/2021, AL PAK 11/2020 and AL PAK 8/2020). This was followed by a news release on 23 December 2024.
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	The Special Rapporteur sent follow-up communications on the following cases: - AL USA 28/2024 to the United States of America on imminent threats of forced evictions of seven households who self-identify as Indigenous, without due process. This is a second follow-up communication, after the earlier USA 3/2022 and USA 1/2023. - AL ISR 23/2024 to Israel on recent demolitions and forced displacement of residents in Negev/Naqab region. It is in follow-up to ISR 6/2013, ISR 10/2014, ISR 6/2019, ISR 7/2020, and ISR 12/2022. - AL NGA 2/2024 to Nigeria on alleged demolition and burning of homes in Lagos State. It is in follow-up to NGA 4/2016, NGA 1/2015, NGA 1/2013, and NGA 3/2012. UZB 1/2024 to Uzbekistan on the alleged imminent eviction of Mr. Dilmurad Mirusmanov and his family of 15, and the demolition of his home, in the context of an urban renewal project in Tashkent. It is in follow-up to JUA UZB 3/2019, JAL UZB 2/2020, and AL UZB 3/2020.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	The Special Rapporteur sent 120 follow-up communications during 2024, out of which she led on 76 follow up communications in total. The Special Rapporteur carries out systematic follow up on cases of long-term detention of human rights defenders; as well as on deteriorating health or detention conditions of human rights defenders in long term detention, among others.
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	The Special Rapporteur sent follow-up communications on the following cases: - China: on the provisions and amendments in law that limit the free exercise of the legal profession, she sent the communication AL CHN 1/2024 in follow up to AL CHN 16/2023 and AL CHN 2/2023. - Tunisia: on the pattern of attacks against lawyers and judges, she sent AL TUN 2/2024 and AL TUN 4/2024, in follow up to AL TUN 2/2023. Bolivia: on the delays of the judicial elections, she sent AL BOL 1/2024 and AL BOL 2/2024, in follow up to AL BOL 1/2023.
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	The Independent Expert submitted the communications below following up on previous communications: Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): (VEN 11/2024), in follow-up of VEN 7/2020; VEN 3/2021; VEN 4/2024; VEN 7/2024; VEN 5/2024 and VEN 9/2024. Belarus: BLR 6/2024, in follow-up of BLR 4/2021; BLR 2/2022; BLR 6/2022; BLR 3/2023; BLR 4/2023; BLR 8/2023; BLR 12/2023; BLR 13/2023 and BLR 5/2024. Israel: ISR 18/2024, in follow-up to ISR 10/2024. Malawi: MWI 2/2024, in follow-up to MWI 5/2022 and MWI 1/2023. United States of America: USA 7/2024, in follow-up to USA 10/2015; USA 17/2021 and USA 12/2023. Iran (Islamic Republic of): IRN 8/2024, in follow-up to IRN 13/2021. Sao Tome and Principe: STP 1/2024, in follow-up to STP 1/2023.

Follow-up on communications (non-exhaustive list) (2024)

Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	The Special Rapporteur sent several follow-up communications: El Salvador (3/2024): regarding the lack of progress in the implementation of the transitional justice agenda in the country. A related situation was originally raised in SLV 2/2021. This was followed by a news release on 15 January 2025. Mauritania (MRT 1/2024): concerning lack of justice and reparations for gross human rights violations committed between 1989 to 1991, a situation originally addressed in MRT 3/2020. Argentina (ARG 10/2024): concerning renewed measures that would affect the processes of truth, justice, memory and guarantees of non-recurrence. The situation was previously raised in ARG 6/2024 and ARG 9/2024. Argentina (ARG 9/2024) regarding regressive measures on the processes of truth, justice, reparation, memory, and guarantees of non-recurrence. The situation was originally raised in ARG 6/2024. Germany (DEU 5/2024) and Namibia (NAM 1/2024): concerning the recognition of the harm committed during the colonial period and the need for reparations and adequate memorialization, a situation originally raised in DEU 1/2023 and NAM 1/2023. OTH 117/2024, OTH 118/2024, OTH 119/2024, OTH 120/2024 and AL GBR 10/2024: concerning the recognition of the harm committed during the colonial period and the need for reparations and adequate memorialization. A related situation was originally raised in DEU 1/2023 and NAM 1/2023. Colombia (COL 11/2024): concerning budgetary measures that hinder the search for missing persons. A related situation was previously raised in COL 1/2017. Azerbaijan (AZE 3/2024): concerning the enforced disappearance, torture and killing of Armenian soldiers and civilians, a situation previously raised in AZE 4/2020 and AZE 1/2021. Peru (PER 3/2024): concerning alleged threats directed against the memorial ‘El Ojo que Lloro’, a case originally raised in PER 1/2022 and PER 10/2020, and concerning bills proposing statutes of limitation and amnesty for serious human rights violations. Some issues raised in the AL were followed up in a news release of 14 June 2024. Uruguay (URY 1/2024): concerning a draft law that would allow for the substitution of custodial sentences with house arrest for persons convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity, a situation previously raised in URY 2/2021. Sri Lanka (LKA 1/2024): concerning alleged restrictions imposed on memorialization efforts carried out by Tamil civil society and the arrest of participants pursuant to the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Related situations were originally raised in LKA 3/2016; LKA 5/2018; LKA 1/2019; LKA 6/2020; LKA 7/2020; LKA 2/2021; LKA 7/2021; LKA 1/2022; LKA 5/2022 and LKA 4/2023.
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	On 24 July 2024, the Special Rapporteur sent a follow-up communication (USA 20/2024) regarding the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Cuba, which has been further exacerbated following the redesignation of Cuba by the U.S. Government as a State sponsoring terrorism. The case was originally raised on 25 January 2024 (USA 3/2024).
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	The Working Group sent four follow-up communications to States. The experts sent a communication to Haiti concerning wide-ranging violations of women and girls’ rights on 18 April 2024 (HTI 1/2024); a communication to Malaysia on proposed Constitutional amendments on 12 June 2024 (MYS 3/2024); a communication to Sudan on the lack of adequate care for survivors of gender-based violence and the targeting of women human rights defenders and first responders on 9 August 2024 (SDN 2/2024); and a communication to Mexico on violence against women journalists and human rights defenders on 3 October

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	2024 (MEX 14/2024). The Working Group also joined 34 other communications that were follow-up communications led by other mandates.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	On 3 May and 13 June, the Special Rapporteur sent joint follow-up communications on alleged denial of adequate medical care to an older prisoner, Mr. Ryhor Kastusiou (Grigoriy Kostusev) (BLR 3/2024, BLR 5/2023). The case was originally raised on 15 February (BLR 1/2024). A press release was issued on 26 February. On 8 August, the State informed the special procedures that Mr. Kastusiou had been released from detention. On 13 June, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint communication on alleged ill-treatment of older prisoners (BLR 5/2024). The communication included follow-up on the situation of the following prisoners: Mr. Aliaksandr Yarashuk, Mr. Vasil Berasnieu and another person (originally raised on 10 November 2022, BLR 6/2022), Ms. Iryna Melkher (originally raised on 5 December 2023, BLR 12/2023), Mr. Mikalai Statkevich (originally raised on 22 December 2023, BLR 13/2023). A press release followed on 2 July 2024. On 23 October, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint communication on alleged arbitrary detentions and ill-treatment of prisoners (BLR 6/2024). The communication included follow-up on the situation of the following prisoners: two anonymized persons, Mr. Viktor Babaryka (originally raised on 25 May 2023, BLR 4/2023), Ms. Alena Hnauk (originally raised on 13 June 2024, BLR 5/2024), Ms. Maria Kalesnikava (Kalesnikova) (originally raised on 16 September 2020 in BLR 7/2020, on 2 December 2022 in BLR 8/2022, on 27 April 2023 in BLR 3/2023 and on 22 December 2023 in BLR 13/2023), Ms. Viktoriya Kulsha (originally raised on 27 April 2023 in BLR 3/2023 and on 14 September 2023 in BLR 8/2023), Ms. Volha Mayorava (originally raised on 13 July 2024, BLR 5/2024), Mr. Uladzimir (Vladimir) Matskevich (originally raised on 25 February 2022, BLR 2/2022), Ms. Iryna Melkher (originally raised on 5 December 2023 in BLR 12/2023 and on 13 June 2024 in BLR 5/2024), Ms. Palina Sharenda-Panasiuk (originally raised on 14 September 2023, BLR 8/2023), Mr. Mikalai (Nikolay) Statkevich (originally raised on 22 December 2023 in BLR 13/2023 and on 13 June 2024 in BLR 5/2023), Mr. Valiantsin Stefanovic (originally raised on 24 March 2023 in BLR 1/2023 and on 22 December 2023 in an anonymized communication), Mr. Siarhei Tsikhanouski (Sergey Tihanovski) (originally raised on 25 May 2023, BLR 4/2023). A press release followed on 31 October 2024. On 24 October, the Special Rapporteur sent a joint communication on alleged gender-based violence and other ill-treatment of women in detention (BLR 7/2024). The communication included follow-up on other communications related to ill-treatment of women detainees sent on 27 April 2023 (BLR 3/2023), 5 December 2023 (BLR 12/2023), 6 December 2023 (BLR 11/2023), 15 December 2023 (BLR 10/2023) and 13 June 2024 (BLR 5/2024).
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	The Special Rapporteur sent follow-up communications on the following cases: Israel Aerospace Industries Limited: the Special Rapporteur sent communication OTH 11/2024 in follow-up to OTH 131/2023. The communication sought further information and clarity from the company on its transfer of aerospace parts to the Myanmar military junta, including transfers which took place since the junta's February 2021 illegal coup.

B. Other follow-up activities

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	On 1 and 2 July, the Member for the Asia-Pacific region of the Working Group, Pichamon Yeophantong, participated in a series of events in Tokyo as a follow-up to the Working Group's country visit to Japan in August 2023. She took part in (1) an event entitled "Business and Human Rights: Navigating Japan's Challenges and Recommendations from the UN Report", organized by the non-
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	governmental organization Human Rights Now on 1 July; (2) an event entitled “Considering Japan’s ‘Business and Human Rights’ Policy in Light of the UN Final Report”, organized by the Bipartisan Diet Members Caucus for Human Rights Diplomacy and Human Rights Now on 2 July; and (3) a meeting with the Japan Multi-Stakeholders Forum for the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, organized by the Business and Human Rights Civil Society Platform on 2 July.
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	On 17 September, the Working Group presented to the Human Rights Council follow-up reports on the country visits to Kyrgyzstan (A/HRC/45/13/Add.2) and Tajikistan (A/HRC/45/13/Add.1), undertaken in June and July 2019. The reports assess the status as well as obstacles for the implementation of the Working Group’s recommendations made upon country visits.
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	On 27 September, the Special Rapporteur submitted an amicus petition to the Supreme Court of India, relating to punitive home demolitions (Jamiat Ulama-i-hind vs. Union of India & Others, Writ Petition (CRL.) NO. 162 of 2022). The petition argues that such punitive home demolitions violate the right to adequate housing and other international human rights norms. The Special Rapporteur had earlier raised concerns with punitive housing demolitions through communication AL IND 5/2022. While the Court declined to formally consider several intervention petitions in the case, it rendered a judgement on 13 November prohibiting housing demolitions as a form of collective punishment against a person accused or convicted for a crime. The ruling echoed several recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur in his intervention. On 3 April, the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights filed an amicus curiae with the Supreme Court of the United States of America concerning the criminalization of persons experiencing homelessness, City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, case 23-175. This was following up on their joint study on ending the criminalization of homelessness and extreme poverty.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	The Special Rapporteur conducted several activities to follow up on a working visit she undertook to Ukraine in 2023 under the auspices of the IDP Protection Expert Group (IPEG): • In January, she had a second second meeting with Ukraine women-led and IDP-led civil society organizations that she had first met in person in Ukraine during the IPEG mission and shared the conclusions from her visit to Ukraine. • In January, the Special Rapporteur discussed the IPEG Ukraine mission report with the RC/HC of Ukraine as well as the Ombudsperson of Ukraine in separate online meetings. • In February, the Special Rapporteur was invited by the Ombudsman of Ukraine to present on Colombia’s Reparations Programme for Victims of the Conflict to inform Ukrainian deliberations on similar issues. • In March, she participated and gave closing remarks at an event on reparations in the context of internal displacement organized by IOM in Warsaw, intended to support similar discussions in Ukraine. • In March, she made a presentation on the humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine at an event of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. • In July, she made a presentation on support for IDPs, and others affected by conflict in Ukraine in a side event at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly meeting in Bucharest. The Special Rapporteur made strengthening the participation of internally displaced persons in decisions affecting them a core priority of her mandate in her initial reports to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, and conducted several follow-up activities in this regard:

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	• In April, the Special Rapporteur provided closing remarks at a virtual roundtable event for IDP leaders organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement and Refugees International. • In June, the Special Rapporteur provided closing remarks at a side event on effective models of meaningful IDP participation in government decision-making at the UNHCR NGO Consultations. • In November, the Special Rapporteur led two virtual conversations with groups of IDP leaders from Mexico, Honduras, Haiti, Nigeria, South Sudan and Ukraine. In December, based on the above virtual conversations, the Special Rapporteur, together with UNHCR, IPEG, and McGill University, convened a workshop on Strengthening Participation of IDPs: Obstacles and Opportunities with the aim to identify ways to further support participation of IDPs in the response to internal displacement.
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	The Special Rapporteur continued advocating for the participation of people in poverty in policy-making decision. In partnership with the international movement ATD Fourth World and based on his experience meeting with countless civil society organizations and people living in poverty around the world, the Special Rapporteur developed an Instrument for the Deliberative Elaboration & Evaluation of Policies (IDEEP). The tool aims to guide decision-makers in ensuring strong participation in the design, implementation and assessment of projects or policies that have impacts on people in poverty, thus ensuring that the various dimensions of poverty, including those that are “hidden”, are taken into account. After years of development and refining, the tool was presented to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington DC in February, both of which expressed enthusiasm in incorporating the tool into their work. In addition, after the country visit to Colombia (August), ATD and the Special Rapporteur suggested to the Government of Colombia the possibility of using the IDEEP tool when establishing the new Universal Income Registry (RUI, Registro Universal de Ingresos). This social registry should allow all households to pay for public utilities in proportion of their contributing capacity, rather than based simply on the stratum in which they are classified based on where they live. The Special Rapporteur hopes that it will be established ensuring that people in poverty have strong participation in the design, implementation and assessment of projects which will guide decision-makers, thus ensuring that the various dimensions of poverty are taken into account.
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	With a view to following-up on the outcome of her country visits to Montenegro, Mauritius and the Philippines in 2021-2022, the Special Rapporteur invited all stakeholders to submit information on their views on any progress made in the protection and response to incidences of sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse in the respective countries as well as provide contribution on the status of implementation of the recommendations presented in the respective reports following the conclusion of the country visits. She received 13 inputs in response to this exercise-.
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences.	The Special Rapporteur followed up on a joint communication issued in April 2019 (AL ECU 4/2019), with a joint press release on 26 April, calling on Ecuador to hold Furukawa Plantaciones C.A. accountable and to ensure that victims have access to justice and an effective remedy.
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	On 20 August, the Special Rapporteur published an opinion piece in El País marking the one-year anniversary of a historic popular consultation in Ecuador in which nearly 59% of more than 10 million people voted in favour of banning oil exploitation from the Yasuní National Park. The op-ed noted that, though the Government had one year, statistics on the volumes of extraction from Block 43

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	in the last year show that there has been no action to comply with the electoral mandate. The op-ed also highlights the serious health damage incurred by the legacy of crude oil projects in the Amazon, which falls heavily on Indigenous Peoples from whose territories it is extracted. This op-ed followed up on a visit he conducted to Ecuador earlier in the year. In 2023, the Special Rapporteur sent communications to the US, the Netherlands, DuPont, and Chemours on PFAS and impacts on the environment and health of communities along the lower Cape Fear River in North Carolina. This was followed by a press release on the issue in early 2024. In April, the Special Rapporteur was invited to a meeting on PFAS with the Council on Environmental Quality at the White House's, also following the announcement of the US's first national, legally enforceable drinking water standard for PFAS. This rule sets limits for five individual PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, and HFPO-DA (also known as "GenX Chemicals"). The rule also sets a limit for mixtures of any two or more of four PFAS: PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and "GenX chemicals."
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	In follow-up to his country visit to Serbia and Kosovo (November/December 2022), the former Special Rapporteur participated in informal discussions on reparations for Kosovo Roma victims of lead poisoning, held in New York and virtually in February. His successor participated in follow-up discussions held in Geneva in September. In follow up to the mandate's country visit to Colombia (September 2023), the newly appointed Special Rapporteur participated in a round table on listening publics, participatory performance and the admission of responsibility by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, held at Concordia University in Canada. The Special Rapporteur followed up on thematic areas of concern for his mandate through participation in several conferences and events organised by partners, including on issues such as prevention of genocide, international accountability for gross human rights violations, remedy for victims, reparative justice through international justice procedures, search for missing persons, dialogue and reconciliation, countering-terrorism and transitional justice, and the role of artificial intelligence in transitional justice processes. The Special Rapporteur held meetings with state officials, UN and regional human mechanisms, civil society and academic institutions to follow up on observations and recommendations contained in the mandate's reports.
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	The Working Group followed up on its report on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (A/HRC/53/21), issued jointly with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, through an active involvement in the Global campaign to End Gender Apartheid. The experts participated in numerous meetings speaking on this topic and provided inputs to the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, arguing for codification of gender apartheid as a specific crime. Following its regional convening for Southern Africa, a network of South African judges, lawyers and activists, members of the Atlantic Council, and of the 'End gender apartheid' Campaign, was created to exchange views and support the efforts of the Afghan women to end the systematic human rights violations of women and girls in Afghanistan. The first meeting took place in November, with the participation of a Working Group lead member on gender apartheid. The Working Group also continued its engagement with the Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, discussing possible follow-up series of communications on broader discrimination in nationality laws (e.g. incl. foreign spouses, same sex marriages), to supplement its series of communications on discriminatory nationality laws with a focus on children.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	The Special Rapporteur submitted an amicus opinion to the Jerusalem District Court in January, in a strategic case regarding the consideration of the human rights impacts of the national service in Eritrea during the asylum process in Israel.

