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NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD	01.02.2023-01.03.2023
International Labour Organization (ILO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, the tweet of Gilbert F. Hougbo, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, was shared. According to that, he had stated as follows: “Deeply saddened by the loss of life and injury caused by the earthquake in Türkiye. Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and the injured in Türkiye, Syria and all other affected countries.” Source: https://twitter.com/GilbertFHougbo/status/1622541448569663488 (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 17.02.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that social justice is based on equality, respect for diversity, and the application of human rights in all spheres of life, including in the workplace and a video shared relating to why these principles are more important than ever. Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1626499189722021888 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2023, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk urged an end to the “illogic of escalation”, in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Source:

(OHCHR)

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territory-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 06.02.2023, the news was shared that UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk will pay an official visit to Haiti between 8-10 February 2023 at the invitation of the Government.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-official-visit-haiti-8-10-february-2023> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 07.02.2023, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on Tuesday called on the Somali authorities to ensure an independent, effective, and impartial investigation after scores of people were killed in clashes between the security forces and clan members in Laas Caanood that started on 5 February.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/turk-urges-investigation-after-scores-killed-somalia-clashes>

(Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 08.02.2023, OHCHR Publications and E-Products Catalog for 2023 were published on the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights website.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/corporate-publications/ohchr-publications-and-e-products-catalogue-2023> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 13.02.2023, UN Deputy Secretary-General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris will conduct an official visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo between 13-22 February 2023.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/un-assistant-secretary-general-human-rights-brands-kehris-visit-democratic> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 14.02.2023, the Spokesperson of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Jeremy Laurence expressed his concern about the deepening of repression against political opponents and civil society in Tunisia.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-briefing-notes/2023/02/arrest-perceived-political-opponents-and-civil-society-tunisia>
(Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 15.02.2023, a message of condolence was posted on the official Twitter account of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, for the earthquake disaster in Türkiye and Syria. It was emphasized that delivering aid to those in need without discrimination.

Source:

https://twitter.com/volker_turk (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 16.02.2023, the concern was expressed by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk that the new search and rescue law proposed in Italy would put more people's lives at risk in the Central Mediterranean. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/italy-proposed-new-sea-rescue-law-puts-more-lives-risk-turk (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 18.02.2023, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk's statement on the developments in the field of artificial intelligence was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/02/comment-un-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-advances-artificial (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 21.02.2023, the grief about the human cost of the war, which caused more than 21,000 casualties in the Ukraine War, was expressed. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/turk-deplores-human-cost-russias-war-against-ukraine-verified-civilian (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 23.02.2023, the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture (SPT) will visit South Africa between 26.02.2023 and 09.03.2023. Source:
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/un-torture-prevention-body-visit-south-africa (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
<p>UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.02.2023, on the website of Subcommittee, it was stated that the Subcommittee decided to cease its visit to Australia, which was suspended on 23 October last year, due to obstacles in carrying out its mandate under OPCAT. It was also stated that SPT confirmed to visit South Africa, Kazakhstan and Madagascar in the first half of this year, as well as Croatia, Georgia, Guatemala, State of Palestine, and the Philippines during the second half of 2023. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/un-torture-prevention-body-terminates-visit-australia-confirms-missions (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 23.02.2023, on the website of the Subcommittee, it was announced that will visit South Africa from 26 February to 9 March to assess the situation of people deprived of their liberty. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/un-torture-prevention-body-visit-south-africa (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.02.2023, on UNICEF's website, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's opening statement at the first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board was published. Russell opened his speech by expressing her condolences to the peoples of Türkiye and Syria due to the

earthquake that occurred in Türkiye, and gave information about the situation of children all over the world in 2022, the work of UNICEF in 2022 and the work planned to be done in 2023.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-catherine-russells-opening-statement-first-regular-session> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 09.02.2023, on UNICEF's website, an article was shared that warns about acts of armed violence against schools in Haiti, including shooting, ransacking, looting and kidnappings have increased nine-fold in one year. It was also stated that rising insecurity and widespread unrest begin to cripple the country's education system.

