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Name of the Institution / Monitoring Period	<i>01.10.2021 - 01.11.2021</i>
Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="536 562 1390 891">- UNHCR hosted an event to launch the “Guidance for Field Protections Clusters on Engagement with National Human Rights Institutions”. The event saw the participation of GANHRI, NHRIs and members of Protection Clusters around the globe. Source: https://ganhri.org/nhris-as-unique-partners-for-field-protection-clusters/ (Access Date: 26.10.2021) <li data-bbox="536 987 1390 1227">- 8 October 2021 – The UN Human Rights Council has adopted a resolution recognizing a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as a universal human right. Source: https://ganhri.org/resolution-right-healthy-environment/ (Access Date: 26.10.2021) <li data-bbox="536 1323 1390 1653">- UNDP, OHCHR and GANHRI marked ten-years of the Tri-Partite Partnership (TPP) in supporting National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) at the 2021 Annual Review Meeting and Partnership Platform, which took place 5 & 6 October. Source: https://ganhri.org/un-and-ganhri-mark-ten-year-partnership-to-support-national-human-rights-institutions/ (Access Date: 25.10.2021) <li data-bbox="536 1749 1390 2024">- During the 48th Session of the Human Rights Council (13 September – 8 October 2021) GANHRI contributed to discussions on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="635 1872 1390 1989">➤ Afghanistan, call for the protection of AIHRC members and staff and the establishment of a strong, independent global monitoring mechanism<li data-bbox="635 2000 1390 2024">➤ Climate change and the right to development



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The recognition of the right to a healthy environment as a universal human right➤ Reprisals against those cooperating with the United Nations. <p>Source: (https://ganhri.org/overview-of-ganhri-engagement-at-hrc48/) (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p>
<p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the posts shared on the OHCHR website on 01.10.2021, it was announced that the UN Human Rights Council accepted the outcomes of the Universal Periodic Review on Denmark, Somalia, Palau, Solomon Islands, Seychelles, Latvia, Singapore and Sierra Leone. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27586&LangID=E (Access Date: 05.10.2021) https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27589&LangID=E (Access Date: 05.10.2021)- On 01.10.2021, the Human Rights Council held a general debate on the Universal Periodic Review, and then discussed the human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab Territories. The Council also heard the presentation of a report by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the allocation of water resources in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and an oral update by the High Commissioner on the implementation of resolution S-30/1. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27592&LangID=E (Access Date: 5.10.2021)- On 04.10.2021, the UN Human Rights Council held a general debate on racism and racial discrimination. In this context, the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action and the Durban Declaration and Program of Action were discussed, and Dominique Day, Chair of the Working Group of Experts on



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	<p>People of African Descent, was heard. In his speech, the Chair of the Working Group emphasized that people of African descent face environmental racism all over the world. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance called for a moratorium on the use of surveillance technology in the context of immigration management.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27597&LangID=E (Access Date: 5.10.2021) https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27599&LangID=E (Access Date: 05.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 04.10.2021, the UN Working Group on People of African descent presented its report to the UN Human Rights Council, providing guidance on how to effectively address environmental injustice, racial disparities, unequal protection and the unique impact of the climate crisis and environmental racism on People of African Descent. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27603&LangID=E (Access Date: 05.10.2021)- On 06.10.2021, the Migrant Workers Committee organized a panel on global migration with the participation of States. Making the opening speech of the panel, Committee Chairman Can Ünver noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the human rights of migrant workers and their families. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27619&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021)- On 07.10.2021, Committee on Migrant Workers launched its fifth General Comment on migrants' right to liberty and freedom from arbitrary detention with a public online interactive dialogue.
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27628&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 08.10.2021, the UN Human Rights Council, adopted 8 resolutions on early child and forced marriage in times of crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the negative impact of the colonial legacy on the enjoyment of human rights, promoting a democratic and just international order, death penalty problem, right to development, human rights and indigenous peoples, the human rights impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on young people and the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27632&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021) https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27634&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021)- The post on the OHCHR website on 08.10.2021 included the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Bachelet's statement on the UN Human Rights Council's decision to recognize the right to a healthy environment as a human right. Stating that the Human Rights Council has accepted for the first time that having a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right with its resolution 48/13, the High Commissioner called on States to take bold steps to have the right to a healthy environment. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27635&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021)- In the post on the OHCHR website on 11.10.2021, referring to the decision of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany and Turkey regarding the harmful effects of climate change on children's rights, it is noted that the Committee has found that a State party can be held responsible for the negative effects of its carbon emissions
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on the rights of children, both within and outside its territory. However, it was stated that the Committee was unable to adjudicate on whether the States parties in this specific case had violated their obligations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child due to failure to comply with the complaints procedures (exhaustion of legal remedies available and effective in the countries concerned).

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27644&LangID=E> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

- The European Regional Forum on conflict prevention and the protection of the human rights of minorities, convened by the UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues Fernand de Varennnes, was held on 12 and 13 October 2021.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27640&LangID=E> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

- On 12.10.2021, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights spokesperson Marta Hurtado made a press statement on the human rights situation in Libya, expressing her deep concern for the continuing suffering of migrants and asylum seekers in Libya, who experience countless daily violations and abuses at the hands of state and non-state actors.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27646&LangID=E> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

- On 12.10.2021, the report prepared by the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and inhumane treatment, Nils Melzer, on accountability was published on the OHCHR website. One of the main findings of the report is that torture and ill-treatment are usually a systemic problem, but scapegoating individuals allows States to deny the existence of structural or systemic patterns and evade their duty to take effective preventative and corrective measures.



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	<p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27650&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/168 (Access Date: 16.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 13.10.2021, on the website of OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Fionnuala Ní Aoláin's report on how to place human rights at the centre of training and technical assistance aimed at combating terrorism at the national, regional and global level was published. The report notes that two decades after 9/11, there has been unprecedented growth in funding for the fight against terrorism, the situation is getting worse and worse; that efforts to improve counter-terrorism measures around the world undermine human rights and the rule of law. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27653&LangID=E (Access Date:16.10.2021) https://undocs.org/a/76/261 (Access Date: 16.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 14.10.2021, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Mary Lawlor's report titled “States in Denial: The Long-Term Detention of Human Rights Defenders” was published on the OHCHR website. The report states that States have denied targeting human rights defenders, instead claiming that the defenders are criminals and sometimes terrorists; recommendations are made to end the imprisonment of human rights defenders. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27658&LangID=E (Access Date:16.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/143 (Access Date:16.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 14.10.2021, the report of Clément Voule, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association, on the increase in restrictions and attacks on climate protesters
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and the failure to protect civil society was published on the OHCHR website. The report notes that States must protect civil space and strengthen civil society to combat climate change and build a greener and more sustainable future.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27656&LangID=E> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

<https://undocs.org/A/76/222> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

- The report of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, focusing on Principle 9 of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, reminding states to maintain adequate policy space and regulatory power to protect human rights when negotiating trade and investment agreements, was published on the OHCHR website on 14.10.2021. In presenting its report to the UN General Assembly, the Working Group called for urgent, fundamental and transformative reform in the international investment regime.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27655&LangID=E> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

<https://undocs.org/A/76/238> (Access Date: 16.10.2021)

- Six Independent UN Experts on 14.10.2021 sent 44 letters to the G7 and G20 States, to the European Union and the World Trade Organization, to pharmaceutical companies already producing or preparing to produce COVID-19 vaccines, and to the States in which they are located calling for urgent collective action to ensure equal and universal access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27670&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 15.10.2021, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights concluded its seventieth session after accepting