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	The amicus provided information concerning the situation of draft evaders in Eritrea, including on the nature and scope of the national service, its human rights implications, and current practices related to conscription and the treatment of draft evaders. The Israeli authorities have long held that draft evasion/desertion by Eritreans is not sufficient by itself to support a well-founded fear of persecution and have rejected the notion that desertion or evasion is seen by the Eritrean State as an expression of political opinion. The Court held that there is “a reasonable possibility” that desertion or evasion of military service in Eritrea, combined with illegal exit from Eritrea, could lead to political persecution. The Special Rapporteur’s amicus was referred to several times by the Judge in his decision. If upheld, this decision has the potential to unlock the situation of Eritrean asylum seekers in the country, whose recognition as refugees has been blocked for almost a decade. In May, the Special Rapporteur made an amicus submission to the District Court of The Hague, to provide information and insight concerning the fundamental differences between the policies with the regard to Eritrean asylum seekers in the Netherlands and Switzerland.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	The Special Rapporteur published a Conference Room Paper on 26 June, titled <i>Banking on the Death Trade: How Banks and Governments Enable the Military Junta in Myanmar (A/HRC/56/CRP.7)</i>. The paper examines the military junta’s engagement with a broad international banking network, which it uses to sustain itself and its weapons supplies. The report highlighted that in the year leading up to the report’s publication, 16 banks located in seven countries processed transactions related to SAC military procurement and 25 banks provided correspondent banking services to Myanmar’s state-owned banks since the coup. As follow-up to this conference room paper, the Special Rapporteur was invited to provide information to Thailand’s House of Representatives’ Committee on National Security, Border Affairs, National Strategy, and National Reform on 22 July. During this meeting, the Special Rapporteur expanded on the findings presented in his conference room paper on the involvement of Thai banks in facilitating payments for weapons and weapons-related materials being purchased by the Myanmar military junta.

XIV. External support received by mandate holders in 2024

A. Thematic mandates

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate Holder</i>	<i>External support received through other sources</i>	<i>Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR</i>
Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	Isabel MAMADOU (Spain)	No external support received	
	Catherine S. NAMAKULA (Uganda)	No external support received	
	Miriam EKIUDOKO (Hungary)	No information received	
	Ms. Bina D'COSTA (Bangladesh)	Yes, in kind support received from the following: The mandate holder's university the Australian National University for the use of office space, I used office space to hold bilateral and also, discussions about Working Group thematic reports; I have used two postgraduate students to help me research for our last thematic report	
	Barbara G. REYNOLDS (Guyana)	Yes external support in cash and kind received from Geledes for a presentation at the Empoderamento Econômico da População Afrodescendente – O Papel dos Bancos Multilaterais e dos Bancos Nacionais de Desenvolvimento, September 9-10, 2024 in Brasília. This was an one-time support.	
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism	Muluka-Anne MITI-DRUMMOND (Zambia)	Yes, in kind support received from the following: Multi-year support from previous year. In kind from the Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) In kind and fiscal support from a grant from Ford Foundation awarded for the activities of the mandate, as administered by SALC as fiscal agent. In kind from Amnesty International and fiscal support from a grant from Wellspring awarded for the activities of the mandate, as administered by Amnesty International as fiscal agent.	
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	Ganna YUDKIVSKA (Ukraine),	No information received	Received US\$ 108,932.46 from France
	Mumba MALILA (Zambia)	No information received	
	Miriam ESTRADA-CASTILLO (Ecuador)	No information received	
	Priya GOPALAN (Malaysia)	No external support received	
	Matthew GILLET (New Zealand)	Yes, external assistance in-kind received from the University of Essex for general use by the mandate	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate Holder</i>	<i>External support received through other sources</i>	<i>Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR</i>
		holder including office space, research hours and research assistance on a continuous basis.	
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	Pichamon YEOPHANTONG (Thailand)	No external support received	Received US\$ 68,514.10 from Germany
	Damilola S. OLAWUYI (Nigeria)	No external support received	Received US\$359,582.52 from ILO (EC) for responsible business conduct in Latin America and Caribbean I.
	Robert McCORQUODALE (Australia)	No external support received.	
	Lyra JAKULEVIČIENĖ (Lithuania)	No information received	Received US\$892,716.78 from ILO (EC) for responsible business conduct in Latin America and Caribbean II.
	Fernanda HOPENHAYM (Mexico)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	Elisa MORGERA (Italy)	Yes, external support received from the following University of Strathclyde, UK in kind and continuous basis as provision of research assistant University of Eastern Finland in kind and continuous basis provision of research assistant University of London in kind and cash for travel expenses for research assistant to attend CBD COP16 and UNFCCC Cop29 ALANA Institute, Brazil a one off in-kind and cash contribution for travel costs to Belem, Brasilia and Sao Paulo on an academic visit to participate in the Regional Conference of Youth on climate change University of Stirling, UK in kind for research assistant UC Berkeley in kind for research assistant NHRI Republic of Korea in kind and cash for travel costs to Seoul on an academic visit on national conference for climate change and human rights Defence for Children International – Belgium in kind and cash for travel costs to Brussels on an academic visit to attend CFJ-EN Annual Seminar Deep Sea Coalition / Greenpeace in kind and cash for travel to Kingston on an academic visit for High-level event on the side-lines of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.	

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	Alexandra XANTHAKI (Greece)	Yes, external support received in kind from Brunel University London as a one-off for organisation of an expert consultation on sports. University of Bristol Law school also supported in kind on a continuous basis for research support on specific tasks asked by the mandate)	Received US\$ 16,968.33 from Cyprus
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	Surya DEVA (India)	No external support received	Received US\$ 50,000 from India
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Heba HAGRASS (Egypt)	No external support received	Received US\$ 100,758.40 from Finland Received US\$ 50,000 from India Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	Ana Lorena DELGADILLO PEREZ (Mexico)	Yes, external support for the mandate received but reported by this expert. <i>Received US\$30,000 from Ford Foundation for the WG. This was outside OHCHR and was used to fund academic visits by the mandate holders. Also, in kind support received from students of Berkely (Human Rights Centre) and Yale providing research assistance to WGEID.</i>	Received US\$ 108,932.46 from France
	Aua BALDÉ (Guinea-Bissau)	Yes, external support received as below: In-kind support received from Peace Brigades Kenya, for sponsorship of academic visit to Kenya in July/August 2024 by providing flight tickets: Lisbon/Nairobi/Lisbon; Nairobi/Mombasa; Malindi/Nairobi. Also Defend Defenders and African Defenders, supported in-kind with full sponsorship to attend academic visit to Kampala (Uganda), including flight tickets, hotel and meals. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights supported in-kind with sponsorship of the side event for the launch of the Working Group's report on "Enforced Disappearances and Elections" during 81 st session of the ACHPR in Banjul by providing the venue, interpretation and refreshment for the participants.	
	Gabriella CITRONI (Italy)	No external support received	
	Mohammed AL-OBAIDI (Iraq)	No external support received	

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	Grazyna BARANOWSKA (Poland)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	Farida SHAHEED (Pakistan)	No information received	Received US\$ 20,986.36 from Portugal
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment	Astrid PUENTES RIAÑO (Mexico)	Yes, external support received from the following: Universidad Iberoamericana: Environmental and Climate Justice Laboratory in kind for office space and admin support from August 2024. The David & Lucile Packard Foundation for US\$180,000 for general use of the mandate holder and support to the Environmental and Climate Justice Laboratory at Universidad Iberoamericana, including external support for 3 years starting from November 2024. Ford Foundation for US\$92,000 for 1 year starting December 2024 for support to the Environmental and Climate Justice Laboratory at Universidad Iberoamericana including for external support.	Received US\$ 43,196.54 from Germany Received US\$37,960.95 from Monaco
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	Morris TIDBALL-BINZ (Chile)	Yes, external support received from the following: Monash University and Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Melbourne, Australia for the provision of academic/scientific research and more specifically, a pro-bono team of professors, post-doctoral researchers and PhD students. University of Chicago, Global Human Rights Clinic, for the provision of research assistants. Provision of academic/scientific research and more specifically, a pro-bono team of professors, post-doctoral researchers and PhD students.	Received US\$ 45,503.79 from Finland Received US\$10,493.18 from Spain
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	Michael FAKHRI (Lebanon)	No external support received.	Received US\$ 163,000 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	Attiya WARIS (Kenya)	No external support received	

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economic, social and cultural rights			
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	Irene KHAN (Bangladesh)	Yes, external support received from the following: Wellspring Foundation for US\$ 150,000 for general use of the mandate.	
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Gina Paola ROMERO RODRÍGUEZ (Colombia)	Yes, external support received from the following: Support of US\$ 200,000 by the Ford Foundation for general use by the mandate holder. Total amount being US\$500,000, of which this support is for a year. Support of US\$ 25,000 from the Solidarity Centre for funding to production of human rights stories. Support from the following organizations for travel expenses related to academic visits of the expert: - World Movement for Democracy for visit to Angola, South Africa, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Amnesty International for visit to Germany; Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights for visit to Zimbabwe; Forum Asia for visit to Thailand; International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) for visit to Peru; CELS for visit to Argentina and regional events on protests; International IDEA for visits to Guatemala. In kind support also received from Gulf centre for Human Rights for venue expenses for consultation and academic visit to Turkey. In kind support from Columbia University for provision of research assistants and eight interns.	Received US\$ 17,096.15 from the Czech Republic
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	Tlaleng MOFOKENG (South Africa)	Yes, external support received from the following: Onetime cash support of US\$250,000 from Georgetown University and provision of research assistants received.	
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	Balakrishnan RAJAGOPAL (United States of America)	No information received.	Received US\$ 43,196.54 from Germany
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	Mary LAWLOR (Ireland)	Yes, external support received from the following: Multi-year contribution of NK1,800,000 from Norway for general use by the mandate holder.	Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate Holder</i>	<i>External support received through other sources</i>	<i>Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR</i>
		Multi-year contribution of US\$ 200,000 from the Ford Foundation for general use by the mandate holder.	
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	Margaret SATTERTHWAITE (United States of America)	Yes, external support received from the following: New York University School of Law for the provision of research assistants. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for the provision in particular for assistance with the external website that was archived and discontinued midway 2024. Ford Foundation contributed US\$ 450,000 for the period 1 April 2023 through 31 March 2026 for general use by the mandate. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation contributed US\$ 300,000 for the period of 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2026 for general use of the mandate. IPRI/Luce Foundation for US\$60,000 for the period 2 February 2024 to 15 July 2025 to support preparation of thematic report. In kind support from Stanford University, Princeton University, UCLA, for preparation of research papers to the mandate.	
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	Albert Kwokwo BARUME (Democratic Republic of the Congo) (appointed in December 2024 following resignation of mandate holder).	No information received	
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	Paula GAVIRIA (Colombia)	Yes, external support received from the following: USA BHA of US\$40,000 as multi-year provision for travel. UNHCR & NORCAP in kind and cash contributed towards provision of policy advisor of US\$150,000. IOM contributed a one off US\$8,400 for a policy advisor	
Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	George KATROUGALOS (Greece)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	Cecilia BAILLIET (Argentina)	Yes, external support received in kind as provision of office space and research assistants by the University of Oslo, Norway.	

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Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	Beatriz MIRANDA GALARZA (Ecuador)	Yes, external support received from home institution (17, Instituto de Estudios Críticos), of US\$500 and continuous in-kind provision of office space, equipment, editorial digital platform, radio digital platform, research students. Sasakawa Health Foundation provided cash support of US\$1,200 and a communication/ research assistant. While Fundación Fontilles provided cash support of US\$600 for a plane ticket to attend a Congress. Institution ILEP, provided US\$2,500 as earmarked support to the Mandate for a particular process.	Received US\$ 12,270 from Japan
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	Michelle René SMALL (South Africa)	Yes, one-off external support received from CRDF Global of US\$250, for South Africa Security Conference, Accra, Ghana 29 – 30 July, and also air ticket and accommodation	
	Andrés MACIAS TOLOSA (Colombia)	No external support received	
	Jovana JEZDIMIROVIC RANITO (Serbia)	Yes, external support received from the following: University of Twente, University of Witwatersrand in kind for general use of the mandate on a continuous basis. In kind from University of Oslo, who made provision for research assistants. Also, in kind from Graduate Institute of Geneva as one-off assistance for research assistants.	
	Joana LOPES DE DEUS PEREIRA (Portugal)	No information received	
	Ravindran DANIEL (India)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	Mr. Gehad MADI (Egypt)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	Nicolas LEVRAT (Switzerland)	Yes, external support received from Université de Genève in kind equivalent to CHF247,000 devoted for mandate work.	Received towards Forum on Minority issues US\$54,466.23 from Austria Received US\$50,000 from China Received US\$10,834.24 and US\$15,822.78 from Hungary

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Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	Claudia MAHLER (Austria)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind support from the German Institute for Human Rights for the provision of office space and administrative support. Austria, €66,000 (Euros) for a 3-year period for the general use by the mandate holder, provision of research assistants and as earmarked for particular events. Germany, €73,500 (Euros) for multi-year period for the provision of research assistants, general use of mandate holder and earmarked for particular events. From Kraft Stiftung of €4,000 towards general use of the mandate for a multi-year period.	
Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas	Uche Ewelukwa OFODILE (Nigeria)	No information received	
	Shalmali GUTTAL (India)	No external support received	
	Davit HAKOBYAN (Armenia),	No external support received	
	Carlos DUARTE (Colombia)	No information received	
	Geneviève SAVIGNY (France)	No information received	
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	Olivier DE SCHUTTER (Belgium)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind from the Universite catholique de Louvain, Belgium. Provision of office space and administrative support for the general use by the mandate holder. The university also allows the SR to dedicate significant time to the mandate. Robert Bosch Stiftung, for cash support of Euros €300,000 to cover fees for two external consultants, travel and digital costs. This multi-year funding is for June 2024 to May 2026.	Received US\$70,422.54 from Finland
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	Ana BRIAN NOUGRÈRES (Uruguay)	No information received	Received US\$ 43,196.54 from Germany
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	K.P. ASHWINI (India)	Yes, external support received as below: In kind from Race and Equality (a CSO) of approximately US\$5,000 that was earmarked to providing flights and accommodation for an academic visit to the Dominican Republic. A one-off contribution by UNESCO for US\$5,000 approximately in kind by providing flights and accommodation to attend the 2024 Forum against Racial Discrimination in Barcelona, Spain	

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate Holder</i>	<i>External support received through other sources</i>	<i>Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR</i>
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	Nazila GHANEA (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Yes, external support received as below: A one-off contribution by UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Human Rights International Programme for £64,679 for senior project research fellow as project manager and research coordinator and project research fellow as research assistant and drafter. A one-off contribution by Freedom House of US\$8,885 to travel/logistics for Senior Project Research Fellow to participate in outreach of report to General Assembly and in organising hybrid consultations for report to the 58 th session of the Human Rights Council.	Received US\$106,044.54 from Germany (BMZ)
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	Mama Fatima SINGHATEH (Gambia)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	Graeme REID (South Africa)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind support from Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University. Assistance for a multiyear provision of administrative support and office space supported with institutional funds and as part of a program financed by the Arcus Foundation and the Wellspring Philanthropic Fund.	Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences.	Tomoya OBOKATA (Japan)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	Ben SAUL (Australia)	Yes, external support received from the following: University of Sydney for the provision of office space and office support as well as part reduction in teaching duties. Contribution in kind from University of Minnesota Law School for the provision of research assistants. Switzerland for US\$50,000 continuous support to the mandate. Spain US\$30,000 for general use of the mandate. The Leitner Centre for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School in kind, for provision of research assistants.	Received US\$150,000 from China Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain

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		The Human Rights Clinic at the University of California, Berkeley in kind for research assistant The Leigh Day Solicitors and London counsel in kind for one-off legal advice The Australian Centre for International Justice in kind for one-off legal research.	
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Alice Jill EDWARDS (Australia)	No information received	
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	Marcos A. ORELLANA (Chile)	Yes, external support received in kind from the American University Washington College of Law on a continuous/ regular basis for research assistants, office space/administrative support.	
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	Siobhán MULLALLY (Ireland)	Yes, external support received from the following; In kind and US\$10,000 from the National University of Ireland, Galway for general use by the mandate holder and provisions of research assistants. In kind from Duke University International Human Rights Clinic with provision of research assistants. One time in kind from Doughty Street Chambers and Allen and Overy LLP and in kind from Hogan Lovells LLP towards pro bono legal support for third-party court interventions.	Received US\$ 43,196.54 from Germany Received US\$20,986.36 from Spain Received US\$120,000 from Switzerland
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence	Bernard DUHAIME (Canada)	Yes, external support received from the following: Home institution UQAM supported in kind with exemption of one class, while Colombia university provided in kind support with two interns for 5 hours each week.	
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive	Alena F. DOUHAN (Belarus)	Yes, in kind support from Belarusian State University for research assistants	Received US\$ 220,000 from China

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measures on the enjoyment of human rights			
Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	Reem ALSALEM (Jordan)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind support from Universidad de la Sabana, Colombia who provided research assistants starting in December 2023 that will now continue until June 2025.	Received US\$ 70,000 from Saudi Arabia
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	Pedro ARROJO-AGUDO (Spain)	Yes, external support received from ONGAWA in cash of Euro €4500, which was earmarked for a particular event and provision for research assistant.	Received US\$ 43,196.54 from Germany Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	Claudia FLORES (United States of America)	Yes, in kind external support received from the following: Yale Law School for the provision of research assistants.	Received US\$ 50,000 from China Received US\$ 50,000 from South Korea Received US\$31,479.54 from Spain
	Laura NYIRINKINDI (Uganda)	No external support received	
	Haina LU (China)	Yes, in kind external support received from the following: Renmin University of China, Law School for the provision of general use of the mandate including research assistants, office space and administrative support.	
	Ivana KRSTIC (Serbia)	No external support received	
	Dorothy ESTRADA-TANCK (Mexico)	Yes, in kind external support received from the following: University of Murcia, Spain for the provision of two research assistants for some months of the year. Government of Spain for round-trip train tickets Murcia-Madrid to attend the event 'Hear Us: Creating a political space for Afghan women' on 12 December 2024 European University Institute (Florence)-School of Transnational Governance for the provision of one research assistant for some months of the year. McGill University Faculty of Law for one research assistant for three months of the year.	

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		Columbia University, LLM for one research assistant for some months of the year. Harvard University, Human Rights Program of Harvard Law School for a research assistant, LLM alumna, funded through a fellowship of the Harvard Human Rights Program for six months to support my role as Working Group member, and coordinate the group of students mentioned above to carry out research assistance. Atlantic Council for two hotel nights in NYC to attend and speak at the High-Level Panel on Gender Apartheid, convened by the International Peace Institute on 8 March 2024, with the participation of Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai	
B. Country mandates			
<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate Holder</i>	<i>External support received through other sources</i>	<i>Earmarked funding by donors received through OHCHR</i>
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	Richard BENNETT (New Zealand)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind contribution from Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), Lund University, towards the provision of office space, administrative assistance, translation of Afghan languages, limited travel assistance and assistance with consultation and research	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	Nils MUIŽNIEKS (Latvia)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	Fortuné Gaetan ZONGO (Burkina Faso)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	Vitit MUNTARBHORN (Thailand)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic	Yao AGBETSE (Togo)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic	Elizabeth SALMON (Peru)	No external support received	

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People's Republic of Korea			
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	Mohamed Abdelsalam BABIKER (Sudan)	No information received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	Mai SATO (Japan)	No external support received	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali	Eduardo GONZALEZ (Peru)	Yes, external support received in kind from Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (IDEHPUCP), for general use by the Mandate holder. Cash grant of US\$1,500 received from International Coalition of Sites of Conscience for general use of the expert.	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	Thomas H. ANDREWS (United States of America)	Yes, external support received from the following: In kind from Yale University Law School for the provision of research assistants.	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	Francesca P. ALBANESE (Italy)	Yes, external support in kind received from the following: For research assistants by these universities Columbia University (two rounds of interns/research assistants- 3 months) - Galway University (two rounds of research assistants- min.6 months) - SOAS University (research advisor/research assistants, from October 2024) x Provision of office space/admin support - Erasmus University (interns; logistical support to SRoPt special assistant) Also, the Mandate Holder declared following: Please note that a range of national actors, including universities, international and national NGOs and occasionally large broadcasters, have invited the SR oPt for academic/technical visits - or in-studio interviews- in her capacity as a UN independent expert to shed light on the human rights situation in oPt. This included the following countries: Spain (Jan), Qatar (February), Ireland (March), France (April), Belgium (April), Germany (May), Netherlands (May/June), Spain (August), Italy (May, August and September), Portugal (October), US (October), Canada (November), UK (November), and Austria (December).	

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Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	Marina KATZAROVA (Bulgaria)	No information received	
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	Isha DYFAN (Sierra Leone)	No external support received	
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic	Paulo Sérgio PINHEIRO (Brazil) - <i>will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends</i>	N/A	N/A

XV. Special procedure mandate holders (as of 31 December 2024)

A. Thematic mandates

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	Ms. Isabel Mamadou (Spain) Ms. Catherine S. Namakula (Uganda) Ms. Miriam Ekiudoko (Hungary) Ms. Barbara G. Reynolds (Guyana) Ms. Bina D'Costa (Bangladesh)*	hrc-wg-africandescent@un.org
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism	Ms. Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond (Zambia)	hrc-ie-albinism@un.org
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	Ms. Priya Gopalan (Malaysia)* (<i>attended on behalf of Coordination Committee</i>) Mr. Mumba Malila (Zambia) Mr. Mathew Gillett (New Zealand)* Ms. Miriam Estrada-Castillo (Ecuador) Ms. Ganna Yudkivska (Ukraine)	hrc-wg-ad@un.org
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	Ms. Lyra Jakuleviciene (Lithuania) Ms. Fernanda Hopenhaym (Mexico) Ms. Pichamon Yeophantong (Thailand) Mr. Damilola Olawuyi (Nigeria)* Mr. Robert McCorquodale (Australia)	hrc-wg-business@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	Ms. Elisa Morgera (Italy)	hrc-sr-climatechange@un.org
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	Ms. Alexandra Xanthaki (Greece)*	hrc-sr-culturalrights@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	Mr. Surya Deva (India)*	hrc-sr-development@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Ms. Heba Hagrass (Egypt)*	hrc-sr-disability@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	Ms. Farida Shaheed (Pakistan)*	hrc-sr-education@un.org
Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances	Ms. Aua Baldé (Guinea-Bissau) Ms. Gabriella Citroni (Italy) Mr. Mohammed Al-Obaidi (Iraq) Ms. Grażyna Baranowska (Poland)* Ms. Ana Lorena Delgadillo Pérez (Mexico)	hrc-wg-eid@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment	Ms. Astrid Puentes Riano (Mexico)*	hrc-sr-environment@un.org
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	Mr. Morris Tidball-Binz (Chile)*	hrc-sr-eje@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	Mr. Michael Fakhri (Lebanon)	hrc-sr-food@un.org

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
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	Ms. Attiya Waris (Kenya)	hrc-ie-foreigndebt@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	Ms. Irene Khan (Bangladesh)	hrc-sr-freedex@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Ms. Gina Paola Romero Rodriguez (Colombia)*	hrc-sr-freeassembly@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	Mr. Marcos A. Orellana (Chile)*	hrc-sr-toxicshr@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng (South Africa)	hrc-sr-health@un.org
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	Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal (United States of America)	hrc-sr-housing@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	Ms. Mary Lawlor (Ireland)*	hrc-sr-defenders@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	Ms. Margaret Satterthwaite (United States of America) *	hrc-sr-independencejl@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	Mr. José Francisco Cali Tzay (Guatemala) <i>was expert until November 2024 when he resigned with immediate effect.</i>	hrc-sr-indigenous@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	Ms. Paula Gaviria (Colombia)	hrc-sr-idp@un.org
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	Mr. George Katrougalos (Greece)*	hrc-ie-internationalorder@un.org
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	Ms. Cecilia Bailliet (Argentina)*	hrc-ie-solidarity@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	Ms. Beatriz Miranda Galarza (Ecuador)*	hrc-sr-leprosy@un.org
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	Ms. Michelle René Small (South Africa) Ms. Joana Lopes de Deus Pereira (Portugal) Mr. Ravindran Daniel (India) Mr. Andrés Macias Tolosa (Colombia) Ms. Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito (Serbia)*	hrc-wg-mercenaries@un.org

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	Mr. Gehad Madi (Egypt)*	hrc-sr-migrant@un.org
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	Mr. Nicolas Levrat (Switzerland)*	hrc-sr-minorityissues@un.org
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	Ms. Claudia Mahler (Austria)	hrc-ie-olderpersons@un.org
Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas	Ms. Uche Ewelukwa Ofodile (Nigeria) Ms. Shalmali Guttal (India) Mr. Davit Hakobyan (Armenia) Mr. Carlos Duarte (Colombia) Ms. Geneviève Savigny (France)*	hrc-wg-peasants@un.org
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	Mr. Olivier De Schutter (Belgium)*	hrc-sr-extremepoverty@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	Ms. Ana Brian Nougrères (Uruguay)*	hrc-sr-privacy@un.org
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Ms. Ashwini K.P. (India)	hrc-sr-racism@un.org
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	Ms. Nazila Ghanea (Islamic Republic of Iran)	hrc-sr-freedomofreligion@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	Ms. Mama Fatima Singhateh (Gambia)*	hrc-sr-saleofchildren@un.org
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	Mr. Graeme Reid (South Africa)*	hrc-ie-sogi@un.org
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences	Mr. Tomoya Obokata (Japan)*	hrc-sr-slavery@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	Mr. Ben Saul (Australia)*	hrc-sr-ct@un.org
Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	Ms. Alice Jill Edwards (Australia)	hrc-sr-torture@un.org
Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	Ms. Siobhán Mullally (Ireland)	hrc-sr-trafficking@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	Mr. Bernard Duhaime (Canada)*	hrc-sr-truth@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	Ms. Alena Douhan (Belarus)*	hrc-sr-ucm@un.org

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and its consequences	Ms. Reem Alsalem (Jordan)	hrc-sr-vaw@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	Mr. Pedro Arrojo-Agudo (Spain)*	hrc-sr-watsan@un.org
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	Ms. Claudia Flores (United States of America) Ms. Laura Nyirinkindi (Uganda)* Ms. Ivana Krstic (Serbia) Ms. Haina Lu (China) Ms. Dorothy Estrada-Tanck (Mexico)*	hrc-wg-discriminationwomen@un.org

B. Country mandates

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	Mr. Richard Bennett (New Zealand) *	hrc-sr-afghanistan@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	Mr. Nils Muižnieks (Latvia)*	hrc-sr-belarus@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi	Mr. Fortuné Gaetan Zongo (Burkina Faso)*	hrc-sr-burundi-zongo@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia	Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Thailand)*	hrc-sr-cambodia@un.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic	Mr. Yao Agbetse (Togo)*	hrc-ie-car@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Ms. Elizabeth Salmon (Peru)	hrc-sr-dprk@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	Mr. Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker (Sudan)*	hrc-sr-eritrea@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran	Ms. Mai Sato (Japan)*	hrc-sr-iran@un.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali	Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez (Peru)*	hrc-ie-mali@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	Mr. Thomas H. Andrews (United States of America)	hrc-sr-myanmar@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967	Ms. Francesca Albanese (Italy)*	hrc-sr-opt@un.org
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation	Ms. Marina Katzarova (Bulgaria)*	hrc-sr-russia@un.org
Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia	Ms. Isha Dyfan (Sierra Leone)*	hrc-ie-somalia@un.org

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Mandate holder</i>	<i>Email address</i>
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic	Mr. Pablo Sérgio Pinheiro (Brazil) - <i>will start once the mandate of the commission of inquiry ends</i>	srsyria@ohchr.org

* Mandate holders who attended the Annual Meeting in 2024.

**List of Mandate Holders who participated in the induction session for
new mandate holders organised by OHCHR in Geneva in 2024**

Following paucity of resources (financial support), no induction session was held in 2024.

XVI. List of special procedure mandate holders to be appointed in 2025

Fifty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council (26 February–4 April 2025)

None

Fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council (16 June–11 July 2025)

None

Sixtieth session of the Human Rights Council (8 September–3 October 2025)

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic

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

A. Thematic mandates

Single-regional sponsors (26 thematic mandates)

<i>Regional Group</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
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	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, Argentina, Chile	Working Group on discrimination against women and girls
GRULAC	Brazil	Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
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	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	Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico,	Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
GRULAC	Argentina	Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
WEOG	France	Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
WEOG	Portugal	Special Rapporteur on the right to education
WEOG	Sweden, Finland	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

<i>Regional Group</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
WEOG	Norway	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
WEOG	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia	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 and girls, its causes and its consequences
WEOG	Spain, Germany	Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

Cross-regional sponsors (20 thematic mandates)

<i>Regional Group</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	Costa Rica, Maldives, Morocco, Slovenia, Switzerland	Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment
African Group, Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	France, Albania, Belgium, Chile, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Romania	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, WEOG	Brazil, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Portugal	Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members
African Group, GRULAC, WEOG,	Switzerland, Argentina, Morocco,	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, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context
African Group, GRULAC, WEOG	Austria, Honduras, Uganda	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons
Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	Czechia, Indonesia, Lithuania, Maldives, Mexico, United States of America	Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association
Asia-Pacific Group, GRULAC, WEOG	Philippines, Argentina, Germany, Jordan	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children
EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	Austria, Mexico, Slovenia	Special Rapporteur on minority issues
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
GRULAC, EEG, WEOG,	European Union, GRULAC	Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

<i>Regional Group</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
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
GRULAC, EEG	Argentina, Brazil, Slovenia	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
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	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Gambia, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, South Africa	Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
Asia-Pacific Group, EEG, GRULAC, WEOG	Marshall Islands, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Poland	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change

B. Country mandates

Single regional sponsors (3 country mandates)

<i>Regional Groups</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
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 Central African Republic
Asia-Pacific Group	Japan	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

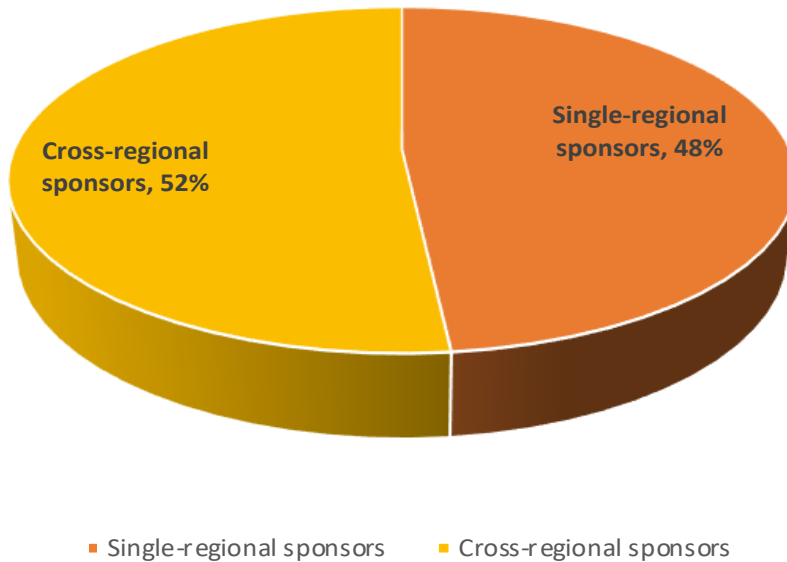
Cross regional sponsors (11 country mandates)

<i>Regional Groups</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate</i>
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