Source:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/haiti-armed-violence-against-schools-increases-nine-fold-one-year-unicef>

(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 14.02.2023, on the UNICEF's website, UNICEF Spokesperson James Elder's statement on Türkiye and Syria earthquakes at press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva was shared. Elder stated that 4.6 million children in Türkiye and 2.5 million children in Syria were affected by earthquakes and many children lost their lives. It is stated that children and their families need all kinds of help such as safe water, heating, shelter, medicine, and many of them remain in tents or various places despite the cold weather. It is also explained that UNICEF has done many studies in Türkiye and Syria. For example, in coordination with the Ministry of

	<p>Family and Social Services, UNICEF helps to identify unaccompanied and separated children and make sure their basic needs are met in addition to the distribution of various humanitarian materials in Turkey and to meet their needs. In addition, UNICEF provides psycho-social support for children.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/hundreds-thousands-children-enduring-desperate-conditions-following-t%C3%BCrkiye-and (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2023, on the UNDP website, UNDP Director Achim Steiner's statement on the earthquakes affecting Türkiye and Syria was shared. In his statement, Steiner expressed UNDP's regret due to the earthquake and stated that besides the urgent humanitarian needs, the recovery will take a long time and UNDP will continue to work with all stakeholders in this process. <p>Source: https://www.undp.org/speeches/statement-undp-administrator-earthquakes-syria-and-turkiye (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.02.2023, on the UNDP's website, the findings of the report titled "Journey to extremism in Africa: Pathways to recruitment and and disengagement" were published. According to the report, the reason driving people to join violent extremist groups in Sub-Saharan Africa is the hope of finding work and that there should be a shift from security-driven responses to development-based protection approaches. <p>Source:</p>

<https://www.undp.org/press-releases/hope-better-jobs-eclipses-religious-ideology-main-driver-recruitment-violent-extremist-groups-sub-saharan-africa>

(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 09.02.2023, on the UNDP's website, it was announced that the UNDP and The Ocean Cleanup signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on eliminating plastic pollution in oceans and rivers around the globe.

Source:

<https://www.undp.org/press-releases/undp-and-ocean-cleanup-team-tackle-plastic-pollution>

(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 09.02.2023, on UNDP's website, an article named "Promoting Women Entrepreneurs as Driver of Business Integrity: A Practical Approach", which explains the link between gender and integrity, investigates frameworks related to gender equality, including enabling and inclusive workplace policies and laws, and the fight against corruption was shared.

Source:

<https://www.undp.org/publications/promoting-women-entrepreneurs-driver-business-integrity-practical-approach>

(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 24.02.2023, on the UNDP's website, it was stated that clearing away the mountains of rubble generated when thousands of buildings collapsed in the devastating earthquakes that hit Türkiye is the top-priority area of support mapped out by the UNDP in its response to the disaster. It was also stated

	<p>that the majority of UNDP's \$113.5 million financing request was composed of rubble removal.</p> <p>Source: https://www.undp.org/press-releases/millions-tons-earthquake-rubble-await-removal-turkiye (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.02.2023, it was announced that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women concluded its consideration of the seventh periodic report of Tunisia. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-tunisia-achieving (Access Date: 24.02.2023) - On 22.02.2023, the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women held a discussion on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making decisions. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/02/committee-elimination-all-forms-discrimination-against-women-holds-general-discussion (Access Date: 24.02.2023)
<p>The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.02.2023, on the CERD website, it was announced that the CERD found that Denmark failed to take effective measures against racist hate speech by discontinuing its investigation about an art exhibition showing racist hate images.