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	<p>its concluding observations on the Kuwait, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bolivia and Nicaragua reports.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27664&LangID=E (Access Date: 16.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 18.10.2021, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women opened its 80th session to review the reports of Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Russian Federation, South Africa, South Sudan, Sweden and Yemen.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27666&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 18.10.2021, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of freedom of thought and expression Irene Khan's report on gender justice and freedom of expression was published on the OHCHR website. It is among the findings of the report that states do not equally respect and protect women's right to freedom of thought and expression, and fail to fulfill their obligations; gender-based censorship is widespread and gender equality in freedom of expression continues to be a distant target.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27668&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/258 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 19.10.2021, the multilateral report of Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, was published on the OHCHR website, advising State and Non-State actors on how to respect, protect and promote freedom of thought. It is among the findings of the report that digital technology can have unprecedented consequences on the privacy and integrity of our thoughts.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27674&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The report of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Olivier De Schutter, was published on the OHCHR website on 20.10.2021. In the report, it was stated that poverty and privilege continue to reproduce themselves in a vicious circle, but these cycles can be broken with political will; how these cycles can be terminated is discussed. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27679&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/177 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)- On 20.10.2021, the report of Pedro Arrojo Agudo, Special Rapporteur on human rights for safe drinking water and sanitation, entitled “Risks and impacts of the commodification and financialization of water on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation” was published on the OHCHR website. The report states that water is increasingly being treated as a mere commodity and even as a financial asset and this situation undermines the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation and the sustainability of the environment. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27680&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/159 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)- On 20.10.2021, the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on toxic substances and human rights, Marcos Orellana, entitled “Implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes” was published on the OHCHR website. Describing plastics as a global threat to human rights, the UN expert called for drastic measures, including banning single-use plastic, to keep our planet habitable and protect the rights of those who are already most harmed by plastic production and plastic pollution.
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	<p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27683&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/207 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.10.2021, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Gerard Quinn's report on the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of international humanitarian law was published on the OHCHR website. The report stated that armed conflicts disproportionately affected people with disabilities, calling on States to ensure that people with disabilities are fully included in a range of strategies and processes through all the dimensions of conflict. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27684&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/en/A/76/146 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.10.2021, the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Fernand de Varennes, on the impact of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on minorities was published on the OHCHR website. The report stated that the UN's measures and indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals should be more people-oriented and focus more on marginalized, disadvantaged and excluded groups in order to identify existing forms of discrimination and prevent discrimination. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27690&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/162 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 22.10.2021, the report of Independent Expert Livingstone Sewanyana on the promotion of a democratic and just international order was published on the OHCHR website, titled "In defence of a renewed multilateralism to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and other global
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challenges”. The report states that high-income countries with access to vaccines have begun to loosen their security measures, but others without or with limited access to vaccines face a very unstable future, emphasizing that they need a strong renewed commitment to multilateralism to survive the Covid-19 pandemic.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27691&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 25.10.2021, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet made a press statement regarding the coup in Sudan. Stating that she strongly condemned the military coup that took place and the declaration of a nationwide state of emergency, and the suspension of key articles of the Constitution and governing bodies, Bachelet pointed out that these actions threatened the Juba Peace Agreement and jeopardized the significant progress made towards democracy and respect for human rights.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27695&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- In the post shared on the OHCHR website on 25.10.2021, it was stated that UN human rights experts strongly and openly condemned the decision of Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz to designate six Palestinian human rights and civil society groups as terrorist organizations, and called for support to the defenders of the international community.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27702&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- In the post shared on the OHCHR website on 25.10.2021, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Michael Lynk's call for a new approach to ending Israel's occupation of Palestine was included. Lynk told the General Assembly that a new creative



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and bold playbook is needed to achieve the globally agreed goal of ending 54 years of Israeli occupation and securing Palestinian right to self-determination.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27706&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 25.10.2021, UN Syria Commission of Inquiry Chairman Paulo Pinheiro made statements regarding the current situation in Syria in his speech to the Third Committee of the General Assembly. In his speech, Pinheiro said that no one should think that Syria is safe, that it is not a good time for refugees to return home; on the contrary, they stated that they observed an increase in war and violence.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27703&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 26.10.2021, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet stated that in her speech that Israel's decision to designate six Palestinian non-governmental organizations as "terrorist organizations" is an attack on human rights defenders, freedom of association, freedom of thought and expression, and the right to participation of the people, and that the decision should be annulled immediately.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27708&LangID=E> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 26.10.2021, the report of Independent Expert Victor Madrigal-Borloz on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity was published on the OHCHR website. The report noted that the sharp increase in discrimination and harsh rhetoric puts people who do not conform to gender norms at increased risk of persecution and violence.

Source:



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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27709&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 26.10.2021, UN Special Rapporteur Balakrishnan Rajagopal's report titled "Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living" was published on the OHCHR website. The report made recommendations to Governments to overcome discrimination in housing. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27715&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021)- On 27.10.2021, the report of UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking Siobhán Mullally titled "Trafficking in persons, especially women and children" was published on the OHCHR website. The report analyzes the continuing failure of States to identify and support victims of trafficking and to protect their human rights. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27718&LangID=E (Access Date: 30.10.2021) https://undocs.org/A/76/263 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)
United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the context of the 76th session of the General Assembly, a public statement was made by the new Chairman of the Subcommittee, Suzanne Jabbour, on 12 October 2021, and the abbreviated version summarizing the significant parts of this statement is as follows: "As I take over, it is my task to present to you the activities of the SPT for the year 2020, the first and principal challenge we encountered was that the SPT was not able to conduct any visit in 2020; with the last visit having taken place in October 2019, as the March 2020 visit to Argentina was suspended due to the pandemic. All SPT members have now been vaccinated, and we have elaborated a strict protocol to conduct visits under pandemic conditions. This will ensure that we do not risk



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transmitting the disease to those that we are visiting, hence fully abiding by the “do no harm” principle that we embrace in our work. We are planning to resume visits this month with Bulgaria, followed hopefully by another by the end of the year, and to have a full visiting program next year. But, as of today, we are not able to do more than 6 or 7 visits a year. The past year and half has seen the world being completely disrupted on many levels and in many aspects. Persons in places of deprivation of liberty were affected particularly hard. In many countries, they are detained in cramped, overcrowded, insalubrious and unhygienic conditions, with little access to healthcare. Staff is often overworked. The reduction of overcrowding of detention facilities is something that had long been pushed for by the international community and especially the SPT after several visits to different countries; but these recommendations were seldom met with adequate follow-up measures by States and relevant authorities. Overcrowding can be managed and reduced, access to healthcare can be guaranteed, special care for vulnerable groups can be put in place. SPT raised concerns regarding the management of the pandemic in some States and detention systems. The SPT also identified a lack of support in case of mental health issues in closed facilities. Furthermore, the Subcommittee remains concerned about some of the COVID-19 measures implemented in places of detention, such as, among others, the disproportionate restrictions of movement and excessive measures of isolation. The SPT has also particularly been worried about limitations imposed on national preventive mechanisms and other monitoring bodies in executing their mandate. It remains impossible to predict how long the pandemic will last, in which regions it will persist more, what the situation will be if it does and with which intensity. It is therefore a concern of the SPT as to how long the restrictive measures will remain in place. Despite the challenging circumstances brought by the pandemic and the absence of visits, the SPT found innovative ways to fulfill other aspects of its mandate. We provided NPMs and State parties with advice and recommendations issued early on in March and April 2020 on how to tackle challenges brought by the pandemic. In its newest advice issued in June 2021, the SPT stressed concerns



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with regard to certain measures and made new recommendations. OPCAT The Special Fund is an essential tool for complementing and strengthening the means of the Subcommittee to assist NPMs; we therefore urge States to continue providing it with supplementary financial support...This is where I would like to point out, as my predecessors did, the lack of human and financial resources of the Secretariat to fulfil its important role supporting the SPT's mandate...We are the only human rights treaty body that does not work based on regular reports submitted by States, but rather on observations gathered from visits on the field. **In such contexts, and especially in the current global one, where it has never been more difficult to know what happens behind the doors of detention facilities, torture is all the more likely to occur. The work of NPMs and other organizations has thus never been more essential to ensure that these issues are known and actively addressed; and that efforts for the prevention of torture in places of deprivation of liberty are facilitated.** The fact that 90 countries have ratified and 13 signed the OPCAT is an achievement in itself...Furthermore, out of the 90 State parties, 21 have not yet designated their NPM, despite their obligation to do so within a year of ratification. The previous year has demonstrated the importance of having officially designated, with appropriate mandate, independent, adequately resourced preventive mechanisms. We urge State parties that have not done so to establish their NPM, and other countries to join the important treaty that is the OPCAT. The SPT is deeply committed to supporting State signatories and countries, which want to be a party to the OPCAT on every step of this way. COVID-19 pandemic cannot be a pretext for putting human rights in the background. The prohibition of torture is absolute.”