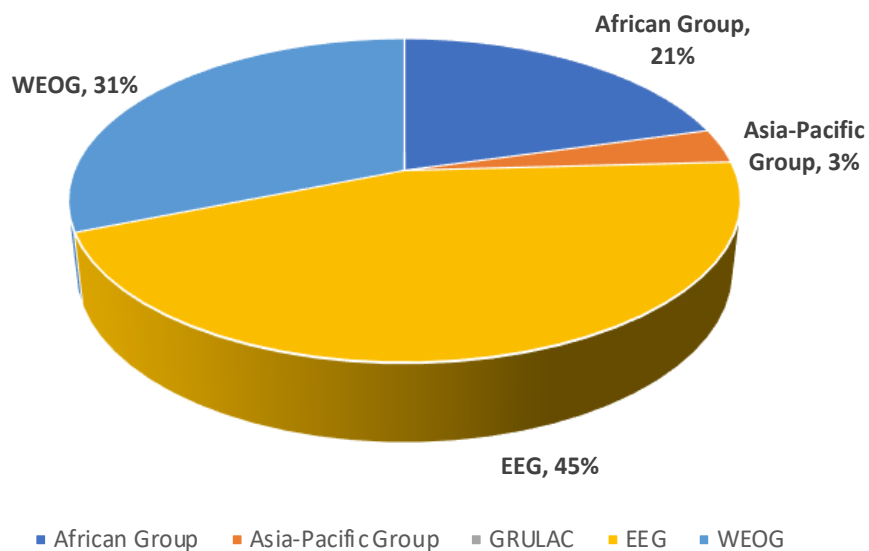
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EEG, WEOG	Iceland, Germany, 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
EEG, WEOG	European Union	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
Asia-Pacific, EEG, WEOG	Luxembourg, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden	Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

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

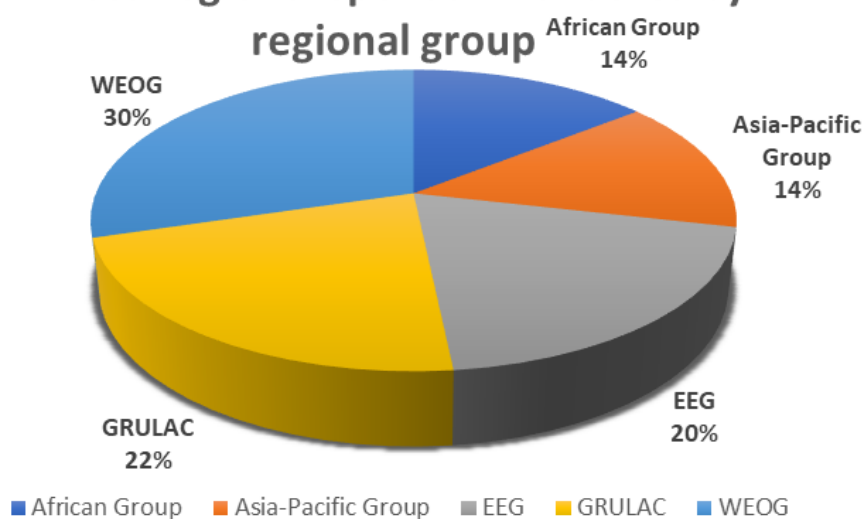
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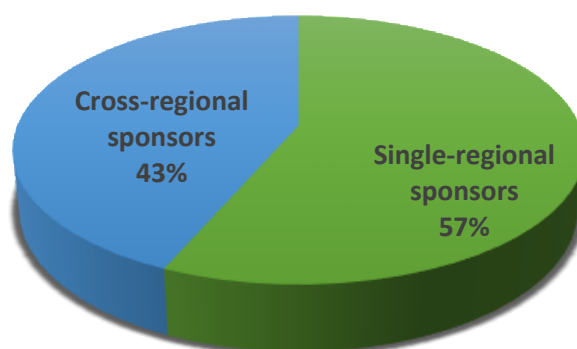
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Cross-regional sponsor mandates by regional group



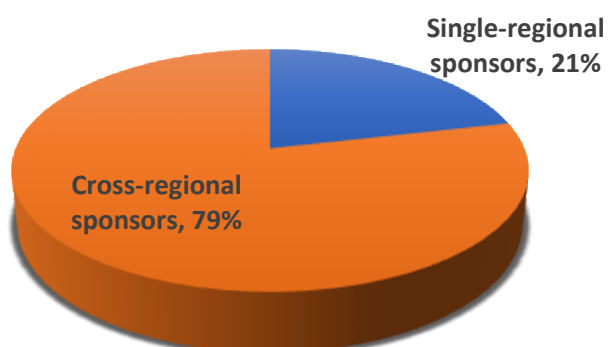
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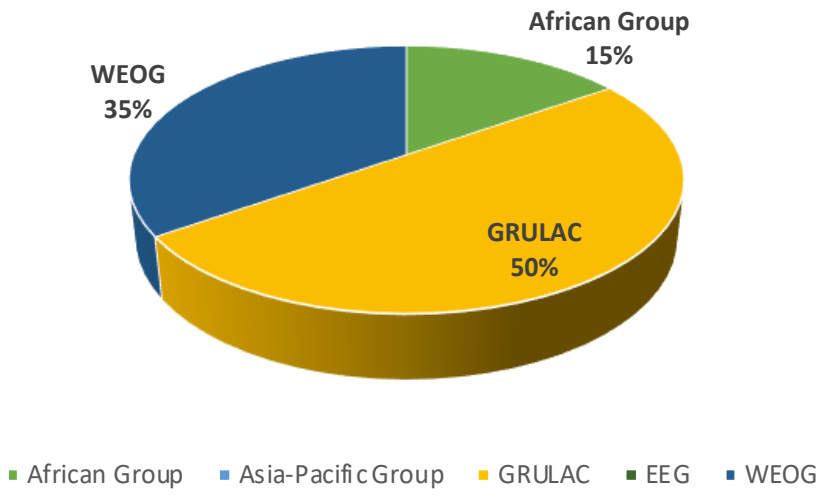
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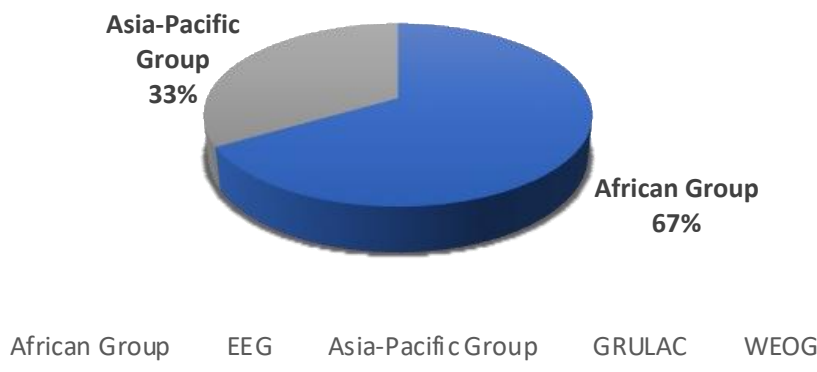
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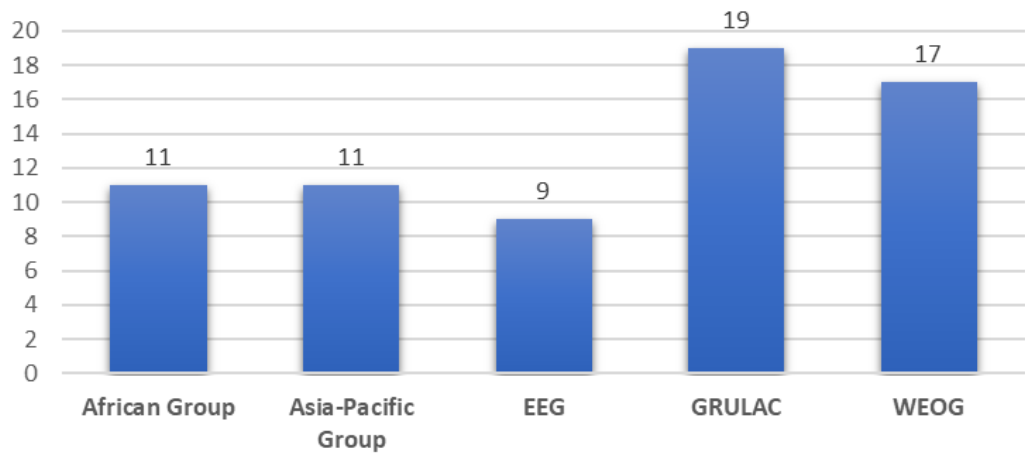
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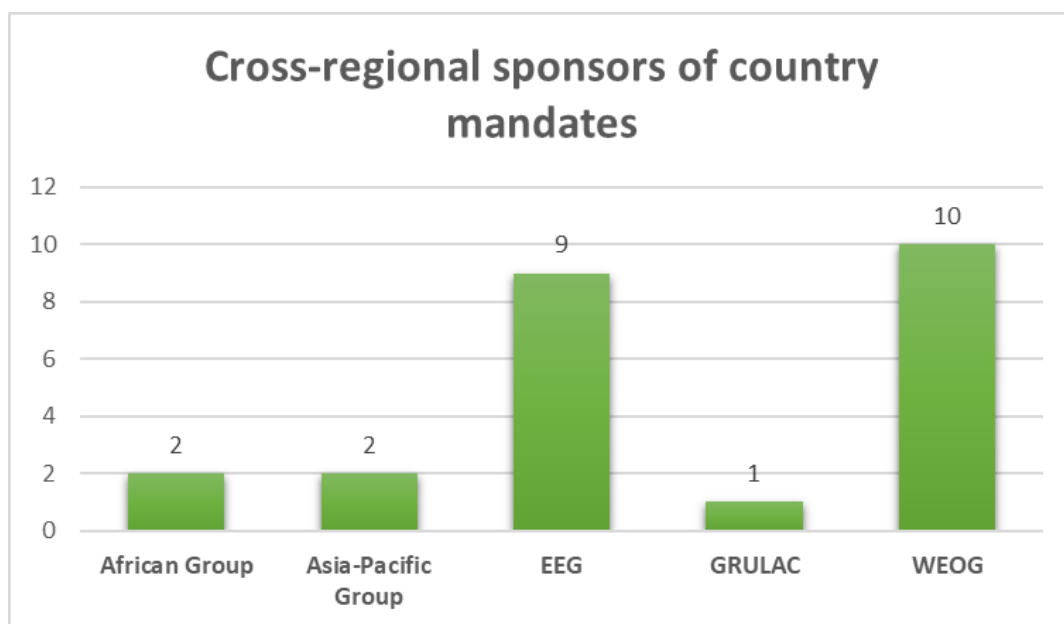


**Country single-regional sponsor
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**Cross-regional sponsors of thematic
mandates**





XIX. Non-exhaustive list of forums, consultations, workshops, expert meetings and other events organized by mandate holders in 2024

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Description of events organized by mandate holders</i>
Working Group on Arbitrary Detention	On 14 November, the Working Group, jointly with the Permanent Mission of France, co-hosted a commemoration of the anniversary of the mandate's 100th session: "Arbitrary Detention and the Right to Equal Protection of the Law Without Discrimination".
Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	From 25 to 27 November, the 13th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights, guided and chaired by the Working Group, was held at Palais des Nations in Geneva. 2004's theme was 'Realizing the "Smart Mix of Measures" to protect human rights in the context of business activities.' The Forum, the world's largest annual gathering dedicated to business and human rights, brought together a record number of nearly 3,000 in-person participants and over 1,000 joining online, from 156 countries, with a varied stakeholder representation, including 46% of civil society at large, including workers, Indigenous Peoples and academia representatives, 34% of private sector representatives and 7% of Member States representatives. With 25 sessions, 24 snapshots, and innovative spaces such as informal dialogues and networking hubs, the Forum once again provided a platform for meaningful engagement among various stakeholder groups. 211 panellists, including rights holders, business leaders, policymakers, representatives of Indigenous Peoples, heads of international and regional organizations, international experts, and representatives of governments, civil society, trade unions, industry associations, academia, and law firms, discussed concrete actions required by States and business to advance business respect for human rights. The Forum provided a space in which stakeholders could reflect on what the 'smart mix of measures' – national, international, voluntary and mandatory – meant in practice to strengthen protection of, and respect for, human rights in the context of business activities. The programme included "standing items", such as regional-focused sessions, and sessions focusing on human rights defenders, gender and the rights of Indigenous Peoples. It included emerging, systemic and urgent issues that confront the business and human rights agenda such as Artificial Intelligence, the intersection of the BHR agenda and the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as migrant workers, Indigenous Peoples and LGBTIQ persons, arms transfer, climate change and youth-driven initiatives. The Opening Plenary session featured the Working Group's Chair, Fernanda Hopenhaym, with remarks from the High Commissioner for Human Rights, along with high-level representatives from diverse sectors and regions. The Closing Plenary included remarks from the Working Group's Vice-Chair Lyra Jakulevičienė, the President of the Human Rights Council, and high-level representatives from government, the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, the private sector, trade unions, civil society, and international organizations. Over 150 volunteers from universities across the world assisted the small team, both online and in person, in order to take notes and produce session summaries. The team produced audio visual material in 6 UN languages to explain and promote the Forum to the wider public. On 11-12 November 2024, the Vice-Chairperson of the Working Group, Lyra Jakulevičienė, participated in the 4th UN Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Europe and Central Asia. The event took place in Budva, Montenegro, under the theme "The EU Policy and Regulatory Impact on Business and Human Rights". It was co-organized by the Working Group, OHCHR, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub and UNDP Montenegro, the European Union and UN Global Compact. The event unpacked the implications of new EU due diligence and sustainability requirements for businesses, governments, NHRIs and civil society in the region, as part of the "smart mix" of measures called for in the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. From 28 to 29 October 2024, the Member from African States of the Working Group, Damilola Olawuyi, attended the inaugural Dialogue on Business and Human Rights in the Arab States Region in Doha. The event was co-organized by the Working Group, OHCHR, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's

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	Fund, the Qatar's National Human Rights Committee, Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. Focusing on the theme "Charting the Course for Responsible Business Practices in the Arab States Region", the dialogue brought together high-level representatives from governments, businesses, civil society organizations, National Human Rights Institutions, and international bodies to explore key aspects of business and human rights. From 8 to 10 October 2024, the Member from African States of the Working Group, Damilola Olawuyi, attended the third African Business and Human Rights Forum in Nairobi. The theme of the Forum was "Promoting Responsible Business Conduct in a Rapidly Changing Context" and the event, with over 30 sessions, was co-organized by the Working Group, OHCHR, UNDP, UNICEF and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Working Group led two sessions entitled 'Addressing the Issues Faced by Groups at Risk: Improving State and Business Practices' and 'Workshop on the Communications Procedure of Special Procedures'. From 24 to 27 September 2024, the Member from Asian States of the Working, Pichamon Yeophantong, attended the 6th UN Responsible Business and Human Rights Forum in Asia-Pacific in Bangkok. The event was co-organized by the Working Group, UN Development Programme, International Labour Organization, International Organization for Migration, UNICEF, UN Human Rights, UN Environment Programme, and UN Women. It convened stakeholders to explore what solutions were still needed to realize access to effective remedy and justice in Asia and the Pacific, by focusing on the following three parallel tracks: domestic remedy, transnational remedy and complementary strategies to facilitate access to remedy.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	From September to November, the Special Rapporteur carried out a series of more than 20 in-person, hybrid and online consultations in collaboration with various partners. The objective of the consultations was to exchange ideas on possible topics for the next thematic reports with States, national human rights institutions, UN agencies, children, young people, Indigenous Peoples, environmental human rights defenders, civil society organisations, business, and academia, with contributions from over 300 participants across the six continental regions of the world. In-person consultations were held in Geneva, Bangkok, New York, Cali on the margins of the UN Biodiversity COP16, and in Baku on the margins of the UN Climate COP29.
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	On 19 April, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting with experts from civil society and international organizations on the right to take part in sports, as an element of the right to take part in cultural life. The consultation informed her thematic report to the 79th session of the General Assembly. Further bilateral engagement was conducted with specific expert groups. In November, the Special Rapporteur convened a series of bilateral meetings with experts from civil society and international organizations on the cultural rights opportunities and challenges raised by the digitization of heritage, to inform her thematic report to the 58th session of the Human Rights Council.
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	In August, the Special Rapporteur launched a new event series entitled "Development Dialogues" to highlight interlinkages between the right to development and other policy agendas. Under this ongoing series, in-person, hybrid and virtual events on different themes will be organised in collaboration with external organisations. The inaugural event under this series, "Development, Debt, and Degrowth: The Role of the Pact for the Future", was held on 20 August. It brought together experts from various regions both from the global North and South to discuss how to reconcile the right to development with degrowth concepts and how the Pact for the Future can address global economic challenges. This dialogue explored the critical intersections of development, debt, and degrowth, exploring how these elements interacted within the framework of the Pact for the Future. On 26 November, the mandate organised 6 more Dialogues:

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	• Teaching business, human rights and development: Addressing blind spots -co-organised with the Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum. • “Corporate human rights due diligence and the rights of future generations-co-organised with the Centre for International Environmental Law. • Corporate accountability for development disasters: Bhopal 40 years on- co-organised with, Amnesty International, the Bhopal Medical Appeal and the Institute for Human Rights and Business. • Role of business regarding the right to development: Trends from the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark - co-organised with World Benchmarking Alliance. • Exploring linkages between a human rights economy and the right to development -co-organised with ACT Alliance, Human Rights Watch, Financial Transparency Coalition and the Centre for Economic and Social Rights. • Tax justice and the right to development: An opportunity for transformation - co-organised with the South Centre and the Tax Justice Network. In March, the Special Rapporteur established an Academic Circle on the right to development (Academic Circle) comprising a small group of scholars from all world regions. The scholars work on various issues related to the right to development. Members of the Academic Circle collaborate with the Special Rapporteur in their personal academic capacity to promote the realisation of the mandate goals, including by conducting research, organising workshops, participating in consultations and disseminating recommendations.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	On 12 March, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event to mark the 10th anniversary of the mandate – with the participation of her two predecessors, 4 ambassadors (Mexico, New Zealand, Finland, China), OHCHR and CRPD Committee, and the International Disability Alliance (IDA). Several UN entities co-sponsored and intervened during the event, including UNICEF, UN Women, the Executive Office of the SG – new Chief of the UN Disability Strategy, and the ICRC.
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	In collaboration with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, the Working Group held a public panel discussion on the topic, “Disappearing prisoners in Belarus”. The event featured the Special Rapporteur on Belarus, representatives of families of disappeared persons, civil society and lawyers as panellists to discuss issues of many detainees disappeared in Belarusian prisons and the implications on prisoners and their families. On the sidelines of the event, Politzek.me presented a multimedia project dedicated to Belarusian political prisoners, which showcased a real prison cell through a virtual reality experience. The Working Group organized two regional consultations in preparation for its upcoming report to the Human Rights Council on Enforced Disappearances in the context of the defence of land, the environment, and natural resources. The first consultation, focusing on the Americas, took place in Colombia alongside the COP16 on biodiversity. The second consultation, focused on Southeast Asia, was held in Thailand. These consultations served as platforms for stakeholders to exchange experiences, discuss challenges, share good practices, and present case studies related to enforced disappearances connected to issues of land, environmental concerns, and natural resource management. In addition, in September, the Working Group held an internal OHCHR consultation with mandate holders and staff working on the issue.
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	On 20 June, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting on artificial intelligence and the right to education. On 26 June, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a side-event to the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, on the right to academic freedom. On 24 October, she also co-organized a side event to the 79th session of the General Assembly on the same topic (The Right to Academic Freedom and the advancement of SDGs and Human Rights). On 27 June, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a side event to present and discuss an initiative on the development of Guiding Principles on ECCE Rights.

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Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	On 18 December, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting on safety as an essential element of the right to education and a precondition for its full realization. On 19 June, the Special Rapporteur convened an online expert consultation on the killings of LGBTIQ+ persons, to feed into his thematic report on the topic, which was presented at the 79th session of the General Assembly. From 6 to 9 November, the Special Rapporteur participated as an expert in the 3rd regional Workshop for Developing a Protocol for the Investigation of Unlawful Deaths of LGTBIQ+ People, (“Hacia un Protocolo Regional para la investigación de muertes violentas de personas LGBTIQ+”), organized jointly by the OHCHR/Guatemala, in cooperation with the OHCHR/Honduras, Bogotá and the regional Office in Panamá, together with the Red Sin Violencia; and with the technical support of the Gender-Network of the Iberoamerican Association of Public Attorney Offices (Red Especializada de Género de la Asociación Iberoamericana de Ministerios Públicos). On 12-13 December, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert meeting in Geneva of members of the Forensic Advisory Group of the mandate, which was formed in 2021 and is composed of internationally renowned forensic scientists who assist on a voluntary basis with advice on matters related to their expertise.
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	On 24 May, the Special Rapporteur convened an expert consultation in Rome to discuss the interconnections between the right to food, famine, and starvation, with a focus on critical situations in Gaza, Sudan, and other global hunger hotspots. The consultation aimed to gather insights for the Special Rapporteur’s upcoming report to the General Assembly, focusing on the normative, political, and practical frameworks necessary to address starvation and famine, with an emphasis on self-determination, governance, and power dynamics in food systems.
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	On 6 and 7 February, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a roundtable on Libya, concerning legislation related to freedom of association, with the Cairo Institute. This roundtable provided a space for collaboration and discussion between Libyan authorities and civil society experts to identify ways forwards for ensuring the adoption of a legislative framework enabling the right to freedom of association, in compliance with the Libya’s 2011 Constitutional Declaration and Libya’s international human rights obligations and best practices. On 2 July, during the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event regarding preserving the gains and pushing back against the global attack on civic space and growing authoritarianism. On 18 October, the Special Rapporteur organized a side event to the 79th session of the General Assembly on the protection of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association from stigmatization.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression	On 2 May, the Special Rapporteur organized a regional multistakeholder consultation on freedom of expression in the context of elections in the Americas region. The consultation brought together civil society, journalists, state representatives and international organizations to identify and discuss the main challenges in relation to freedom of expression in the context of elections. The consultation served to provide the Special Rapporteur input for her thematic report to the Human Rights Council in June 2025, which will be on the topic of freedom of expression and elections. The report will have a strong focus on media freedom and safety of journalists, also taking into account new challenges and opportunities pertaining to digital developments including generative AI and the spread of disinformation. A gender lens was applied to the consultation and the report, identifying particular challenges for the freedom of expression of women and gender diverse persons. From 7 to 9 June 2024, the Special Rapporteur and her staff participated in a regional consultation in the MENA region with civil society and media organizations, co-organized by the Gulf Centre for Human Rights and joint by different special procedure mandates, including the Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders and the Special

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	Rapporteur on human rights in countering terrorism. The tailored consultation for the Special Rapporteur focused on challenges to the safety of journalists in times of conflict (including situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories), including on the implementation and strengthening of the Minnesota protocol in relation to killings of journalists. The consultation served as input for the thematic report to the General Assembly in October, in which the Special Rapporteur addressed the ‘global impact on freedom of expression of the Gaza crisis’. On 6 and 7 November, on the occasion of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (2 November), the Special Rapporteur freedom of expression participated in the international conference organized by UNESCO in Addis Ababa. On 7 November, the Special Rapporteur organized a multistakeholder consultation on freedom of expression in the context of elections in the African region. The consultation brought together civil society, journalists and international organizations to identify and discuss the main challenges for freedom of expression regarding the use of digital technologies in the context of elections. The consultation will also serve to provide the Special Rapporteur input for her thematic report to the Human Rights Council in June 2025, which will be on the topic of freedom of expression and elections in the digital age. The consultations included a relevant gender-perspective component, looking at risks and threats particularly faced by women journalists working in conflict areas and in electoral contexts. Gender lenses were applied to the consultation and will be applied to the report, identifying particular challenges faced by women and gender-diverse persons in that context. The Special Rapporteur and the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers joined forces to bring journalists and the judiciary together to discuss how best to address the growing threat of frivolous and vexatious legal claims against journalists brought by private actors (SLAPPs) and unjustified criminal prosecution by the State. During their respective country visits and through the information received from civil society partners, the two mandates documented numerous cases where the justice system has been misused to silence, punish, or intimidate journalists and media outlets investigating and reporting on corruption or severe human rights violations. Such actions undermine the right to freedom of expression and also discredit the judiciary and the rule of law. UNESCO funds were used to organize a two-day long event with senior judges and journalists from Turkey, Serbia and the Philippines as well as representatives of governments and civil society organizations from these and other countries. The workshop discussed the increased threats faced by journalists as well as the possibilities for the judiciary to resist the abuse of the legal system. Based on her experience from country visits, her interventions in a number of court cases as well as interactions with journalists from across the world, the Special Rapporteur provided insights and recommendations, including valuable insights and lessons learnt from their country visits. The abuse of the justice system poses significant challenges for human rights as well justice systems in many countries.
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	On 5 March, the Special Rapporteur organized a hybrid side event to the 55th session of the Human Rights Council entitled “Ensuring housing affordability, ending homelessness: A global challenge”. On 25 June, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing organized a virtual side event to showcase the findings of their joint study “Breaking the cycle: Ending the criminalization of poverty and homelessness”. The report was presented on at the 56th session of the Human Rights Council. On 31 October, the Special Rapporteur organized a virtual UN General Assembly side event where panel members discussed the challenges and opportunities in implementing human rights-based resettlement policies.
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	On 11 and 12 November, the Special Rapporteur held a one-and-a-half-day consultation to contribute to the international community’s ongoing efforts through a position paper. The consultation aimed to examine the phenomenon known as ‘legal harassment,’ assess

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	the relevant international standards, and explore stronger responses to such cases. ‘Legal harassment’ refers to the misuse of the justice system as a form of retaliation against journalists and justice operators. This includes Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs), the abuse of defamation and libel laws, the enactment of laws with overly broad or vague offenses, and the criminalization of legitimate activities.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	On 19 March, the Special Rapporteur, together with Arizona University and Oxford University, organised an online consultation to inform his research for the thematic report on Mobile Indigenous Peoples, to be presented to the General Assembly during its 79th session, in October. On 2 and 3 May, the Special Rapporteur participated in two online consultations, organised by the Network of Indigenous and Afro-descendant Women with Disabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Indian Treaty Council, to discuss and inform the topic of his thematic report on Indigenous Peoples with Disabilities.
Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	On 21 May, the Independent Expert held a consultation with members of civil society organizations to gather ideas on the vision and priorities of the mandate for the coming years.
Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	On 19 January, the Independent Expert held an expert consultation meeting in Geneva with Permanent Missions, mandate holders and CSOs to discuss the Draft Declaration on international solidarity.
Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen’s disease) and their family members	On 1 November, in conjunction with the presentation of her report to the General Assembly, the Special Rapporteur on leprosy co-organised a seminar entitled ‘Leprosy/Hansen’s disease, care and human rights: a conversation’ in New York, with the Department of Anthropology and the Center for Disability Studies of New York University.
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	On 13 May 2024, the Special Rapporteur co-organized an event alongside the Permanent Representation of Malta to the UN, representing the Maltese OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. This event aimed to bridge the existing gaps in conflict-prevention approaches by addressing potential of youth from minority groups in conflict prevention and socio-economic development. It explored the nexus between minority youth, their effective socio-economic participation and conflict prevention efforts. The title of the event was: “Building Peace: Minority Youth in Conflict Prevention Efforts and Inclusive Socio-economic Policies.” On 28 and 29 November, the Special Rapporteur organized the seventeenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The theme was “the representation and self-representation of minorities in public spaces and discourses.” The event gathered more than 790 participants from 96 countries, including representatives of States, UN mechanisms, bodies, and specialised agencies, funds and programs, intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations, and entities in the field of human rights, national human rights institutions and other relevant national bodies, minorities, and non-governmental organizations, as well as academics and experts on minority issues.
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	On 1 March, the Independent Expert held an expert meeting with representatives of academia and civil society international organizations on older persons’ right to legal capacity and informed consent. The consultation informed her thematic report to the 57th session of the Human Rights Council. During the 57th session of the Human Rights Council, the Independent Expert co-organized side events on the 10th anniversary of the mandate (11 September), on the right of older persons to social protection in the Americas (12 September) and on the legal capacity of older persons (14 September).

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Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	For the preparation of his thematic report on the “Eradication of poverty beyond growth”, presented to the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur held consultations and expert meetings with NGOs, activists, human rights defenders, think tanks, governments and UN and international agencies. On 20 March, the Special Rapporteur organized a side event, during the 55th session of the Human Rights Council, and a one-day consultation with Member States, in Geneva. On 3 July, the Special Rapporteur, jointly with the Permanent Missions of Luxembourg, the Gambia and South Africa and ATD Fourth World, organised a side event on the topic of “Participation of people living in poverty on decision-making”, which was attended by more than 40 people in person and 30 people online. On 11 December, the Special Rapporteurs on the right to development and extreme poverty hosted a roundtable discussion on financing for development: Preparing for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4). The roundtable was attended by representatives of States, relevant UN agencies, UN Special Procedures and civil society organisations, and provided an opportunity to brainstorm about key principles and considerations that should inform the FfD4.
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	On 20 April, as part of her efforts in ensuring meaningful child participation, the Special Rapporteur organized a consultation with child advisors from Child Rights Connect Children’s Advisory Team in order to seek their input and feedback for her report to the General Assembly on existing and emerging sexually-exploitative practices against children in the digital environment. On 6 June, the Special Rapporteur launched a youth human rights challenge entitled “Gen Z’s take on technology-facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation”. In this context, on 18 November, on the occasion of the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence, the Special Rapporteur announced the winner of the 1st Youth Human Rights Challenge: Ms. Anjali Vurden, a dedicated advocate for human rights, gender equality, and youth empowerment from Mauritius. The Challenge aimed to provide an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their understanding of the human rights of children and raise awareness about the different manifestations of the sale, sexual exploitation and sale abuse of children. The winner of the Challenge, Ms. Vurden, will serve as the first Youth Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children for a period of one year, from December 2024 to November 2025. On 11 October, the Special Rapporteur convened a side event during the 79th session of the General Assembly on existing and emerging sexually-exploitative practices against children in the digital environment, jointly with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay and the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations. The event focused on new and emerging risks to children in the digital environment and the role artificial intelligence plays in both exacerbating these risks and facilitating the investigation of sexually exploitative practices against children.
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	On 18 June, the Independent Expert held a meeting with 25 human rights defenders working on SOGI issues across the globe, organized by the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), to brief them on how to engage with the UN human rights protection machinery, in particular through the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. On 21 June, the Independent Expert participated in a side event on the implementation of the remedial recommendations of the Independent Expert’s latest report to the Human Rights Council in its 56th session, sponsored by Greece and the Group of Friends of the SOGI mandate.