<p>(CERD)</p>	<p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/denmark-failed-take-effective-measures-against-art-exhibition-curating (Access Date 28.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 02.02.2023, on the CERD website, CERD announced that the operation of the UN interim Conciliation Commission, established to resolve disputes between Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, has ended.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/02/qatar-against-united-arab-emirates-un-ad-hoc-conciliation-commission (Access Date 28.02.2023)</p>
<p>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</p>	<p>- On 23.02.2023, on CPT's website, it was reported that the report of the periodic visit to Lithuania in December 2022 was published by the Committee.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2021-visit-to-lithuania (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 24.02.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that a high-level meeting was held on relaunch the dialogue between the CPT and the Polish authorities and implementation of the CPT's recommendations by the authorities.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/the-council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-held-high-level-talks-in-poland (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>

**European Union
Agency for
Fundamental
Rights (FRA)**

- On 27.01.2023, it was announced that FRA's Director took part in the informal meeting of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers on 26 and 27 January in Stockholm.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joins-eu-justice-and-home-affairs-ministers> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 01.02.2023, it was announced that FRA will take part in ELSA's International Strategy meeting.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-joins-elsa-international-strategy-meeting> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 02.02.2023, FRA attended a meeting of the Criminal Law Committee of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/presenting-fundamental-rights-impact-counter-terrorism-law>
(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 02.02.2023, FRA moderated a panel at a conference organised by major EU-funded research consortia dealing with AI technologies used by law enforcement.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/ethical-and-legal-aspects-ai-law-enforcement> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.02.2023, it was announced that FRA took part in a workshop in Athens on 30 January on the transition to adulthood for unaccompanied children. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/discussing-migrant-childrens-transition-adulthood (Access Date: 24.02.2023) - On 03.02.2023, it was announced that the Knowledge Sharing Unit of the European Court for Human Rights presented their newly-established ECHR Knowledge Sharing Platform to FRA. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/cooperation-between-fra-and-european-court-human-rights (Access Date: 24.02.2023) - On 06.02.2023, it was announced that FRA’s Director meet the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk in Geneva. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-and-un-human-rights-office-further-strengthen-their-cooperation (Access Date: 24.02.2023) - On 08.02.2023, it was announced that FRA Director, Michael O’Flaherty, will deliver a video message at the closing conference of the 2023 edition of the Human Rights go local Winter Academy. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-human-rights-go-local-conference-2023 (Access Date: 24.02.2023)
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- On 09.02.2023, it was announced that FRA actively took part in the plenary meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) from 1 to 3 February.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joins-council-europe-artificial-intelligence-committee-meeting>

(Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 10.02.2023, it was announced that on 8 February, FRA's Director exchanged views with the Council of Europe's GREVIO expert group on monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-shares-views-council-europe-grevio-expert-group> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 10.02.2023, it was announced that FRA took part in a meeting of the European Migration Network (EMN) Return Expert Group.

Source:

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-takes-part-return-practitioners-expert-meeting> (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

- On 17.02.2023, it was announced that FRA will take part in the annual meeting of European Presidents of Bar and Law Societies.

Source:

	<p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/european-presidents-bar-and-law-societies-annual-meeting (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, the updated Equinet brochure was shared which answers questions like: what are equality bodies, what are standards for equality bodies, why are they important, who are the members of Equinet, what grounds of discrimination do they cover. Source: https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1622600244251746304 (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 20.02.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that reasonable accommodation is relevant not only to the ground of disability but also to all other grounds of discrimination, such as: race & ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, gender & gender identity and due to the interest, the EQUINET perspective titled “Equality Bodies and Reasonable Accommodation Beyond the Ground of Disability” was shared again. Source: https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1627589022951395328 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)
<p>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, the tweet of Matteo Mecacci, Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the OSCE, was shared. According to that, Mecacci stated that as follows: “Deeply saddened to hear about the devastating impact of the earthquake in Türkiye that has claimed so many lives. I express

	<p>my sincere condolences as well as my support to the Turkish government & people as they deal with the consequences of this humanitarian disaster.”</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/MatteoMecacci/status/1622608383672045568 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 15.02.2023, on the official website of ODIHR, the first Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting of 2023 with the subject of Media Freedom as a Central Pillar of Comprehensive Security was announced which will be held on 13-14 March 2023.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/shdm_1_2023 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 20.02.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, it was stated that civil society monitoring of hate crime can help fill the gaps in reporting and is vital to address this crime in the long term. Additionally, the link of the call civil society submissions, which will include data and information from civil society groups on hate incidents that occurred in the OSCE region in 2022, was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/osce_odihr/status/1627646257496825857 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<p>- On 08.02.2023, on the Commission’s website, it was stated that the Codes of Conduct adopted by the Senate to ensure a safe and respectful working environment in the parliament was</p>