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/OPCAT/Statement_OPDAT_GA76.pdf (Access Date: 27.10.2021)

- In the news text shared by SPT on October 22, it was stated that SPT Delegation will make its first visit to Bulgaria from 24 to 30 October to assess the treatment of people deprived of their



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	<p>liberty, and examine the existing protection measures against torture and ill-treatment.</p> <p>The places to be visited by the SPT Delegation include prisons, police stations and other detention facilities. The experts will meet with government officials and the national monitoring body, officially known as the national preventive mechanism (NPM) of Bulgaria, as well as civil society representatives.</p> <p><i>“This is SPT’s first visit to Bulgaria and also our first mission after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. We will inspect the latest situation of people deprived of their liberty in Bulgaria, with particular focuses on the COVID-19 measures and their impacts on people in different kinds of detention,”</i> said Nora Sveaass, the head of the SPT Delegation. <i>“It is important for independent monitoring bodies like the SPT to carry out regular visits to detention places to prevent torture and ill-treatment. In order to fulfil our mission, the collaboration of the NPM is essential. We will thus, during the visit, be looking into the organization and functioning of the Bulgarian NPM and will be carrying out joint visits with them,”</i> she added.</p> <p>At the end of the visit, the SPT will present its confidential preliminary observations to the Government of Bulgaria and the national preventive mechanism.</p> <p>The SPT Delegation will be composed of Nora Sveaass, Head of Delegation (Norway), Vasiliki Artinopoulou (Greece), Marie Brasholt (Denmark), Jakub Czepek (Poland), Maria Luisa Romero (Panama), and Zdenka Perović (Montenegro).</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27688&LangID=E (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p>
<p>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>	<p>- On 03.10.2021, in the post made on the website of the Office, information was given about the work of the international election observation mission for the Georgian local elections.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/georgia/499471 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)</p>



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- On 04.10.2021, in the post on the website of the Office, it was stated that the ODIHR experts have presented the final report on the 2021 parliamentary elections in Tirana, Albania.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/albania/499408>

(Access Date: 22.10.2021)

- On 08.10.2021, in the post shared on the website of the Office, information was given about the content of the ODIHR Background Document on the Death Penalty in the OSCE Region as part of the 10 October World Day Against the Death Penalty. The document is available at

https://www.osce.org/death_penalty_2021.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/500416>

(Access Date: 22.10.2021)

- On 18.10.2021, in the post on the website of the Office, the examination of the local elections in North Macedonia in terms of fundamental freedoms by the delegation of ODIHR international observers is included.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/501307>

(Access Date: 22.10.2021)

- On 19.10.2021, in the post on the website of the Office, it was informed that ODIHR opened an election observation mission for the 28 November parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/501361>

(Access Date:22.10.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 22.10.2021, “Mongolian Presidential Election: Final Report of the ODIHR Special Election Evaluation Mission” has been published on the website of the Office. Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/mongolia/502113 (Access Date: 25.10.2021) - On 25.10.2021, the Office's website includes the observations of the delegation formed for the Presidential elections of Uzbekistan. Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/502206 (Access Date: 25.10.2021) - On 25.10.2021, information about the final report of the observation mission formed for the elections held in Bulgaria this year was given on the website of the Office. Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/bulgaria/502227 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - On 27.10.2021, information about “Armenian Early Parliamentary Elections: Final Report of the ODIHR Election Observation Mission” was provided on the website of the Office. Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/armenia/502416 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - On 01.10.2021, “ODIHR is concerned by recent reports of ill-treatment of #migrants and asylum seekers on the US-Mexico border. ODIHR stands ready to work with the #US authorities in order to further improve the protection of #HumanRights on the border.” was shared on the Twitter account of the Office. Source:
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	<p>https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1443908865351950339 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 04.10.2021, on the Twitter account of the Office, the link bit.ly/3EZA0IP was shared for a guide to bring #OSCE governments, educators, youth, journalists and civil society together to find effective ways against #discrimination, exclusion and #HateCrimes in various communities in the region. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1444933810710274049 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 05.10.2021 the Office's Twitter account stated that ODIHR is concerned about the closure of #HumanRights associations in #Belarus, including the Belarusian Helsinki Committee. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1445428670403948548 (Accessed Date: 22.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 07.10.2021, on the Twitter account of the Office, it was announced that a workshop was opened in the field of needs of victims of hate crimes in #EasternEurope and #WesternBalkans, provided that registration was made until October 12th. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1446084608257372162 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 14.10.2021, the video prepared in the field of human rights and fundamental freedoms was shared on the Twitter account of the Office. Source:</p>
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	<p>https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1448680497681469447 (Access Date:22.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 15.10.2021, on the Twitter account of the Office, a live broadcast link was shared about the challenges and opportunities of protecting human rights in the digital age, in the program held on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Office. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1448934312708018244 (Access Date:22.10.2021)- On 19.10.2021, information about the webinar on the abolition of the death penalty in the OSCE region, which will be held on October 27, was given on the Twitter account of the Office. More information can be found at https://www.osce.org/odih/500668. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1450445784915357698 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)- On 20.10.2021, on the Twitter account of the Office, information was given about the workshop established on 20 October on the prevention and elimination of torture in the OSCE region: Implementation of paragraph 21 of the 7/20 MC Decision. Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1450755418830123008 (Access Date: 22.10.2021)- On 21.10.2021, information was given about the webinar on 8 November on “Irregular migrants in the OSCE region: Recent developments, discussion points and recommendations” organized by ODIHR on the Office's Twitter account. It is possible to register for the webinar until 7 November.
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	<p>Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1451192936482230272 (Access Date: 25.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 22.10.2021, the Office's Twitter account provided information about the policy brief, which includes the serious human rights consequences of the use of new technologies for border security, including the fight against terrorism, and the collection and sharing of personal data. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1451536229711941633 (Access Date: 25.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 27.10.2021, the link for registration for the "Human Dimension" seminar planned to be held on November 16-17 was shared on the Twitter account of the Office. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1453265200359030789 (Access Date:31.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 29.10.2021, a link to the report, which examines intolerance and discrimination in terms of Roma and Sinti communities, was provided on the Office's Twitter account. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1454097213387382792 (Access Date:31.10.2021)</p>
<p>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 29.10.2021, it was shared in the ENNHRI Twitter account that, #bizhumanrights due to the 6th negotiation session (#OEIGWG) to establish a binding United Nations convention in the field of business and human rights, ENNHRI reminded the report named as “<i>ENNHRI statement to the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights</i>”.



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Source:

<https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1454118824542879750>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- In the news dated 26.10.2021 ENNHRI provided information on the 2021 Fundamental Rights Forum sessions, in which contributions were made on how communication initiatives could tackle equality or human rights issues in the examples of Estonia, Denmark and Romania.

Source:

<https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/the-power-of-narrative-together-for-equality-and-human-rights/>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- In the news dated 13.10.2021 ENNHRI, announced its project on monitoring, reporting and protecting the human rights of migrants at the borders. Within the scope of this project, European NHRIs reported a general climate of impunity at borders, lack of investigation into violations of rights, weak cooperation between police and border authorities, lack of political will to recognize and correct deficiencies and inadequacy in access to justice for victims; suggestions have been developed to overcome these problems. The proposal of the European Commission to establish border monitoring mechanisms for each Member State was also repeated in the same news.

Source:

<https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/nhris-and-strengthening-human-rights-accountability-at-borders/>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- According to the news dated 06.10.2021, ENNHRI participated as a third party intervention in the case pending at the ECtHR “*Verein KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz*” and shared its opinion regarding the case, on its website.

Source:

<https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-submits-third-party-intervention-to-the-european-court-of-human-rights-on-climate-change-and-human-rights/> (Access Date: 31.10.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On ENNHRI twitter account on 06.10.2021, ENNHRI shared its presentation to the European Commission in May to illustrate the developments regarding the rule of law in the NHRI activity reports of candidate and potential candidate countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey) due to the EU-Western Balkans Summit. Source: https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1445715435597414404 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - On 01.10.2021, ENNHRI announced on its website that it has prepared a Scoping Paper on how it can participate in EU asylum and migration policy. Source: https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-scoping-paper-explores-how-nhris-can-engage-in-eu-asylum-and-migration-policy/ (Access Date: 31.10.2021)
European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A delegation of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) carried out a periodic visit to the Russian Federation from 20 September to 4 October 2021. This was the 8th periodic visit and the 30th visit in total to the country by the CPT. In the course of the visit, particular attention was paid to the treatment and conditions of detention of persons in police custody and penitentiary establishments, including remand prisoners and sentenced female and male prisoners in correctional colonies. Further, the delegation examined the situation of patients held in two Regional Psychiatric Hospitals in Far East regions of Russia. At the end of the visit, the delegation presented its preliminary observations to the Russian federal authorities. Source:



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	<p>https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-carries-out-a-15-day-visit-to-the-russian-federation (Access Date: 25.10.2021)</p> <p>- A delegation of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) carried out a periodic visit to Bulgaria from 1 to 13 October 2021. It was the Committee's eighth periodic visit to this country. The main objective of the visit was to review the measures taken by the Bulgarian authorities in response to the recommendations made by the Committee after previous visits. In this connection, particular attention was paid to the treatment and conditions of detention of persons in police custody and penitentiary establishments. The delegation also examined the treatment, conditions and legal safeguards offered to psychiatric patients, and residents of social care institutions.</p> <p>At the end of the visit, the delegation presented its preliminary observations to the Bulgarian authorities.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-visits-bulgaria (Access Date: 28.10.2021)</p> <p>- on Monday, 18 October 2021The President of the CPT, Alan Mitchell, met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, Davor Božinović, in Zagreb, to discuss the treatment of migrants deprived of their liberty.</p> <p>The talks were held in an open and constructive atmosphere, focusing on the challenges facing Croatia to manage its extensive land borders and the migration flows into the country. There was mutual recognition that there has to be a coordinated European approach to managing the entry of large numbers of migrants into Europe. At the same time, the CPT's President reiterated the necessity for the Croatian authorities to take concerted action to ensure that migrants intercepted by police units in the country are not subjected to treatment contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human</p>
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	<p>Rights. The Deputy Prime Minister recalled his Ministry's position that every clear allegation of ill-treatment or excessive use of force by police officers would be investigated, and he referred to the rapid steps taken following the recent publication of video footage of migrants being beaten by members of the intervention police. He also referred to the multiple measures taken by his Ministry to promote professionalism among police officers and to bolster internal and external oversight of police actions. Further, the discussions touched on the CPT's announced periodic visit to Croatia in 2022 and the Croatian Government's continued commitment to work with the Committee to strengthen the protection of persons deprived of their liberty from any form of ill-treatment.</p> <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-president-holds-high-level-talks-with-deputy-prime-minister-and-minister-of-the-interior-of-croatia-on-mi (Access Date: 28.10.2021)</p>
<p>Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the news published on the website of the institution; Representatives of more than 90 National and Local Preventive Mechanisms from 11 Latin American countries were recently reported to have participated in the first Regional Dialogue on APT's Principles of Effective Interviewing and Information Collection. Source: https://www.apr.ch/en/news_on_prevention/americas-regional-dialogue-explores-steps-promote-effective-interviewing (Access Date: 28.10.2021) - At the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly, they presented their annual reports on independent monitoring and accountability mechanisms. Source: https://twitter.com/apr_geneva/status/1448925154558480385?s=20 (Access Date: 28.10.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A content was shared regarding the importance of the meetings held with the detainee while in custody in terms of protecting the detainee against torture and ill-treatment. Source: https://twitter.com/apt_geneva/status/1450111452950433796?s=20 (Access Date: 28.10.2021) - A site with translations of the Mendez Principles, statements of support, and advocacy material was shared. Source: https://twitter.com/apt_geneva/status/1450447108599861249?s=20 (Access Date: 28.10.2021) - A content has been published that talks about the importance of the prisoners' right to access information. Source: https://twitter.com/apt_geneva/status/1451126403253080064?s=20 (Access Date: 28.10.2021)
Human Rights Ombudsman of Guatemala	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On International Children's Day 01.10.2021, Human Rights Ombudsman Jordán Rodas Andrade expressed his regret that the State of Guatemala abandoned basic services related to education and health in the COVID-19 emergency, in violation of its constitutional and international duties and he made some recommendations to the public authorities. Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/177-21-en-el-dia-internacional-del-nino-el-procurador-de-los-derechos-humanos-jordan-rodas-andrade-deplora-que-el-estado-de-guatemala-incumpliendo-sus-deberes-constitucionales-e-internacionales-haya-abandonado-en-la-emergencia-del-covid-19-los-servicios-basicos-de-educacion-y-salud-de-ninas-ninos-y-adolescentes-en-toda-la-republica.html (Access Date: 03.10.2021)



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- On 04.10.2021, Procumóvil de Huehuetenango officer from the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) conducted a follow-up at the health center in the four-way village of Santa Ana Huista, Huehuetenango province, to inspect the care provided to migrants transiting through the territory of Guatemala. In this context, he also presented informative material on the human rights of immigrants and gave information on the subject.

Source:

<https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-monitorea-atencion-a-personas-migrantes-en-puesto-de-salud-1.html> (Access Date:10.10.2021)

- On 05.10.2021, Human Rights Ombudsman Jordán Rodas Andrade visited Rafael Landívar University Rector Miquel Cortes Bofill and tried to lay the foundations for establishing inter-institutional cooperation ties within the framework of the constitutional mandate regarding human rights.

Source:

<https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-se-reune-con-el-rector-de-la-universidad-rafael-landivar-establecen-bases-para-generar-lazos-de-cooperacion-en-derechos-humanos-1.html> (Access Date:10.10.2021)

- On 06.10.2021, Baja Verapaz Auxiliary staff from the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) visited the hospital to review an anonymous complaint due to the lack of supplies for the care of patients diagnosed with Covid-19 at the National Hospital. During the visit, PDH staff found that the hospital had functioned as a departmental hospital since its inception in the care of the pandemic and did not have intensive care services for the seriously ill people, so it was transferred to hospitals.

Source:

<https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-verifica-denuncia-por-falta-de-insumos-en-atencion-a-pacientes-con-covid-19.html> (Access Date:10.10.2021)



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- -On 07.10.2021, Alta Verapaz Auxiliary staff of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) attended a follow-up meeting with officials from various institutions regarding the recent attacks against members of the mobile vaccination teams of the Ministry of Health.

Source:

<https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-participa-en-reunion-de-seguimiento-por-agresiones-a-personal-de-brigadas-de-vacunacion.html> (Access Date:10.10.2021)

- -On the International Day of the Girl Child on 11.10.2021, Human Rights Ombudsman Jordán Rodas Andrade condemned the fact that one of every two victims of trafficking is girls and adolescents; She said there were 65,373 pregnancies for girls and adolescents in the first seven months of the year, and nearly 4 million were left out of the school system because they did not have access to basic technology to take online classes. In his statement, Andrade made some recommendations to the public authorities.

Source:

<https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/180-21-en-el-dia-internacional-de-la-nina-el-procurador-de-los-derechos-humanos-jordan-rodas-andrade-denuncia-que-una-de-cada-dos-victimas-de-trata-son-ninas-y-adolescentes-que-en-los-primeros-siete-meses-del-ano-se-registraron-65-mil-373-embarazos-de-ninas-y-adolescentes-y-que-alrededor-de-4-millones-han-quedado-fuera-del-sistema-escolar-por-no-tener-acceso-a-tecnologia-basica-para-recibir-clases-en-linea.html> (Access Date:17.10.2021)

- -On 12.10.2021, Procumóvil de Izabal officials from the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) examined the migration route to El Cinchado on the Corinto border between Guatemala and Honduras. During the review, migrants in transit were directed to make them aware of their rights in the