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	In September and October, the Independent Expert initiated a series of online regional consultations to engage with civil society and understand their challenges and priorities within each UN regional group. Over the course of the year, four out of six planned consultations were successfully completed, involving participation from more than 90 civil society representatives worldwide.
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences.	On 13 September, the Special Rapporteur convened an in-person event with NGOs about currently and formerly incarcerated people and contemporary forms of slavery: causes, connections, and countermeasures. On 18 October, the Special Rapporteur convened a virtual event with International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), International Labour Organization (ILO) and national unions about the role of workers' organizations in preventing and addressing contemporary forms of slavery. On 29 October, the Special Rapporteur participated in a one-day event in Glasgow focused on safeguarding workers in tied and temporary migration programs. He engaged with workers, discussing their experiences, representation, tied-worker accommodation, and access to justice.
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	On 18 September, on the margins of the 57 th Human Rights Council session, the Special Rapporteur convened a side event, in collaboration with the Geneva Environment Network and co-sponsored by the permanent missions of Mexico and the United States, entitled "The Fundamental Need to Know: The Role of Pollution Information Portals". The panellists included the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico, the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs (UNECE), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Geneva Environment Network, and the civil society organizations Earthjustice and Arnika.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	Throughout the year, the former and the newly appointed Special Rapporteurs organized meetings with State delegates, United Nations entities and agencies, government officials, United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, non-governmental organizations, victims and academic institutions to discuss issues related to his mandate, including alleged human rights violations, future areas of research, the implementation of recommendations contained in the reports of the mandate, and technical cooperation.
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	On 13 March, on the margins of the 55th session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on the impact of unilateral coercive measures (UCMs) on the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the work of humanitarian actors. On 11 and 12 March, the Special Rapporteur organised two expert consultations with practitioners and academia on the impact of unilateral coercive measures on the access to justice. The purpose of these consultations was to support the work of the Special Rapporteur on this particular area, providing discussions which fed into the preparation of the Special Rapporteur's thematic report to the 79th session of the General Assembly in October. From 3 to 5 June 2024, the Special Rapporteur organized an expert working session in Geneva with the participation of a selected number of experts. The session was an opportunity to work on the document of the Guiding Principles on Sanctions, Business and Human Rights. On 20 September 2024, on the margins of the 57th Session of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur organised a side-event on monitoring and impact assessment of UCMs and overcompliance on the enjoyment of human rights with the participation of various stakeholders, including States, civil society and academia. On 21 and 22 November 2024, the Special Rapporteur, together with the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations, co-organised an International Conference on "Sanctions, Business and Human Rights". The event brought together various stakeholders, including States, civil society and humanitarian actors, academics, and legal professionals, to reflect on the Guiding Principles and address the main

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	challenges caused by unilateral sanctions, the means of their enforcement, and over-compliance. It also examined the most important aspects of interaction between States and businesses in sanctions environments, the obligations of public and private actors under international law, as well as avenues to minimize over-compliance and to promote and protect human rights.
Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	In February and March, the Special Rapporteur held a series of online expert consultations with broad geographic representation and technical expertise, including survivors, human rights activists, civil society organisations, practitioners and other stakeholders in the area of violence against women, to inform her thematic report, which was presented to the 56th session of the Human Rights Council. On 20 June, the Special Rapporteur held a hybrid side event, on the margins of the 56th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, with the support from the Permanent Missions of Canada and Costa Rica to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the mandate. All former mandate holders attended to reflect on the evolution of the mandate since its inception and discussed the developments and challenges within the context of the international women's human rights framework.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	On 17 September, the Special Rapporteur convened a side event during the 57th session of the Human Rights Council. The event, titled "Water as a Common Good," drew the participation of 32 Member States. During the session, the Special Rapporteur provided an overview of his latest report to the HRC, emphasizing the urgent need to ensure a Human Rights-based approach to water governance. He stressed the critical responsibility of Member States on water management as part of the public domain, while recognizing that water is a common good requiring nonprofit governance to ensure universal access. On 22 October, the Special Rapporteur organized an official side event during the 52nd Plenary Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS52). Together with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Member State representatives from Spain and Slovenia, Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and others, the panellists explored ways to bridge the gap between the right to water and the right to food. This discussion was informed by insights from the Special Rapporteur's report entitled "Water and Food Nexus: A Human Rights Perspective." The Special Rapporteur held five consultations with academic CSOs to prepare the thematic reports.
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	In January, during its first session with the new composition, the Working Group organized five regional civil society consultations, as well as one global consultation with girls, all online, gathering suggestions for the mandate priorities for upcoming years. In December, the Working Group organized two regional expert consultations online – one for the LAC region and one for WEOG – to gather inputs for its 2025 thematic report to the Human Rights Council on gendered dimensions of care and support systems. In-persons consultations with civil society were organized during the Working Groups sessions in January in Geneva and in May in New York. From 14 to 18 October, the Working held a regional consultation for Southern Africa, meeting with staff from Resident Coordinators' Offices in the subregion, civil society, judges, Commissioners, and academics in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	From 18 to 20 March, the Special Rapporteur participated in an expert roundtable on "Institutionalized System of Discrimination, Segregation, Disrespect for Human Dignity, and Exclusion of Women and Girls in Afghanistan" that he organized with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden. This roundtable, which included 41 Afghan and international experts, both online and on-site, contributed significantly to the report presented to the Human Rights Council in June.

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Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	In June, the Special Rapporteur co-organised a side event, jointly with civil society and the ACHPR, on the margins of the 56th session of the Human Rights Council. The event focused on the Addis Ababa Roadmap and engagement of Eritrea with universal and regional human rights mechanism, with the participation of the Eritrea rapporteur at the ACHPR, the former Special Rapporteur on freedom of assembly, members of international civil society and of the Eritrean diaspora, alongside the Special Rapporteur on Eritrea, as panellists in the event. Throughout the year, the Special Rapporteur continuously engaged and conducted several online consultations with civil society groups and members of the Eritrean diaspora, to inform his reporting and identify key issues and opportunities for advocacy on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, as well as on the situation of Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers abroad.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	On 2 July, the Special Rapporteur organized a side-event to the 56th session of the Human Rights Council to launch his conference room paper on gendered impacts of the military coup (A/HRC/56/CRP.8). The side event was co-sponsored by the Center for Justice & Accountability, Forum-Asia and the International Commission of Jurists. The event provided an opportunity for panellists and participants to discuss the findings of the Special Rapporteur's conference room paper, to better understand the unique gendered impacts of the coup and the historic role of women and LGBT people in Myanmar's revolution, and to strategize around the effective implementation of the concrete recommendations included in the Special Rapporteur's paper. The Special Rapporteur held a private briefing with the CEDAW on the findings of his conference room paper on the gendered impacts of the military coup (A/HRC/56/CRP.8), which led to a statement by CEDAW endorsing the CRP. This was an important step due to the inability of CEDAW to conduct its usual review of Myanmar due the ongoing UN credentials issue following the February 2021 military coup.

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

Special procedure 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, including the High Commissioner, the Deputy High Commissioner, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights including in her capacity as senior United Nations representative leading the efforts within the United Nations system to address intimidation and reprisals against those cooperating with the United Nations on human rights and field presences;

(b) Other human rights mechanisms, such as Treaty Bodies (e.g., Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women), the Universal Periodic Review and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(c) Other United Nations bodies and representatives such as: the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), ILO (International Labour Organization), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), UN DESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs), UN Women, UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), IOM (International Organization for Migration), UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), WHO (World Health Organization), UN-Habitat, UNCT (United Nations Country Team), UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services), UN Water, United Nations Resident Coordinators, UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, United Nations Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP16), United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29), United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS), United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);

(d) Other United Nations intergovernmental bodies such as the Security Council and its Committees, the General Assembly and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development;

(e) Special procedures mandate holders engaged and/or undertook joint activities with international or regional mechanisms, including the European Union (European Commission, European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights); the Council of Europe, the International Criminal Court (ICC), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), African Union, Organization of American States (OAS), League of Arab States, IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union).

A non-exhaustive list of these joint activities is available below.

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	The Working Group engaged on a regular basis with several UN entities in the fulfilment of its mandate, including in the context of: (1) the 13 th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, guided and chaired by the Working Group, during which it co-organized several sessions with UN partners and invited high-level speakers from ILO, OECD and UNDP; and (2) four regional forums on business and human rights (see Section XIX). The Working Group also held dialogue with UNDP, ILO and OECD on respective priorities and ongoing activities during its sessions in 2024.
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Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change	The Special Rapporteur participated in a number of key meetings, from the perspective of her mandate, within the UN System. In particular, she participated in the United Nations Climate Meetings (SB 60) held in Bonn, Germany from 3 June to 13 June, the 2024 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP16), held in Cali, Colombia from 21 October to 1 November, and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 29) held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11 to 22 November. The Special Rapporteur also took part in a scoping meeting organised by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the context of the preparation of its Seventh Assessment Report. The scoping meeting was held from 9 to 13 December in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	Throughout 2024, the Special Rapporteur participated in the Advisory Board, overseeing the elaboration of a new UNESCO Global Monitoring report on cultural policies, which should guide States in the implementation of the 2022 Mondiacult declaration. The first chapter of this report is focused on cultural rights. The monitoring report should be finalized on time for the 2025 International conference on cultural policies – Mondiacult. Throughout 2024, the Special Rapporteur coordinated with multiple other special procedure mandates to raise cases and concerns about human rights violations and to coordinate engagement with States and other UN entities. In particular, she partnered with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, UNESCO and other stakeholders towards the elaboration and adoption of the Principles for Implementing Academic Freedom (A/HRC/56/CRP.2). Throughout 2024, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur remained engaged in close collaboration with UNESCO on various issues such as cultural heritage, scientific freedom, and the right to take part in cultural life. On 11 December, the Special Rapporteur attended the meeting of the Committee on the 1999 2nd protocol to the Hague Convention, to discuss the integration of a cultural rights approach to the implementation of the Convention and its protocols in times of conflicts.
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	On 10 July, the Special Rapporteur co-organised an official side event at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development in New York, entitled “Ensuring that no one is left behind—The role of corporate action”. The event was co-organised, among others, with UNDP. In addition to the Special Rapporteur, the roundtable featured several prominent speakers such as H.E. Ms Paula Narváez, the 79th President of ECOSOC and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations. The Special Rapporteur co-organised a side event to the 79th Session of the General Assembly in New York on 24 October 2024 with the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations, entitled, “Climate justice: Addressing loss and damage”. The event was moderated by a high-level UNEP official. In August, the Special Rapporteur was invited to participate in an expert group meeting concerning the proposed plastic pollution treaty. He highlighted the relevance of common but differentiated responsibilities and the polluter pays principle in relation to plastic pollution.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	On 7 February, the Special Rapporteur participated as a speaker in the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, organized by UN DESA, in the panel discussion on emerging issues “The Influence of Digital Transformation on Inclusive Growth and Development: A Path to Realizing Social Justice”. In June, the Special Rapporteur was in New York for the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 17th Session, where she spoke at the opening meeting.

	In August, the Special Rapporteur participated as an expert in the Regional Dialogue focusing on older women and women with disabilities in the context of Beijing+30, organized by UN Women Regional Office for Arab States, the League of Arab States, and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. She further held several meetings with UN Women at headquarters in NY to explore collaboration. In October, the Special Rapporteur participated in an event dedicated to transforming care systems and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, to mark the United Nations International Day of Care and Support, organized jointly by OHCHR, UN Women and ILO. On 6 November, the Special Rapporteur delivered a keynote speech at the 12th World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt, organized by UN-Habitat, addressing disability-inclusive urban development and accessible housing. On 3 December, for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Special Rapporteur participated through video messages in several events organized by UN agencies, including UNFPA and WHO. On 6 December, the Special Rapporteur remotely briefed at an Arria-formula meeting of the UN Security Council, co-organized by Slovenia, Guyana, United Kingdom, and Poland, on persons with disabilities in situations of armed conflict and related humanitarian crises convened five years after the adoption of landmark resolution 2475.
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	In fulfillment of its humanitarian and monitoring mandates, throughout the reporting period, the Working Group engaged with various UN entities. In preparation of the follow-up reports on the Working Group's country visits to Kyrgyzstan (A/HRC/57/54/Add.2) and Tajikistan (A/HRC/57/54/Add.3), throughout January-March, the Working Group engaged with the OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia. The Working Group engaged with the OHCHR examination of the human rights situation in Belarus to discuss enforced disappearance of political prisoners in the country, and to share its views on the notion of short-term enforced disappearance. In the context of its engagement on the enforced disappearance of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Working Group held several meetings with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine and the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine. In preparation of the country visit to Lithuania, in November, the Working Group met with the UNHCR office in Vilnius to discuss the situation of irregular migrants and asylum seekers detained in Lithuania. On 23 September, the Working Group convened a launching event of its thematic report on elections and enforced disappearances with Hon. Idrissa Sow, Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty, Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
Special Rapporteur on the right to education	In June, the Special Rapporteur co-organized and participated in the Dialogue on the Right to Education, together with the Swiss UNESCO Commission, UNESCO, OHCHR and other partners. In June, the Special Rapporteur published the Principles for Implementing Academic Freedom (A/HRC/56/CRP.2), adopted following a long collaborative process with other UN entities, in particular the Special Rapporteur on cultural rights, members of the CESCR and of the Joint ILO-UNESCO CEART, as well as CSOs. Throughout 2024, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur remained engaged in close collaboration with UNESCO, on issues such as the future of education, scientific

	and academic freedom, private tutoring, as well as early childhood care and education. The Special Rapporteur also engaged with the WHO-based initiative on eliminating corporal punishments in schools.
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	From 29 to 31 January, the Special Rapporteur travelled to The Hague, Netherlands, at the invitation of the Office of the Prosecutor (OP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as a follow-up to his visit in December 2023, to discuss with the Forensic Unit and other OP's teams and experts possible areas for coordination and cooperation for the promotion, training and implementation of standards of best practice for the investigation of unlawful deaths, in particular the Minnesota Protocol. In July, the Special Rapporteur engaged with the Secretariat of the PACE parliamentary Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, of the Council of Europe, providing comments and recommendations on their report and resolution on "Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: a call to clarify their fate." A follow-up meeting was also held between the Special Rapporteur and the Committee's Rapporteur on 27 September.
Special Rapporteur on the right to food	The Special Rapporteur maintained active engagement with Rome-based agencies and participated in the deliberations of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). He regularly attended CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meetings and joined debates on the global food crisis, which were occasionally organized by the CFS Chair in conjunction with these meetings. The Special Rapporteur endeavoured to facilitate the flow of information and promote understanding of the right to food among various UN entities, including the Human Rights Council in Geneva, the UN agencies in Rome, and the UN General Assembly in New York.
Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	On 4 March, the Special Rapporteur, the Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Right of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, with the collaboration of Solidarity Centre, jointly organised a side event on the margins of the 55th session of the Human Rights Council & the 350th session of the ILO Governing Body. The event aimed to highlight the challenges and rights violations faced by workers in the informal economy, to suggest reforms to improve those workers' situations and ensure that their rights are respected, protected and fulfilled, and to explore avenues through which workers in the informal economy may most effectively organize to advance their voices and promote their work and policy-related aims. On 30 April, a Joint Declaration on the Promotion of the Rights of Assembly and Association for Workers in the Informal Economy was published by the Special Rapporteur, the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (REDESCA) of the OAS, and the Chairperson of the Working Group of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (the Working Group of the ACHPR). On 13 September, the Special Rapporteur issued a Joint Declaration on Protecting the right to freedom of association in light of "Foreign Agents"/ "Foreign Influence", together with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), the Commissioner Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders of the IACHR, the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and focal point on reprisals in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), the Representative of Indonesia to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the	On the occasion of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (2 November), the Special Rapporteur participated in the international

right to freedom of opinion and expression	conference organized by UNESCO on 6-7 November, in Addis Ababa. The Special Rapporteur participated in numerous sessions with the overarching goal of discussing and elaborating paths of action on how to counter impunity for crimes against journalists across the globe and creating the necessary conditions and mechanisms to ensure justice and accountability, with a notable focus on the threat and challenges in cases where women journalists are the victims. As a part of her broader participation, the Special Rapporteur was a panellist in the session devoted to “Safety of Women Journalists in Crisis and Emergencies: Tackling gendered dimensions of Safety,” on 6 November, and the session on “Journalists Safety: How Long until we End the Killings and Impunity?” on 7 November, in addition to several bilateral meetings. Among those meetings, the Special Rapporteur met with Mr. Tawfik Jelassi, UNESCO’s Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, to discuss potential synergies and opportunities for cooperation in 2025.
Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	From 4 to 8 November, the Special Rapporteur participated in the World Urban Forum in Cairo, organized by UN-Habitat. He gave a keynote speech in the dialogue on “Housing our Future”, which explored how housing provision can be improved while prioritising inclusivity and diversity of strategies. He participated in several other events organized by OHCHR, UN agencies, and civil society.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	The Special Rapporteur continued to cooperate closely with UNHCR regarding the asylum procedures and resettlement of human rights defenders. In one case, this led to the successful resettlement of a human rights defender at risk in his own country. The Special Rapporteur worked closely with UN WOMEN on women human rights defenders, particularly migrant women rights defenders. The Special Rapporteur held a consultation with UN WOMEN in New York in October and another in Nigeria in November.
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers	The Special Rapporteur attended the 81st Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, held in Banjul from 17 October to 6 November 2024, to participate in an event chaired by the Chair of the African Commission and Focal Point on Judicial Independence, Hon. Rémy Lumbu. She also participated in the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights’ public hearings during the 188th period of sessions, held in November.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	On 8 February, the Special Rapporteur participated in an online meeting with the OHCHR’s Office for South America (Santiago, Chile), at its request, to exchange ideas and advise about a public consultation by the Government on the reform of the legal framework governing the penitentiary system. On 27 February, the Special Rapporteur participated in a meeting in Rome, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, with members of the Expert Mechanism on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, to discuss the use of the language “local communities” alongside with “Indigenous Peoples”. On 20 March, the Special Rapporteur participated in an online meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator in Costa Rica, to discuss impunity on cases of violence against Indigenous Peoples, including the murder of an indigenous human rights defender. From 15 to 26 April, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples participated in the 23rd Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in New York, as well as in several side events and bilateral meetings. From 8 to 12 July, the Special Rapporteur participated at the 17th session of the Expert Mechanism on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as in several side events and bilateral meetings.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	As a principal on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, the Special Rapporteur participated in regular meetings of the IASC, including leadership of UN agencies focused on humanitarian issues, attending both virtual and in-person meetings in this capacity. She remained engaged in the independent review of the IASC humanitarian response to internal displacement and the management response to the independent review, and was a panellist at the launch of the final report of the review. The Special Rapporteur held consultations with DPPA and PBSO to inform her report to the General Assembly on peacebuilding and internal displacement. The Special Rapporteur continued regular engagement at headquarters level with UNHCR, and IOM as the lead displacement-focused agencies within the UN system. She also participated in a conference, organized by IOM in Poland, on reparations in the context of internal displacement. She further participated in NGO consultations organized by UNHCR and participated in a UNHCR-organized event to mark the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the Kampala Convention with African States, for which she also co-wrote a joint statement with UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection. The Special Rapporteur maintained regular engagement throughout the year with the Office of the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement, whose mandate concluded at the end of 2024. The working relationship entailed regular coordination meetings, providing feedback to guidance documents and other products issued by the OSA, participation in events organized by OSA, and engagement in the follow-up mechanisms established following the conclusion of OSA's mandate. In January, the Special Rapporteur participated in a side event to the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, focusing on inclusion of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in poverty eradication efforts. In November, the Special Rapporteur attended the COP29 in Baku and participated in two side events, one organized by IOM on mobility and climate justice and another on planned relocations in the context of climate change organized with the Platform on Disaster Displacement, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, and Human Rights Watch.
Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members	On 5 and 6 December, the Special Rapporteur took part in the 18th meeting of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Neglected Tropical Diseases (STAG-NTD).
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	On 2 May, the Special Rapporteur delivered a presentation about his vision for the mandate at the UN Network on Racial Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities. Considering the 2024 Civil Society Conference in Nairobi and in lead-up to the Summit of the Future in September 2024, the Special Rapporteur issued a Position Paper in which he shared three main advocacy messages to ensure the integration of minority issues in the Pact for the Future. In June, he travelled to New York to promote the integration of minorities and minority issues into the Summit for the Future and the Pact for the Future. During this mission, he engaged with representatives from various Member States, civil society members, and United Nations officials to advocate for the inclusion of minorities in the final document of the Pact for the Future. On 18 September, the Special Rapporteur participated in the Global Expert Consultation co-organized by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW) on a CERD-CMW Joint General Recommendation/Comment on Public Policies for Addressing Xenophobia and its Impact on Human Rights, in partnership with the Graduate Institute's Global

	Migration Centre, the Geneva Human Rights Platform of the Geneva Academy, and OHCHR at the Geneva Graduate Institute. On 10 and 11 October, the Special Rapporteur participated in a UN workshop on intersectionality dialogues focused on gender and anti-racism aimed at strengthening the integration of these issues within the human rights system and enhance their analysis among UN human rights experts, organized by the OHCHR Women's Rights and Gender Section. On 31 October and 1 November, the Special Rapporteur was invited by UNESCO to the 2024 Global Education Meeting held in Fortaleza, where he participated in a panel on empowering Indigenous Peoples and linguistic and cultural minorities through education, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 4.5, which aims to eliminate gender disparities and ensure equitable access to education for vulnerable groups. In addition, he participated in a side-event related to the future of education and contributed to a panel on equity and inclusion.
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	From 20 to 24 May, the Independent Expert contributed to the fourteenth session of UN Open-ended Working Group on Ageing. Notably, she delivered opening remarks and presented in a panel on "Accessibility, infrastructure and habitat (transport, housing and access)". On 29 November, the Independent Expert participated in the third annual exchange between the Treaty Body Chairs and the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR), which took place in the context of the SG's Call to Action for Human Rights. She delivered a statement on older persons' right to work in the context of demographic transitions.
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	On 7 May, the Special Rapporteur participated in an Expert Group Meeting on SDG1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere, in preparation for the in-depth review of SDG1 during the HLPF in July. The Expert Group Meeting was organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (UNDESA/DSDG), UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the World Bank Group and provided an opportunity for the Special Rapporteur to translate the political commitments to be taken at HLPF into practical actions. On 17 May, the Special Rapporteur participated in a closed-door meeting on the financing gap for social protection and how to increase international financing for social protection in low- and middle-income countries organised by ILO. Discussions with ILO on the establishment of an international financing mechanism on social protection are ongoing and the Special Rapporteur is currently working on a non-paper on financing the social protection gap to support this process.
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	On 30 September, the Special Rapporteur engaged in a High-Level Dialogue about Governance of Data in the Digital Alliance of the European Union and Latin and Caribbean America. On 24 October, the Special Rapporteur met with the UN SG's Envoy Office on Tech in New York to discuss the outcome of the Summit of the Future and the Global Digital Compact and how the Special Rapporteur's thematic reports could contribute to data policy and right to privacy.
Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	The Special Rapporteur continued to explore avenues for collaboration with the regional and international human rights systems to contribute to the protection of freedom of religion or belief through improved awareness, harmonization and cross-pollination. Through several activities, she continued to deepen her collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS), particularly the Inter-American Commission. In September 2024, she participated in a briefing for OAS member states prior to the launch of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' Study on Inter-American Standards on Freedom of Religion or Belief. The mandate also continued to engage with the African Union and the Council of Europe, and would be interested in further strengthening its collaboration with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). In August, the Special

	Rapporteur participated in the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights Conference on promoting freedom of religion or belief, along with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB). The Special Rapporteur further continued to deepen the mandate's engagement with civil society initiatives and organizations, focusing on the intersection of freedom of religion or belief and sustainable development to advance shared strategies and activities in the coming years. In August and October, she met with contacts at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to advance plans for further collaboration, notably in relation to the feasibility and value of a resource for development practitioners regarding freedom of religion or belief.
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	On 11 October, the Special Rapporteur convened a side event to the 79th session of the General Assembly, on existing and emerging sexually-exploitative practices against children in the digital environment, jointly with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay and the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations. The event focused on new and emerging risks for children in the digital environment and the role artificial intelligence plays in both exacerbating these risks and facilitating the investigation of sexually exploitative practices against children.
Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	On 23 September, the Independent Expert, alongside the High Commissioner for Human Rights, participated in a UN LGBTI Core Group High Level Event “Leaving No One Behind: An Inclusive Future For All” in the framework of UNGA 79 High Level Week. On 26 October, the Independent Expert spoke at the OHCHR Community of Practice (CoP) online event on the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ Persons. He discussed the role of the mandate and the opportunities for engagement with OHCHR staff at field and HQ level who are working on or interested in LGBTI issues, current and former participants in the blended training course for OHCHR field staff on the human rights of LGBTIQ+ persons, as well as OHCHR and other UN staff who implement the OHCHR-led UN Free & Equal campaign at national level. On 22 October, the Independent Expert spoke at the UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS and UN Women Staff Council DEI Awareness Series on inclusion in the work and workplace of UN agencies.
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences.	The mandate continued to cooperate closely with the UN Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVFCFS), for example by seeking input from the Fund's grantees to thematic reports and country visits and through regular dialogue with the members of the Board and engagement with the Secretariat, including regarding the issuance of the annual joint statement on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, on 2 December. The Special Rapporteur continued to engage with the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons and joined regular meetings held with IOM and other United Nations entities.
Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes	Throughout 2024, the Special Rapporteur remained engaged in close collaboration with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) on issues such as pollution information portals and gender and toxics: On the margins of the 79th General Assembly, the Special Rapporteur participated in a briefing convened by UNEP and co-hosted by OHCHR (17 October 2024) on the subject of gender and toxics. The Special Rapporteur convened a side event at HRC57 in collaboration with the Geneva Environment Network, coordinated by UNEP, that concerned pollution information portals and access to information. The Special Rapporteur co-organized a series of events on the sidelines of HRC57 titled “the Geneva Toxics Free Talks”, in collaboration with the Geneva

	Environment Network and civil society organizations, covering topics that included gender and toxics, asbestos, and human rights in the plastics pollution treaty. The Special Rapporteur participated in the side event titled “Decarbonization and Detoxification: Opportunities for Integrated Actions” during UNEA-6, organized by the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, UNEP and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which built on the Special Rapporteur’s HRC report. The Special Rapporteur also participated in UNEA-6, where he conducted consultations in preparation for his GA report on gender and toxics, supported by UNEP. Together with the Center for Reproductive Rights and Human Rights Watch, the Special Rapporteur also held a consultation with members of women and gender rights groups from different regions on the sidelines of the Commission on the Status of Women to help provide early thoughts and guidance for his report on gender and toxics. The Special Rapporteur participated in MEPC82 as a visiting expert and delivered a statement on ship recycling, following up on his reports on shipping and on his visit to the International Maritime Organization. The Special Rapporteur participated in a side event at the CBD COP16, on the impacts of lithium mining on biodiversity and Indigenous communities in the Andean wetlands. The Special Rapporteur participated in an online panel discussion co-hosted by Thailand and Ireland on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) Complementarity: reinforcing and strengthening international law. The Special Rapporteur, along with the Working Group on Business and Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on environment, sent an open letter to the ISA ahead of negotiations on deep seabed mining in March. From 25 November to 1 December, the Special Rapporteur participated in the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-4) (23-29 April) and the fifth session (INC-5) in person in Busan, Republic of Korea. On 20 and 21 November, the Special Rapporteur participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe’s (UNECE) Fourth Global Round Table on the development of pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTR). On 3 October, the Special Rapporteur participated in the 82nd session of the International Maritime Organization’s Marine Environment Protection Committee on the subject of ship recycling. On 20 March, the Special Rapporteur participated in a side event on the right to a healthy environment and drug policy at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND). The Special Rapporteur engaged with a range of UN entities during his country visit to Samoa, including UNDP, UNEP, UN Women, FAO and OHCHR. The Special Rapporteur also contributed to some of their ongoing projects, such as UNDP’s efforts to support Samoa in updating the National Waste Management Strategy. The Special Rapporteur participated in the third session of the open-ended working group to establish a science policy panel and delivered a statement highlighting the importance of avoiding conflict of interest, protection of scientists from reprisals, Indigenous knowledge, and capacity building.
Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice,	In May, the Special Rapporteur held virtual consultations with the Africa Section of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate of the Security Council.

reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	In July, the Special Rapporteur met with members of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in Washington DC, regarding issues of mutual concern, areas of synergies, and possible collaboration. In August, the Special Rapporteur participated in a meeting with members of the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic (IIMP) regarding the work of the new institution. In September, the Special Rapporteur held conversations with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Regional Office for Central America and Dominican Republic concerning transitional justice issues in Nicaragua. In October, the Special Rapporteur held a meeting with members of the Countering-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) of the Security Council regarding issues of mutual concern, areas of synergies, and possible collaboration. In November, the Special Rapporteur held a briefing and conversations with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights East Africa Regional Office in Addis Ababa, concerning the transitional justice process in the country. The mandate engaged with OHCHR HQs and field offices, UN agencies and partners in relation to transitional justice issues and the work of the mandate, by providing substantive and legal advice, preparing briefing documents, conducting legal and policy reviews, and delivering training to civil society.
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	The Special Rapporteur continued her engagement and consultations with the UN system and relevant UN entities, including among others: FAO, WFP, UNICEF, WHO and ILO. In addition, during her country visit to China in May, she met with the Resident Coordinator and the UNCT. On 6 and 7 February, the Special Rapporteur participated in the International Conference on “Food Justice from a Human Rights Perspective, Realities and Future Challenges”, organized by the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar (NHRC), in partnership with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the League of Arab States, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She gave a presentation on the “Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on Food Security”. On 25 March, the Special Rapporteur briefed the UN Security Council at an Arria Formula meeting on “The impact of unilateral coercive measures on global counter-terrorism efforts”. On 11 October, the Special Rapporteur participated as a speaker in a webinar on “The Impact of Unilateral Sanctions in Latin America – Legality, Human Rights, and Solidarity Challenges”. The webinar was co-organized by the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity and the American Society of International Law. On 25 November, the Special Rapporteur briefed the UN Security Council at an Arria Formula meeting on “The Humanitarian Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures”. She also continued her engagement and coordination with other human rights mechanisms, including a number of other special procedure mandates as well as treaty bodies, through joint communications and press releases.
Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	The Special Rapporteur continued to cooperate with the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls (WGDAW) and six other independent global and regional expert mechanisms via the EDVAW Platform, composed of the Special Rapporteur, WGDAWG, CEDAW, Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Special Rapporteur on the

	Rights of Women in Africa (ASRWHR), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Rapporteur on the Rights of Women (IARWHR). Throughout 2024, the Special Rapporteur also conducted advocacy campaigns on the optional protocol to the CEDAW Convention.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	The Special Rapporteur strengthened the mandate's relationship with UN actors, attending two UN Water meetings (during April and November) and coordinating activities with the UN Water Convention Secretariat. Between 21 and 23 October, the Special Rapporteur met with five FAO thematic teams and agreed with the FAO water division to join their current global consultations on water tenure.
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	The Working Group held meetings with UN WOMEN representatives during its May session in New York and participated in several consultations and events organized by UN Women throughout the year, including an Interactive Expert Panel at the CSW on "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective", "Strategic retreat of the signatories of the Shared Commitments on Women, Peace and Security" and an Expert Group Dialogue on the FGM Bill in the Gambia. Members also participated in consultations with IMF as well as the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development and events organized by the 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the Feminist Foreign Policy+ Group, ILO, IDLO, the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Coalition Working Group on Gender and Corruption, and the IPU. The Chair of the Working Group also participated in a Virtual Expert Consultation on Reproductive Violations and Slavery Crimes, organized by the International Criminal Court. The Working Group also continued its co-operation with CEDAW, especially on CEDAW General Recommendation 40 on Women's equal and inclusive representation in international decision-making systems, and with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, including in relation to codification of gender apartheid as a crime against humanity. The Working Group was an active member in the OPT discussion group bringing together several mandate holders and participated in two joint briefings for Member States on the situation in the OPT. Until the end of February, the Working Group served as the Chair of the Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Discrimination and Violence against Women (EDVAW Platform), which gathers seven United Nations and regional independent expert mechanisms dedicated to addressing discrimination and violence against women and girls, promoting accountability, and advancing women's and girls' rights at the international and regional levels, and it stayed an active member for the remainder of the year.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	The Special Rapporteur continued to engage extensively with other UN agencies and was in regular contact with UNAMA on the ground.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus	On 28 May, the Special Rapporteur took part in the High-Level roundtable on Freedom of Association in Belarus, convened by ILO. On 7 June, the Special Rapporteur took part in the conference "The Luxembourg solutions - The role of national parliaments in addressing the challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile", organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe jointly with the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies.

	The Special Rapporteur engaged in consultations with the Group of Independent Experts on the Human Rights Situation in Belarus, established by the Human Rights Council resolution 55/27 on 4 April 2024.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	The Special Rapporteur continued regular engagement with UNHCR, both at headquarters and country levels, in several countries where Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers are subjected to human rights violations. He also held an online meeting with the Resident Coordinator in Eritrea.

XXI. Technical cooperation and assistance (non-exhaustive list)

One of the main functions of the special procedures is to provide States, non-State actors and other United Nations bodies with technical expert advice on how to implement their human rights obligations. Mandate holders offer technical advice using different tools. Their thematic and country-visit reports contain recommendations that help States and other stakeholders build their capacities to prevent human rights violations and ensure full compliance with international human rights norms. Furthermore, the communications issued by the special procedures contain important technical advice for States and other stakeholders. Some of these communications, named “other letters” (OLs), analyse the compatibility of current or pending legislation and policies with international human rights standards. Their purpose is to engage in a constructive dialogue with the recipient. In 2024, the special procedures sent a total of 53 OLs to 37 different States and other actors. Below is a non-exhaustive list of activities through which mandate holders offered technical assistance and/or cooperation.