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	<p>Guatemalan territory, for which they were handed a directory with informative material and institutional phone numbers.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-monitoreo-ruta-migratoria-hacia-frontera-entre-guatemala-honduras.html (Access Date:17.10.2021)</p> <p>- -On 13.10.2021, the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) Jalapa Assistant Representative conducted an inspection at the Jalapa Women's Prison Center to verify whether there were any children of women deprived of their liberty inside. The presence of a two-year-old boy was observed during the inspection, and the medical assistance, vaccination and vitamin checks provided in the prison were inspected.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-verifica-presencia-de-ninez-en-carcel-de-mujeres-de-jalapa.html (Access Date: 17.10.2021)</p> <p>- -On 15.10.2021, the staff of the Human Rights Ombudsman, in coordination with the Executive Secretariat of the Commission on Combating Addiction and Illicit Drug Trafficking, carried out an activity for the prevention of drug use for girls and adolescents within the scope of the "Special Program for Childhood and Adolescence Victims".</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-realiza-actividad-para-prevencion-del-consumo-de-drogas.html (Access Date: 17.10.2021)</p> <p>- -On 15.10.2021, the staff of the Office of Human Rights Defender and journalists of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) accompanied the continuation of the hearing regarding the first statement of human rights defender Rudy Amílcar López, who was arrested on the afternoon of 12 October.</p>
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	<p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-acompana-continuacion-de-audiencia-de-defensor-de-derechos-humanos.html (Access Date: 17.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.10.2021, the staff of the Ombudsman for the People with Disabilities of the Human Rights Ombudsman Institution (PDH) accompanied a wheelchair user in a hearing held at the Mobile Criminal Court of Peace regarding a civil law process. <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-brinda-acompanamiento-a-persona-con-discapacidad-en-audiencia.html (Access Date: 24.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.10.2021, the Ombudsman's Office participated in the meetings of the municipal authorities with informal sellers. At the meeting, an agreement was reached in favor of sellers who must not put their products or accessories in pedestrian areas and will have to implement health safety measures to prevent Covid-19. <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-acompana-a-vendedoras-informales-en-reunion-con-autoridades-ediles.html (Access Date:24.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 21.10.2021, Baja Verapaz Assistant Representative from the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman. (PDH) accompanied a retired person from the Guatemalan Institute of Social Security (IGSS) to seek medical assistance at the Salamá Clinic. According to the information obtained, the person did not receive treatment due to the resignation of the doctor assigned to the retirees in the said center. As a result of the intervention of the PDH representative, it was possible for the retired person to be cared for by a doctor from another clinic in
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	<p>the said Clinic, in coordination with the director of that hospital centre.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-acompana-a-persona-jubilada-del-seguro-social-por-falta-de-atencion-medica.html (Access Date:24.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 22.10.2021, the Health Ombudsman of the Human Rights Ombudsman Institution (PDH) conducted an audit in INCAN (National League Against Cancer) in order to follow up a series of complaints from cancer patients who were excluded from care due to their affiliation with the Ministry of Health. On Monday last week, the current Minister of Public Health and Welfare announced that they had reached an agreement in which INCAN promised to provide care to all patients on the waiting list, of which there are approximately 143; however, in the inspection carried out by the Ombudsman, it was determined that there were 308 patients on the waiting list who could not be treated in that institution due to lack of budget, and the situation was completely different from what the Minister had stated.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-da-seguimiento-a-denuncias-de-pacientes-oncologicos.html (Access Date:24.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 25.10.2021, the Baja Verapaz Auxiliary staff of the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) investigated a demonstration on the main road of the municipality of San Jerónimo. The demonstrators expressed their dissatisfaction with the Mayor's administration and his company. In this context, PDH Auxiliary personnel reached an agreement with the protesters who blocked the road; Likewise, a dialogue table was established with the municipal authorities to meet the demands of the local people.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-logra-acuerdos-con-personas-que-bloqueaban-carretera-1.html (Access Date:31.10.2021)</p> <p>- -Auxiliary Facilities Manager Miguel Colop representing the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) on 28.10.2021, El Estor, who organized a demonstration for the continuity of the Pronico mine, met with the residents and workers of Izabal and observed the sensitivity of the National Civil Police to human rights during the demonstration.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-verifica-respeto-de-derechos-humanos-y-acciones-de-la-pnc-en-manifestacion.html (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 28.10.2021, the staff of the San Juan Sacatepéquez Municipality Children's Office from the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH), the National Attorney General's Office and the Food and Nutrition Security Secretariat examined the act of rescuing a girl with a chronic malnutrition in the village of Los Guates, 65 kilometers from the mentioned municipality. In this context, the girl was transferred to the Health Center of the village in question for necessary procedures.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-participa-en-el-rescate-de-una-nina-con-desnutricion-cronica.html (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <p>- Gerardo Villamar, Advocate of Persons Deprived of Freedom of the Human Rights Ombudsman (PDH) on 29.10.2021, attended the "Inter-American Colloquium on the Human Rights of the Deprived of Freedom" held on October 28 and 29. In his speech, the Ombudsman presented the subject of "Report on the prison conditions of persons deprived of their liberty in Guatemala"; it also reported on the recommendations</p>
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	<p>made by PDH to face the problem affecting persons deprived of their liberty.</p> <p>Source: https://www.pdh.org.gt/comunicacion/noticias/pdh-participa-en-coloquio-acerca-de-las-personas-privadas-de-libertad.html (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>
National Council for Human Rights of Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the post made on 26.10.2021, the Egyptian National Commission for Human Rights appreciated the lifting of the long-standing state of emergency in the country and stated that this decision is an important step in protecting and promoting human rights in the country. <p>Source: https://www.nchr.eg/en/news-details/874 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p>
National Commission for Human Rights Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The institution shared information about the workshop on the Maputo Protocol mentioned below on its Facebook account. <p>Source: https://www.facebook.com/HumanRightsRW/ (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Between 13 October and 15 October 2021, a 3-day training workshop was organized for the National Human Rights and Civic Commission by the African Network of National Human Rights Institutions aimed at Strengthening Capacities to Promote the Ratification, Implementation and Reporting of the Maputo Protocol. The workshop brought together representatives of the National Commission for Human Rights and selected Non-Governmental Organizations on the basis of strategic relevance to the implementation and reporting of the Maputo Protocol. <p>Source: www.cndp.org.rw (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The institution stated on its Twitter account that they will announce the 2020-2021 annual report and the 2021-2022 action plan on October 21, 2021. Source: https://twitter.com/HumanRightsRW (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - The institution stated the following in the content they shared on October 21, 2021; 597 allegations of human rights violations were examined, including 339 complaints filed in 2020-2021 (56.8%) and 258 complaints still pending at the end of 2019-2020 (43.2%). A total of 528 complaints (88.4%) were concluded and it was stated that 69 cases (11.6%) are still under investigation. Of these, 480 (90.9%) had completed investigations and were found to be violent and therefore the Commission referred the matter to the relevant authorities for consideration. Of these, 415 (86.45) received results and 65 (13.54) did not. The top priorities are property rights (28.5%), rights to justice (22.7%), and rights to physical and mental immunity (21.7%). Source: https://twitter.com/HumanRightsRW (Access Date: 31.10.21) - The institution stated the following in the content they shared on October 21, 2021; They conducted an investigation in the Busasamana region, where 130 Congolese, 21 males, 39 females, 30 males and 40 females, were staying. Source: https://twitter.com/HumanRightsRW (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - The institution stated the following, in the content they shared on October 21, 2021; The institution inspected 14 Prisons and found the prison density to be 124.1%. The most densely populated are Muhanga Prisons (238.8%), Gicumbi (161.8%), Rwamagana (151.1%), Rusizi (144.8%), Huye (138.6%), Musanze (138%, 2), Bugesera (132.1%), Rubavu (127.7%) and Ngoma (103.6%). It was stated that the prisons that were not overcrowded were Mulindi Prison (70.1%), Nyamagabe
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	<p>(83.3%), Nyarugenge (83.3%), Nyagatare (84.6%) and Nyanza (93.5%) prisons. It has been determined that the number of detainees in 14 prisons monitored in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 (except for 2020, since all of them were not monitored) increased every year, from 58,230 in 2017 to 76,099 in 2021.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/HumanRightsRW (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>
Ombudsperson's Office of Namibia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the post shared on the Facebook account of the Institution on 19 October 2021, some information was given on the duties of the Ombudsman. Accordingly, it was stated that the Ombudsman investigates complaints pertaining to maladministration in the public sector; delays in processing applications, failure to provide information, not following policy or procedure, delays in payments of overtime, leave gratuities, acting allowances, etc. are among the maladministration in the public sector. <p>Source: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064767724362 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the post shared on the Facebook account of the Institution on 28 October 2021, it was stated that during the visit to the Institution of the leader of the main opposition party, interview was held on important issues relating to human rights in the country. <p>Source: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064767724362 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>
National Human Rights Commission of the Democratic Republic of Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) held a capacity building workshop on the fight against corruption and human rights for its executives and representatives on Wednesday, October 21, 2021, in the meeting room of its headquarters in Kinshasa / Gombe. This workshop is of great importance in terms of ensuring that CNDH executives and



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	<p>representatives are well-equipped in the fight against corruption so that they can do their jobs well.</p> <p>Source: https://www.cndhrdc.cd/g?post=348 (Access Date: 28.10.2021)</p> <p>- The National Human Rights Commission announced its 2020 annual report on Wednesday, October 19, 2021. The report includes the ongoing human rights violations in national territory. The report also includes measures to be taken against global warming and the situation of prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic period.</p> <p>Source: https://www.cndhrdc.cd/g?post=347 (Access Date: 28.10.2021)</p>
<p>Canadian Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>- On 21.10.2021 the Canadian Human Rights Commission shared the "Vaccination Policies and Human Rights: A Guide to Frequently Asked Questions for Employers and Employees".</p> <p>Source: https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/vaccination-policies-and-human-rights-frequently-asked-questions-employers-and-employees (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 10.10.2021 on the Twitter account of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, within the context of #WorldMentalHealthDay emphasized that mental health inequality is strongly linked to social and economic inequality, and that everyone in Canada should have the same access, and shared some recommendations for the delivery of services.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/CdnHumanRights/status/1447249102220234752 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 05.10.2021 on the website of the Canadian Human Rights Commissioner Marie-Claude Landry made a speech at “Making Global Goals Local Business - UN Global Compact Conference”. The topic of the speech was “The Big Three: Key engagement principles for Canadian businesses” With this speech, statements were made on anti-racist values and practices, accessible service and accessible work, equal pay culture and gender equality. Source: https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/the-big-three-key-inclusion-principles-canadian-businesses (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - On 01.10.2021, Marie-Claude Landry shared on her personal Twitter account that she participated the human rights conference as a panelist, organized by the Islamic Social Services Association to discuss systemic racism and discrimination in policing. Source: https://twitter.com/MClaude_Landry/status/1443917054042587137 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)
Defensor del Pueblo of Ecuador	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 12.10.2021, the Ecuadorian Ombudsman and the High Technological Human Development Institute (CRE-SER) signed an inter-agency agreement aiming to the hearing impaired. With this agreement, it is aimed to facilitate the access of hearing impaired people to services based on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and within the framework of the Ecuadorian constitution. Source: https://twitter.com/DEFENSORIAEC/status/1448017968349302788 (Access Date: 30.10.2021) - An event themed "Intergenerational Meeting for Digital Integration" was organized by the Ecuadorian Ombudsman on



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	<p>28.10.2021 within the framework of the International Day of the Elderly.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/DEFENSORIAEC/status/1453764241501077504 (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p>
<p>Procurador Derechos Humonos El Salvador</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="539 689 1394 936">- On 01.10.2021 awareness activity was carried out on the need for digital equality due to the International Day of the Elderly People. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHElSalvador/status/1443938755811885061 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) <li data-bbox="539 1025 1394 1227">- On 02.10.2021 human rights training was provided to the employees of the municipality by the Human Rights School. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHElSalvador/status/1444350312362516484 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) <li data-bbox="539 1317 1394 1563">- On 06.10.2021 the staff of the police station were given training on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international protection systems. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHElSalvador/status/1445495600166830081 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) <li data-bbox="539 1619 1394 1865">- On 06.10.2021 Activities regarding the implementation of Special Law for the Inclusion of People with Disabilities was developed. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHElSalvador/status/1445824487270801414 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 13.10.2021 awareness studies on the Indigenous Women's Observatory's data collection on the situation of indigenous women were shared. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1448036845871374336 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) - On 14.10.2021 human rights online course has been launched for students through the Ministry of National Education. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1448747015425363971 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) - On 15.10.2021 human rights and women's rights training was provided to San Miguel military personnel. Source: https://twitter.com/Pddhsanmiguel1/status/1449024146818703367 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) - On 18.10.2021 participated in the "Escazú Agreement, Human Rights and Healthy Ecosystems" Dialogue organized by the Environmental Management Program. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1450164733714173957 (Access Date: 26.20.2021) - On 19.10.2021 a training on human rights and gender equality was held for young people in the Municipality of San Isidro Labrador. Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1450214964417941507 (Access Date: 26.10.2021) - On 19.10.2021 awareness-raising activities were carried out due to World Breast Cancer Day.
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	<p>Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1450507037687877636 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 20.10.2021 The Children's Book Festival with kindergarten students at the Bernardino Villamariona Educational Complex was celebrated.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1450576982807298049 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 22.10.2021 by the Department of Elderly in coordination with the Elderly Unit a presentation on emotional “Well-being and Mental Health” was given to older adult leaders in the Municipality of Nejapa.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1451312696989736966 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 24.10.2021 a seminar on “Human Rights and Human Trafficking” was held for the students of Dr. Andres Bello University Faculty of Law.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/PDDHEISalvador/status/1452031853674831873 (Access Date: 26.10.2021)</p>
<p>Ireland Human Rights and Equality Commission</p>	<p>- On 05.10.2021, the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission issued a press release on its official website stating that it will use the amicus curiae (‘friend of the court’) function in an ongoing case before the High Court. Within the scope of the Amicus curiae function, the Commission will assist the Supreme Court by providing its expert opinion in accordance with the rules and practices of international and national law regarding the rights of the accused to a fair trial in terms of their rights.</p> <p>Source:</p>



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<https://www.ihrec.ie/human-rights-and-equality-commission-granted-liberty-to-appear-before-supreme-court-in-rights-of-accused-persons-case/> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 08.10.2021, a press release titled “The Right of Access to Justice of Victims of Historical Abuse and Effective Remedies in the High Court Case” was published on the official website, stating that the Commission was granted the right to participate as amicus curiae in the historical “Mother and Baby Houses Cases” by the Supreme Court.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/rights-of-victims-of-historic-abuse-to-access-justice-and-effective-remedy-at-question-in-high-court-case/> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 14.10.2021, a press release was published on the official website stating that the Commission was given the right to participate as an amicus curiae in a case on the failure of a father with a severely disabled child to be deemed ineligible for care allowance for a child who has been hospitalized longer than the time specified in the legislation.

According to the statement; The Supreme Court accepted the appeal of the plaintiff father and child, as the guarantee of the principle of equality in social welfare matters was important to the general public and the case was also important to other precedents.

Again, it is stated in the statement that the Commission will assist the Supreme Court by providing information on the European and international obligations of the State, including the European Convention on Human Rights, European Union Law, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, within the scope of its amicus curiae function.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/human-rights-and-equality-commission-granted-liberty-to-appear-before-supreme-court-in-significant-equality-case/> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)



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- On 15.10.2021, the official website of the Commission published a press release that the Commission objected to the decision of the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to refuse permission to replace all driver's licenses from their countries of origin with Irish ones for two asylum seekers, one of whom is a licensed truck driver, and participated in a case before the Supreme Court as amicus curiae.

In the press release, the driver's license access to continued outward, to keep the asylum seekers job creates a significant limitation in access to the labour market and the ability to search for persons, like a driver's license to access the basic services that bring their children to school but they need to additional requirements beyond normal conditions asylum seekers brought to you by discriminatory legislation; regulations that are contrary to the Constitution and the ECHR have been given to the issues.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-argues-rsas-interpretation-and-application-of-driver-license-regulations-incorrect/>

(Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 18.10.2021, the report submitted by the Irish Commission for Human Rights and Equality to the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Persons (GRETA) as part of the performance of the national rapporteur on the fight against trafficking in persons was published on the official website of the Council of Europe. A routing mechanism was needed for the identification of human trafficking victims National Report, where there are deficiencies in support of the victims where the demand for human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation human trafficking for labour exploitation, in addition to measures to discourage or encourage precautions should also be taken for the reason that human trafficking victims of their own gender-specific are touched upon various issues such as the provision of accommodation.



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	<p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/app/uploads/2021/10/Irelands-actions-against-trafficking-in-human-beings-IHREC-Report-to-GRETA-18102021.pdf (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On the official website of the Commission on 19.10.2021, a press release has been published regarding his participation in the JD case with the amicus curiae function. As stated in the statement, the Commission stated that the investigating authorities should, as far as possible, notify the suspect of any allegations that may be charged with a crime, otherwise there will be no effective investigation and it may be a violation of his right to a fair trial. <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/app/uploads/2021/10/JD-Supreme-Court-Amicus-Curiae-Filed-Submissions-IHREC.pdf (Access Date: 20.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 26.10.2021, a report prepared for submission to the Ministry of Justice containing assessments of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission's Draft General Plan for Criminal Justice 2020 (Exploitation of Children in the Commission of Crimes) was published. In general, the report includes issues such as the criminal activity of children who are under the age of criminal responsibility and have more than one vulnerability and vulnerability. <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/app/uploads/2021/10/Observations-and-Recommendations-on-the-General-Scheme-of-the-Criminal-Justice-Bill-2020.pdf (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p>
National Commission for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the press release shared on October 12, the concern about the emergence of racist organized violence targeting certain groups was expressed by drawing attention to the recent



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Human Rights Greece	<p>violence on the first anniversary of Altın Şafak's conviction as a criminal organization.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/humanrights_gr/status/1447905632133206029 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p> <p>- The Chairwoman of the Commission, Maria Gavouneli, attended the conference on "Implementation of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights by Member States" organized by the Greek Ministry of Justice on October 20.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/humanrights_gr/status/1450437642882060293 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>
Office of the Ombudsperson Croatia	<p>- According to the news on the website of the Croatian Ombudsman; Images of immigrants being beaten on the Croatia-Bosnia border were broadcast on RTL TV channel. Croatian Ombudsman Tena Šimonović Einwalter confirmed that the persons in question were Croatian police and immediately launched an investigation. It has been explained that the state in question has an effective investigation obligation in terms of the prohibition of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment. It has been stated that it is an important issue to conduct such investigations independently and impartially and to punish the perpetrators related to this and similar incidents.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.hr/en/efficient-investigation-into-use-of-force-by-police-necessary-for-the-protection-of-human-rights-and-the-rule-of-law/ (Access Date: 31.10.2021)</p>
People's Advocate Albania	<p>- Ombudsman Erinda Ballanca held a meeting with Minister of Justice Ulsi Manja on October 11, 2021. At the meeting, it was discussed that issues related to cooperation between institutions</p>



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	<p>and the problems faced by the Ombudsman during its work on guaranteeing human rights in the country.</p> <p>Source: https://www.avokatipopullit.gov.al/sq/articles-layout-1/home/news/this-article-is-available-only-in-albanian-698/ (Access Date: 12.10.2021)</p> <p>- On the official website of the Institution, there is a statement about the fight that took place in Tirana between the university professors and the families of the students. While this incident was condemned, it was emphasized that education with human values was the primary duty of teachers.</p> <p>Source: https://www.avokatipopullit.gov.al/sq/articles-layout-1/home/news/this-article-is-available-only-in-albanian-699/ (Access Date: 12.10.2021)</p>
<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>- A new report has been prepared by the AHRC entitled “What’s age got to do with it? A Snapshot of Ageism Across the Australian lifespan”. “Ageism is arguably the least understood and most normalized form of discriminatory prejudice.” is stated by Dr. Kay Patterson who is Age Discrimination Commissioner.</p> <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/generational-divide-its-more-myth-reality (Access Date: 12.10.2021)</p> <p>- In the post on October 6, 2021, there is a statement that the Federal Government will stop the processing of asylum seekers in Papua New Guinea (PYG) at the end of 2021. The Commission states that protection requests from persons transferred to PYG who do not agree to be transferred to Nauru by the end of the year will be considered by the PYG. However, the AHRC underlines that Australia has obligations under the Refugee Convention towards those who come to seek asylum</p>



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on its territory. The Commission shared that it has serious concerns that resettlement arrangements violate Australia's human rights obligations.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/statement-ending-offshore-processing-png>

(Access Date: 12.10.2021)

- On the official website of the Institution on October 18, 2021, a new report has been released that makes significant recommendations to protect the human rights of people born with variations in sex characteristics (intersex). The Commission's report reinforces the idea that people born with differences in sex characteristics have the right to decide on any medical intervention on their own bodies. The full report can be accessed via the link shared below.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/new-report-urges-significant-changes-protect-human-rights-intersex-people>,

(Access Date: 26.10.2021)

- In the post dated October 20, 2021, an announcement was made to seek the views of many stakeholders on the constitute of the National Anti-Racist Framework. People with expertise and knowledge of anti-racism, people who have experienced racism, immigrants, refugees, NGOs, researchers, human rights institutions and government agencies are stakeholders whose opinions are needed. The Commission will collect opinions from 21 October to 15 December 2021.