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises	On 25 October, Robert McCorquodale, a member of the Working Group, delivered a keynote address at a peer learning conference on business and human rights in Brussels, convened by the Belgian Government, in cooperation with the Working Group. The main attendees were government and diplomatic officials, including Ambassadors, from a variety of States, especially those from Africa and across Europe. The focus of the morning sessions was on National Action Plans and on global developments on human rights due diligence. The afternoon sessions, which included some businesses and civil society organizations, dealt with advancing women's rights at work, responsible mining, and children's rights and business.
Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	In December 2023 and January 2024, the Special Rapporteur provided technical advice to the Greek legal Committee on its draft law on “Modernization of the institutional framework for the protection and promotion of Greek-language song and orchestral music by Greek composers and the protection and dissemination of Greek language, in the context of the preservation and promotion of the intangible cultural heritage”. On 1 November, the Special Rapporteur contributed commentaries to the definition of the right to science, authored by the International Science Council's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science.
Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances	In 2024, the Working Group continued providing technical assistance to Chile with regard to its National Plan for the Search for victims of enforced disappearance during the dictatorship. As part of these efforts, the Working Group held several meetings with civil society organizations, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and various domestic authorities to strengthen coordination among entities involved in the search for disappeared persons and continues to provide feedback on the application of the Plan at the domestic level. Since October 2023 and throughout 2024, the Working Group continued its technical cooperation with the Search Unit for Missing Persons in Colombia, focusing on various aspects of forensic investigation and search techniques. The collaboration aims to strengthen capacity and share best practices in searching for forcibly disappeared persons, particularly those on the move, and to foster local forensic technical capabilities. Key areas of focus include forensic standards for search and identification, cross-border searches, use of advanced technologies and data analysis, multidisciplinary approaches, and addressing complex forensic scenarios. In the framework of a technical cooperation and assistance project, the Working Group undertook a technical visit to Nairobi, Kenya, in April, to provide capacity building training to 20 officials from ten different line ministries and agencies, including the Independent Policing Oversight Authority and Internal Affairs Unit, an internal oversight body within the National Police Service. Subsequently, in July

	and August, the Working Group participated in meetings with various interlocutors including CSOs, families, the Kenya Bar Association, National Human Rights Commission, and the Office of the Attorney General.
Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	On 11 March, the Special Rapporteur participated in and gave a keynote speech at a training of trainers on the Minnesota Protocol for investigators from the Government, the National Human Rights Institution and NGOs in the Philippines. The event was organized jointly by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Joint Program for Human Rights in the Philippines. The Special Rapporteur emphasized the importance of this initiative, which, if proven successful, could represent a model for investigating unlawful killings in compliance with international standards. On 12 June, the Special Rapporteur delivered an online session on the Minnesota Protocol and the recovery of human remains as part of a training organised by the OHCHR's Regional Office for South-East Asia (SEARO) and the International Commission of Jurists for Thai government officials. From 23 to 27 September, the Special Rapporteur undertook a technical visit to Nairobi, Kenya, at the invitation of the OHCHR office, where he participated in a roundtable discussion regarding the operationalization of the Coroner's Service Act. This activity was attended by nearly 20 participants representing the multi-agency committees on the Coroner's service act and on enforced disappearances, as well as Kenya's Chief Government Pathologist On 7-8 November, the Special Rapporteur participated in the 3rd regional Workshop for Developing a Protocol for the Investigation of Unlawful Deaths of LGBTIQ+ People, organized jointly by the OHCHR/Guatemala, in cooperation with the OHCHR/Honduras, Bogotá and the regional Office in Panamá. From 3 to 7 December, the Special Rapporteur travelled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for a public Conference and a planning Workshop on the Minnesota Protocol (MP), aiming at promoting the MR as well as at setting up a regional training hub on the MP in Malaysia. The activity was co-organized by the OHCHR South-East Asia Regional Office and the Government of Malaysia, and supported by the Resident Coordinator in Kuala Lumpur.
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	In April, the Independent Expert attended the Africa Tax Policy Client Roundtable organized in Ghana, Accra, to engage with relevant stakeholders in discussing the role of the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) in shaping tax policy and administration in Africa. In June, the Independent Expert participated in the 2024 International Seminar on Economic Development in Caracas, Venezuela. During her visit, the Independent Expert participated in the discussion on economic growth in a multipolar world, which focused on economic resilience and strengthening economies in the face of the global crisis.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	The Special Rapporteur participated in the consultations and drafting process of the so-called 'Declaration +25', a project aimed at updating and broadening the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. The document was launched in October in New York. The Special Rapporteur also contributed with expert advice to the report of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination. The report deals with 'Protecting women human rights defenders in Europe'.
Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples	On 23 January, the Special Rapporteur participated virtually as an expert witness before the Constitutional Court of Colombia, during a technical hearing concerning carbon credits (REDD+), climate change and the rights of Indigenous Peoples. From 13 to 17 February, at the invitation of several civil society organisations, the Special Rapporteur conducted an academic visit to Mexico, where he held meetings in Mexico City and in Chiapas, with various stakeholders, including Indigenous

	Peoples and official entities, to celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the San Andrés Accords and discuss the proposal of a constitutional reform affecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. From 19 to 23 February, the Special Rapporteur conducted an academic visit to Colombia, at the invitation of indigenous organisations. During the visit, the Special Rapporteur provided technical advice on the protection of the rights of those who are in situation of voluntary isolation or initial contact. From 30 March to 11 April, the Special Rapporteur conducted an academic visit to New Zealand, at the invitation of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission and the University of Auckland, where he delivered a public lecture. From 24 to 31 July, the Special Rapporteur conducted an academic visit to the Philippines, at the invitation of the University of the Philippines' Law Center Institute of Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples Rights International, where he performed as Keynote Speaker at The National Academic Forum on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	As part of the mandate's standing collaboration with the Institute of International Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, the Special Rapporteur gave keynote opening remarks to participants of courses on internal displacement in February, April, and November, and closing remarks to participants in a course on climate change and displacement in October. In September, the Special Rapporteur co-organized a Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws and Policies on Internal Displacement in Africa in Dakar, in collaboration with UNHCR and the IDP Protection Expert Group, bringing together Government officials from 13 African countries for peer discussions on internal displacement responses and implementation of the Kampala Convention. She participated in a virtual Member State briefing organized after the Forum hosted by Norway. In September, the Special Rapporteur led a discussion with representatives of the Member States of the Organization of American States in Washington on internal displacement in the region. She also led a master class on global and Inter-American norms and standards for the protection of IDPs at the 5th Inter-American Course on Migration and Protection in Washington. In November, the Special Rapporteur visited the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on invitation from the DSRSG/RC/HC. The objective of the mission was to identify opportunities for enhancing IDP protection in the context of the MONUSCO withdrawal, support IDP participation in peace and stabilization processes, advance on progress toward government-led solutions and domestication of the Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention), and build the capacities of the UNCT and the Government in this regard. The findings and outcomes of this mission will be followed up through an official country visit in the first quarter of 2025.
Special Rapporteur on minority issues	On 4 and 5 December, the Special Rapporteur delivered a keynote address to the National Assembly of Hungary at the Interparliamentary Conference on Cultural Heritage and the Identity of Traditional Minorities organized within the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. On 17 October, the Special Rapporteur participated in the launch of the revised Thematic Commentary on Education, prepared by the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg. During his visit, he also met with Commissioner O'Flaherty to explore potential opportunities for cooperation between his mandate and the Commissioner for Human Rights, with a particular focus on European mechanisms for safeguarding the rights of national minorities.
Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	On 12 November, the Special Rapporteur participated in an online consultation and technical cooperation workshop, organised by OHCHR and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, in Copenhagen, Denmark on economic, social, and cultural rights

	with National Human Rights Institutions in Europe and academia. The topic of the event had a focus on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in Europe and the cost-of-living crisis in particular.
Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy	The Special Rapporteur continued to share her expertise in the LAC Region by providing technical advice on data protection and privacy at several regional expert meetings namely: 17-19 April, The Data Governance School LatAm (DGSL) at Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) Law School, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 27-29 May, the Iberial DP meeting in Categena, Columbia 5-7 June, XI Congreso Internacional de Datos Personales in Bogota, Columbia
Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children	In 2024, Montenegro reported that, following the Special Rapporteur's visit to the country and the resulting recommendation to strengthen institutions investigating online sexual violence against children, it had been implementing efforts to enhance the capacities of law enforcement officers to combat high-tech crime. Training sessions were conducted for representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Police Directorate, Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, and social work centres, which resulted in a continuous increase in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of individuals committing crimes involving the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children. Following the Special Rapporteur's visit to Montenegro and the resulting recommendations, Montenegro reported in 2024 that to strengthen international cooperation and share experiences on the most effective "Children's House" model, the Government hosted in April the conference "On the Road to Excellence: United for Effective Child Protection with the Barnahus Model" in collaboration with the Council of Europe, UNICEF, and the EU Delegation. Also following the Special Rapporteur's recommendation after her country visit to the Philippines, it was reported that in 2024, civil societies (IACAT and IJM) collaborated with the Department of Justice and the National Coordination Center for Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Children Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials to launch an online course on Fundamentals Basic Module: Prosecuting Online Sexual Exploitation of Children. Moreover, as of 2024, the Department of Education in the Philippines has provided online orientation on child protection for over a hundred thousand individuals, including teachers, school heads, guidance counsellors, learners, parents, and other stakeholders to educate children about online safety and how to identify, protect themselves from and report various forms of sexual exploitation online. With the support of African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), the African Union is currently developing a Model Law on combatting online child abuse and exploitation. The Model Law aims to promote legislative, regulatory, and programmatic interventions to ensure online child safety across African Union Member States, in line with international and regional standards. In November, the Special Rapporteur provided inputs on the draft Model Law through ACPF in order to assist with the efforts in protecting children from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse, both offline and online, in Africa.
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences.	On 20 March, the Special Rapporteur met with members of Québec Parliament in Canada, at their request, as a follow-up meeting to his country visit to Canada. The Special Rapporteur provided advice on how Canada can further address the issue of contemporary forms of slavery, particularly regarding measures to improve the situation of temporary migrant workers. On 7 May, the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) at the International Criminal Court (ICC) invited the Special Rapporteur to a meeting to outline the ICC's Slavery Crimes Policy. He provided the input for this policy.

Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence	In May and October, the Special Rapporteur held consultations with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate of the Security Council regarding issues of mutual concern, existing synergies, and possible cooperation. In July, the Special Rapporteur met with members of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in Washington DC, regarding issues of mutual concern, areas of synergies, and possible cooperation. In August, he participated in a meeting with members of the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic (IIMP) to provide advice regarding the work of the new institution. The Special Rapporteur provided technical advice through communications and legal or substantive reviews, with regards to: draft laws and decrees that may affect the prosecution and punishment of crimes against humanity in Argentina; draft law No. 10132 of the People's Deputies of Ukraine on the status of victims of sexual violence related to the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and urgent interim reparations; the so-called 'concord' laws passed or submitted for parliamentary approval in the Autonomous Communities of Aragón, Castilla y León, and Valencia in Spain; bills proposing statutes of limitation and amnesty for serious human rights violations in Peru; a draft law that would allow for the substitution of custodial sentences with house arrest for persons convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Uruguay. The mandate engaged with OHCHR headquarters and field offices, UN agencies and partners in relation to transitional justice issues and the work of the mandate, by providing substantive and legal advice, preparing briefing documents, conducting legal and policy reviews, and delivering training to civil society.
Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	In September, the Special Rapporteur launched the mandate's Sanctions Monitoring and Impact Assessment Tool, an online platform for data collection and presentation regarding sanctions and their humanitarian/human rights impact. In November, the Special Rapporteur presented her Guiding Principles on Sanctions, Business and Human Rights and a Commentary. The purpose of these Guiding Principles and Commentary is to identify and clarify international legal norms and standards applicable by States and businesses to protect human rights in sanctions environments. They also included guidelines and recommendations on ways and means to prevent, minimize and redress the adverse effect of unilateral coercive measures on human rights.
Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	The Special Rapporteur provided technical advice through communications and legal or substantive reviews, with regard to: French law that criminalizes the purchase of sexual acts, which formed part of the submission to the European Court on Human Rights; Title IX in the United States of America; the early marriage law of Iraq and the veil law of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Special Rapporteur also worked with the Union of Cities and Local Governments on the responsibilities of local governments in ending violence against women and girls, as well as attended the seminar they organized with the Observatory on ending violence against women in France in November.
Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	The Special Rapporteur led the organization of a briefing with UCLA on Ecocide attended by 6 mandate holders and OHCHR. The mandate was key in building bridges between governments, water defenders, and civil society. He met quarterly with the Peoples Water Forum and periodically with the large water and sanitation NGO networks to discuss about water rights, water governance, civil society participation, indigenous peoples' inclusion, etc.
Working Group on discrimination against women and girls	The Working Group's members provided trainings on thematic issues related to gender backlash and gender-based discrimination. They advised on relevant legislation in events with civil society organisations, human rights defenders, students, government officials and UN agencies. For example, on 8 March, Laura Nyirinkindi, member of the Working Group, conducted a training Course on

	Women's rights for the Geneva academy. On 2 May, she participated in the 'Technical briefing and strategic dialogue during the 57th session of the Commission on Population and Development' in New York, providing advice on the sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls. On 6-8 May, she participated in a workshop on 'Human Rights Leadership for Reproductive Justice,' organized by Ipas in Abidjan in the context of Ipas' Francophone Africa Fellowship for Young and Female leaders.
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XXII. Amicus Curiae and other submissions

Mandates	Date	Entities	Summary
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	January 2024	The District Court of Jerusalem	The Special Rapporteur submitted an amicus curiae in a strategic case regarding the consideration of the human rights impacts of national service in Eritrea during the asylum process in Israel. The amicus provided information concerning the situation of draft evaders in Eritrea, including the nature and scope of national service, its human rights implications, and current practices related to conscription and the treatment of draft evaders. The Israeli authorities have long held that draft evasion or desertion by Eritreans is not sufficient by itself to support a well-founded fear of persecution and have rejected the notion that desertion or evasion is seen by the Eritrean State as an expression of political opinion. The Court held that there is “a reasonable possibility” that desertion or evasion of military service in Eritrea, combined with illegal exit from Eritrea, could lead to political persecution. The Special Rapporteur’s amicus was referred to several times by the Judge in his decision. If upheld, this decision has the potential to change the situation for Eritrean asylum seekers in the country, whose recognition as refugees has been blocked for almost a decade.
Joint submission by: - 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 - Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	3 April 2024	Supreme Court of the United States of America	The joint amicus curiae submission to the Supreme Court of the United States of America concerns the criminalization of persons experiencing homelessness. The matter raises the question whether municipalities should be allowed to penalize people experiencing homelessness for camping and sleeping in public spaces when they fail to offer any shelter or adequate housing. The submission argues that in such circumstances punishing persons experiencing homelessness does not only violate the right to adequate housing, but amounts as well to cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment and punishment. To ensure that United States Constitutional Law is interpreted in conformity with international human rights obligations, the submission argued that the Supreme Court should rule that such municipal ordinances violate the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment. ⁶
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism	18 April 2024	African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights	The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism submitted an amicus curiae to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights concerning violence against persons with albinism in Tanzania. The Court ordered Tanzania to amend laws, including the Witchcraft Act, to ensure the criminalization of

⁶ https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/housing/Amicus_curiae_SRhousing_SRpoverty.pdf

			attacks against persons with albinism and to promulgate a national action plan on the protection of persons with albinism in conformity with the African Union Plan of Action to End Attacks and Other Human Rights Violations Targeting Persons with Albinism. It also ordered Tanzania to take effective measures to ensure the realization of the right to health for persons with albinism and undertake awareness raising campaigns to dispel wrongly held beliefs on albinism and mitigate violence.
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	May 2024	The District Court of The Hague	The Special Rapporteur made an amicus curiae to the District Court of The Hague to provide information and insight concerning the fundamental differences between the policies with the regard to Eritrean asylum seekers in the Netherlands and Switzerland.
Joint submission by: • Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 • Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers • Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression • Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children • Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order • Special Rapporteur on the right to development • Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences • Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health • Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism • Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living,	6 August 2024	International Criminal Court	Twenty mandate holders submitted an amicus curiae to the International Criminal Court arguing that the Court has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute international criminal crimes committed in the occupied Palestinian territory, including in Gaza. The mandate holders urged the Court not to further delay the delivery of justice in the occupied Palestinian territory, through the prosecution of alleged criminals. ⁷

⁷ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/countries/palestine/20240806-OPT-Amicus-ICC.pdf>

and on the right to non-discrimination in this context • Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances • Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association • Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences • Special Rapporteur on the right to food • Special Rapporteur on the human rights of safe drinking water and sanitation • Working Group on discrimination against women and girls • Working Group of Experts on People of African descent • Special Rapporteur on the right to education • Working Group on Arbitrary Detention • Special Rapporteur on minority issues			
Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	26 April 2024	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, United States of America	The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism submitted a joint amicus curiae with the Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in the context of Law Enforcement to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, United States. The amicus addressed the racially disproportionate impact of mandatory life without parole sentencing for felony murder charges. ⁸
Joint submission by: • Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances • Working Group on Arbitrary Detention • Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children • Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants • Special Rapporteur on the right to food	27 September 2024	European Court of Human Rights	The joint third party intervention, in the case C.O.C.G. and Others v. Lithuania (Application no. 17764/22), raises issues pertaining to rights protected under the European Convention of Human Rights in the context of migration and, in particular, the right to seek asylum and protection from refoulement, as well as the prohibition of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment as well as, inter alia, the right to an effective remedy, the prohibition of slavery and forced labour, and the prohibition of discrimination.. ⁹

⁸ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/racism/sr/amicus/2024-4-26-lee-amicus-brief.pdf>

⁹ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/disappearances/submissions-courts/2024-09-27-c-o-c-g-others-v-lithuania-tpi.pdf>

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	27 September 2024	Supreme Court of India	The intervention (amicus curiae petition) by the Special Rapporteur to the Supreme Court of India relates to the case of Jamiat Ulama-i-hind vs. Union of India & Others (Writ Petition (CRL.) NO. 162 of 2022) concerning the compliance of punitive home demolitions with international human rights standards, arguing that such measures are arbitrary, disproportionate and violate the right to adequate housing and other human rights. The intervention argued further that there must be robust remedies including individual civil liability of officials who are responsible for unlawful housing demolitions.
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