Source:

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/have-your-say-national-anti-racism-framework>

(Access Date: 26.10.2021)

- In the post dated October 27, 2021, a child-friendly guide to help understand child sexual abuse was prepared jointly by the AHRC and the National Office for Child Safety. This guide is part of the national strategy plan and is recommended for



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	<p>children over 9 years old. Children aged 8-13, with parental consent, participated in the preparation of the guide. The aim of guide is to develop a better response to child abuse in a coherent and coordinated way. The full report can be accessed at the link below.</p> <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/child-friendly-guide-help-understand-child-sexual-abuse-0, (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p>
<p>The Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 04 October 2021, on the Institution's website, a news was shared stating that Commissioner Lyudmyla Denisova welcomed the adoption of the "Ukrainian Anti-Semitism Prevention and Combat Law" in Ukraine. Source: https://ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/all-news/pr/zakonu-ukra%D1%97ni-pro-zapob%D1%96gannya-ta-protid%D1%96yu-antisem%D1%96tizmu-v-ukra%D1%97n%D1%96/ (Access Date: 22.10.2021) - On 10 October 2021, on the Institution's website, it was reported that Commissioner Lyudmyla Denisova gave a speech at the Coordination Meeting of the Council of Europe "Strengthening the Protection of National Minorities, Including Ukrainian Romani and Minority Languages" Project. Lyudmila Denisova stated that the Institution have been received 67 applications about the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of ethnic origin (national) has been violated and 22 applications have been made regarding the violation on the basis of language in 2021. Source: https://ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/all-news/pr/upovnovazhenij-proektu-radi-%D1%94vropi-shhodo-posilennya-zaxistu-nacz%D1%96onalnix-menshin-v-ukra%D1%97n%D1%96/ (Access Date: 22.10.2021)



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- On 11 October 2021, on the Institution's website, it was reported that an Interdepartmental Working Group Meeting was held on the Protection of the Rights and Freedoms of the Roma Minority in Ukraine.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/all-news/pr/robocho%D1%97-grupi-z-pitan-zaxistu-prav-%D1%96-svobod-romsko%D1%97-menshini-v-ukra%D1%97n%D1%96/>

(Access Date: 22.10.2021)

- On 19 October 2021, on the Institution's website, the Day of Human Responsibility of Ukraine was celebrated. Human Responsibility Day is a public holiday of Ukraine, which will be celebrated on October 19 every year, starting in 2021. October 19th is the birthday of Ukrainian Bohdan Havrylyshyn, who created the "Declaration of Human Responsibility" during the Dignity Revolution in 2014. The Declaration consists of 15 articles and includes different humanitarian responsibilities that can guide a more democratic, inclusive and productive society in terms of human values.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/all-news/pr/sogodn%D1%96-vseukra%D1%97nskij-den-v%D1%96dpov%D1%96dalnost%D1%96-lyudini/>

(Access Date: 22.10.2021)

- On 25 October 2021, on the Institution's website, a statement of the Commissioner is shared that any restriction on the rights of persons who have not been vaccinated is inadmissible and directly violates the provisions of the Constitution.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/pr/bud-yake-obmezheniya-u-pravax-osib,-yaki-ne-vakczinualisya,-porushuc-normi-konstituczii/> (Access Date: 01.11.2021)



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<p>National Human Rights Commission of Korea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- According to the news on the official website of the Institution on 25.10.2021, the Korean National Human Rights Commission participated in the accreditation review chaired by the GANHRI Accreditation Subcommittee (SCA), the accreditation review was carried out online, the Commission was given 'A' status in the last review in May 2016, the documents required for the accreditation review have been submitted and the final report of the subcommittee will be published at the end of November. Source: https://www.humanrights.go.kr/site/program/board/basicboard/view?menuid=002002005&pagesize=10&boardtypeid=7013&boardid=7607356 (Access Date: 30.10.2021) - On 19.10.2021, An Open Letter to the United Nations General Assembly's Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing for the Purpose of Strengthening the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons (OEWGA) was published on the website of the institution. The open letter includes the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In order to eliminate the deficiencies in the international human rights system regarding the human rights of the elderly, it is necessary to adopt a convention and develop specific norms and standards in this regard.➤ The working group has made little concrete progress and has not yet fulfilled its mandate in this regard.➤ The Secretary-General of State has formally supported and fully committed to encourage and respect the Policy Brief on the impact of COVID-19 on older people.➤ A new UN convention on the rights of the elderly will guide states in prohibiting age discrimination in laws, ensuring that services protect the dignity of the elderly and respect the attitudes and behavior of the elderly.➤ The proposal to establish an intersessional group with the participation of the UN Independent Expert as well as other relevant UN human rights experts is supported. <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.humanrights.go.kr/site/program/board/basicboard/view?menuid=002002005&pagesize=10&boardtypeid=7013&boardid=7607338, (Access Date: 30.10.2021)</p>
National Human Rights Committee of Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 02.10.2021, on the official website of the Institution, Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), Dr. It has been stated that Ali bin Smaikh Al Marri made a statement to the Qatar News Agency. In the statement, it was stated that the political leadership and the will of the people are revealed by the elections held by universal suffrage, that the NHRC works to ensure that the elections comply with international human rights standards, and that in this context, the NHRC has formed a committee to monitor the Shura Council elections, and that the observers are free and independent in line with the principles of human rights. It was noted that qualification conferences were held to ensure that they were familiar with all the tools and instruments for fair elections. Source: https://nhrc-qa.org/en/nhrc-chairman-praises-qualitative-leap-in-promotion-protection-of-freedoms-in-qatar/, (Access Date: 30.10.2021)
Institute of Human Rights Ombudsmen of Bosnia and Herzegovina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 04.10.2021, information was given on the special report prepared for children within the scope of the International Children's Week celebrated in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 4-10 October on the website of the Institution. Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2026&lang=EN (Accessed Date:26.10.2021)- On the website of the Institution, on 06.10.2021, information was given about the Recommendation No. 227/21 of September 2021, which was given to the Livno Cantonal Court upon an application made to the Institution.



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	<p>Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2029&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On the website of the Institution on 06.10.2021, information was given about the recommendation no. P-230/21 given to Zenica Cantonal Hospital upon application.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2032&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On the website of the Institution on 06.10.2021, the Institution published the recommendation number P-223/21 to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republika Srpska upon the application, instructing the disabled to take measures to grant the right to personal independence payment under the same conditions.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2033&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 06.10.2021, the instructions contained in the recommendation decision numbered 231/21, which the Institution sent to the Ministry of Internal Affairs upon application, are available on the website of the Institution.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2034&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)</p> <p>- On 06.10.2021, the instructions contained in the recommendation decision numbered 231/21, which the Institution sent to the Ministry of Internal Affairs upon application, are available on the website of the Institution.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2034&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 06.10.2021, the instructions contained in the Recommendation No. 232/21 given by the Institution to a private company, upon application, are available on the website of the Institution. Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2035&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021) - On 13.10.2021, information was given on the Recommendation No. P-121/21 given to the Indirect Tax Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina upon the complaint about the alleged violation of the Anti-Discrimination Law in terms of mobbing on the website of the Institution. Source: https://www.ombudsmen.gov.ba/Novost.aspx?newsid=2043&lang=EN (Accessed Date: 26.10.2021)
Danish Institute for Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The report titled “Towards a sustainable recovery from COVID-19 in Honduras” was published on the website of the Danish Institute of Human Rights on 1.10.2021. The report describes the best possible post-COVID-19 recovery in Honduras within the framework of the UN World Sustainable Development Goals and from a human rights perspective. Source: https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/vejen-baeredygtig-genopretning-honduras-covid-19 (Access Date: 30.10.2021) - The policy summary titled “Human rights situation in prisons” was published on the website of the Danish Institute of Human Rights on 4.10.2021. The report states that states should pursue a crime policy within the scope of human rights and regulate their penal systems in such a way that the rights of prisoners are respected regardless of the economic or logistical difficulties of the state.



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Source:

<https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/menneskeretlige-situation-faengsler-arresthuse> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 5.10.2021 the report titled “Translation behind bars - on communication with prisoners in Danish prisons” was published on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. The report concluded that although one in three inmates is not a Danish citizen, interpreters are rarely used in Danish prisons, which creates conflict and undermines the rights of foreign prisoners.

Source:

<https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/tolkning-bag-tremmer-kommunikation-indsatte-udlaendinge-danske-faengsler>
(Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- On 11.10.2021 the report titled “When algorithms process cases: Rights and legal protection in public authorities' use of profiling models” was published on the website of the Danish Institute of Human Rights. In the report, it is discussed how the use of artificial intelligence in the rapidly developing public sector interferes with the rights of citizens.

Source:

<https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/when-algorithms-process-cases-rights-legal-protection-public-authorities-use-profiling> (Access Date: 30.10.2021)

- In the post on the website of the Danish Institute of Human Rights on 19.10.2021, information was given about the debate on whether Denmark and the Danes need the European Convention on Human Rights.

Source:

- <https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/debat-menneskerettigheds-domstolen-traekker-noedvendige-graenser>
(Access Date: 30.10.2021)



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<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the post on the official website of the institution on 07.10.2021, the new federal government was called for an ambitious disability policy. In the related post, it was stated that the effect of the political decisions taken on the disabled was not adequately examined, and it was stated that the epidemic period is the most up-to-date example of this. Source:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitut-mahnt-ambitionierte-behindertenpolitische-agenda-an (Access Date: 07.10.2021) - In the post on the official website of the institution on 11.10.2021, it was stated that living in a healthy environment is a human right. In the same context, it was stated that the United Nations recognized this right with its decision dated October 8, 2021. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/das-recht-auf-eine-gesunde-umwelt-ist-ein-grundlegendes-menschenrecht (Access Date: 15.10.2021) <p>In the post, dated 15.10.2021, the income inequality that has started to increase recently in Germany was emphasized. In the related post, it was reiterated that the newly established federal government should work on income injustice. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/armutsbekaempfung-braucht-die-expertise-der-menschen-mit-armutserfahrung (Access Date: 15.10.2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the post, dated 26.10.2021, it was stated that the President of the Institution, Beate Rudolf, was concerned about the refugees on the German-Polish border.
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	<p>Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/gefluechtete-polenbelarus-keine-menschenrechtsfreie-zone-in-europa (Access Date: 20.10.2021)</p>
<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A video about the law has been published on October 1 due to the anniversary of the entry into force of the Equality Law. Source: https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1443850859973169154 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - A video about Equal Pay and Gender Pay Gap was published on October 2. Source: https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1444328161051910153 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - A video was shared emphasizing that employers should never ignore harassment in the workplace on October 3. Source: https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1444573165921972226 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - It was discussed with CEOs, Directors and Business Partners within the scope of the action plan prepared to close the gender pay gap. A toolkit on the subject has also been published on October 3. Source: https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1444693938372218887 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)



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- An informative video was published on October 9 about the provisions of the Equality Law in force in the country that protect women.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1446777670541340675>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- It was stated that hybrid work could provide great benefits especially for disabled employees and parents, and a guide on the subject was published on October 10.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1447215436563628033>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- It was stated on October 12 that the changes to be made in health and disability benefits should support the rights of the disabled and help the disabled to live independently.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1447880579924496388>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- In the statement made by the Chief Executive of the Commission on October 14, it was stated that employers are obliged to protect their personnel from harassment in the workplace.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1448581365998489600>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- The importance of an accessible and efficient judicial system was emphasized and an opinion was presented on the related draft law on October 14.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1448673118441062402>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)



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- It was emphasized that the duty of the Institution as the National Human Rights Institution is to monitor whether the United Kingdom fulfills its human rights obligations in the United Nations. In this context, the presentation presented to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was shared on October 19.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1450497715989843975>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- A briefing on the Health and Care Law was published on October 22, focusing on inequalities in the system and patient safety.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1451481022974005251>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- An informative video about the Authority's field of duty and powers was shared on October 24.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1452273810997194767>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- It has been reported that on October 29 the negotiations started for the prohibition of conversion therapy aimed at changing the sexual identity of LGBTI individuals through counseling were welcomed.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1454074493031362561>

(Access Date: 31.10.2021)

- An informative video about the Race Relations Law in force in the country was published on October 31.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/145446333840725197>



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	(Access Date: 31.10.2021)
Palestinian Independent Commission for Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participated in the Mediterranean Ombudsman meeting held every two years on 01.10.2021. At the meeting held in Greece, human rights issues in the Mediterranean region were discussed. Source: https://twitter.com/ICHR_Pal (Access Date: 15.10.2021) - It published its 26th annual report on 14.10.2021. The report serves the relevant access rights of citizens and various community actors by shedding light on the state of human rights and public freedoms in Palestine. Source: https://cdn1.ichr.ps/cached_uploads/view/2021/10/20/executive-summary-of-the-twenty-sixth-annual-report-of-ichr-2020-1634716818.pdf (Access Date: 18.10.2021)
Kingdom of Morocco National Human Rights Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.10.2021, cooperation was made with the Dignity Institute in Denmark on the fight against torture. Source: https://twitter.com/CNDHMaroc (Access Date: 20.10.2021) - On the occasion of the World Day Against the Death Penalty on 10 October 2021, the Moroccan Coalition Against the Death Penalty and the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) held a press conference at the CNDH Headquarters in Rabat, Morocco, on Thursday, 14 October 2021, at 10:00. Organized the conference. Source: https://twitter.com/CNDHMaroc (Access Date: 20.10.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 18.10.2021, a cooperation agreement was signed with the Kingdom Mediator Foundation in the context of promoting human rights. Source: https://twitter.com/CNDHMaroc (Access Date: 20.10.2021)
<p>National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 15 October 2021, it was shared on the website of the Institution that it was accepted a resolution on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Uzbekistan at the National Consultation Meeting held by the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the UN Country Team and the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan on October 14, 2021. It was stated that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the National Action Plan Draft developed for the implementation of the provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to receive suggestions and recommendations for further improvement of the Draft. Source: http://nhrc.uz/uz/news/obsuzhdena-realizatsija-konventsii-oon-o-pravah-invalidov-v-uzbekistane (Access Date: 01.11.2021) - On 20 October 2021, it was shared on the website of the Institution that a roundtable meeting titled “Gender Equality and Sustainable Development” was held in Tashkent on October 20. The event was organized offline and online by the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Center for Sustainable Development, the State and Law Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan in cooperation with UNESCO. Source: http://nhrc.uz/uz/news/gender-tenglikni-taminlash-va-barqaror-rivojlanish (Access Date: 01.11.2021)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 22 October 2021, on the Institution's website, it has been announced that an online video and painting competition will be held with the slogan "Give the world to children" on the occasion of "November 20 World Children's Day", by the National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan in cooperation with the Republic School "Mature Generation". Source: http://nhrc.uz/uz/news/diqqat-diqqat-tanlov-bolalarga-bering-dunyoni (Access Date: 01.11.2021) - On 28 October 2021, information was shared on the Institution's website that Head of the Center Akmal Saidov addressed the sixth meeting of the Alliance of Eurasian Ombudsmen as organized an offline and online international forum, held in Moscow on 28 October, was devoted to "studying the best practices for finding solutions to pressing issues of youth rights in Eurasia." Source: http://nhrc.uz/uz/news/akmal-saidov-yevroosiyo-ombudsmanlari-alyansi-majlisida-sozga-chiqdi (Access Date: 01.11.2021) - On 1 November 2021, information was shared on the Institution's website that a regional conference on "Protection of Human Rights in Central Asia During the Covid-19 Pandemic" was held on October 29 in the capital of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan. The online and offline event was organized by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan and the OSCE Program Offices in Bishkek, Dushanbe and Nur-Sultan. The regional conference was devoted to the analysis of the problems faced by human rights activists during the pandemic. Akmal Saidov, Director of the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan has attended the conference. Source: http://nhrc.uz/uz/news/mintaqaviy-konferensiya-pandemiya-va-inson-huquqlari (Access Date: 01.11.2021)
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Defensoria del Pueblo de la Nación de Argentina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A meeting was held on October 5, with the participation of national human rights stakeholders from different regions. In the meeting held online; Examples of good practice and the role of national human rights institutions in promoting and protecting the private sector on human rights are discussed. Source: https://twitter.com/marianalg_09/status/1445193788268367876 (Access Date: 31.10.2021) - A meeting was held October 6 by the National Human Rights Institution of Argentina, where Juan José Böckel called the National Human Rights Institutions, which are in the first line of the call to action, and the United Nations to take action on climate change and environmental rights. Source: https://twitter.com/DPNArgentina/status/14457861361908858 (Access Date: 31.10.2021)