	<p>welcomed. It was also emphasized that these rules are in line with the recommendations in the report “Set the Standard: Report on the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces” prepared by the Commission.</p> <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/commission-welcomes-parliaments-codes-conduct-and-improved-workplace (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 21.02.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the visit to Australia organized by the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) in October 2022 was suspended, and then the visit was terminated. It was emphasized that this should be a warning to Australia, which has not fulfilled its commitment to comply with the OPCAT. <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/urgent-action-needed-following-termination-un-inspection (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 27.01.2023, a representative of the Ombudsperson's Office participated in an awareness raising event dedicated to the fight against domestic violence. <p>Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3718/a-representative-of-the-ombudspersons-office-participated-in-an-awareness-raising-event-dedicated-to-the-fight-against-domestic-violence (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>

- On 27.01.2023, the Ombudsperson made a statement concerning the attack on the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3719/the-ombudsmans-statement-concerning-the-attack-on-the-embassy-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-in-the-islamic-republic-of-iran>

(Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 30.01.2023, awareness raising events related to January 24 the International Day of Education were held by the Western, North-Western and Northern regional centers of the Ombudsperson. At the events, heads of the regional centers informed the participants about the activity of the Azerbaijan Ombudsperson in the field of protection of the right to education.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3722/ombudspersons-regional-centers-organized-awareness-raising-events-on-the-right-to-education> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 02.02.2023, it was announced that Ombudsperson Ms. Sabina Aliyeva, sent a letter to the Equality Ombudsman of Sweden, Mr. Lars Arrhenius, dealing with the incident of the burning of the holy book "Qur'an" in front of the Turkish embassy in Stockholm, Sweden.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3729/the-ombudsperson-of-azerbaijan-sent-a-letter-to-the-equality-ombudsman-of-sweden> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 03.02.2023, it was announced that Ombudsperson Sabina Aliyev held a meeting with the creative team of the e-version of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which has been produced into sign language.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3733/the-ombudsman-held-a-meeting-with-the-creative-team-of-the-sign-language-version-of-the-e-convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child>

(Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 04.02.2023, Ombudsperson Sabina Aliyeva participated in the international conference held by the Embassy of Pakistan in Azerbaijan on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3736/ombudsperson-participated-in-the-international-conference-held-by-the-embassy-of-pakistan-in-azerbaijan-on-the-occasion-of-kashmir-solidarity-day> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

- On 07.02.2023, representatives of the Ombudsperson's Office participated in the event dedicated to social protection of housewives and international experience.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3742/representatives-of-the-ombudspersons-office-participated-in-the-event-dedicated-to-social-protection-of-housewives-and-international-experience> (Access Date: 23.02.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="539 197 1394 616"><p>- On 11.02.2023, Ombudsperson visited the Turkish embassy in Azerbaijan to extend condolences to the victims of the earthquake.</p><p>Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3749/the-ombudsman-visited-the-turkish-embassy-in-azerbaijan-to-extend-condolences-to-the-victims-of-the-earthquake (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="539 745 1394 1276"><p>- On 13.02.2023, Ombudsperson participated in the international conference dedicated to the topic "Role of Supreme Courts in justice: best practices and modern challenges" held on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Supreme Court in Azerbaijan.</p><p>Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3751/the-ombudsperson-participated-in-the-international-conference-dedicated-to-the-100th-anniversary-of-the-supreme-court (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1406 1394 1989"><p>- On 17.02.2023, Ombudsperson met with the Mission Director of the US International Development Agency (USAID) in Azerbaijan Michael Nehrbass and the delegation led by him. At the meeting, the perspectives of joint cooperation in increasing women's economic opportunities, combating human trafficking and gender-based violence and others were discussed and mutual opinions were exchanged.</p><p>Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3753/ombudsman-met-with-the-delegation-of-us-international-development-agency-usaid-in-azerbaijan (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 23.02.2023, Ombudsperson made a statement on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of the Khojaly tragedy. Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3761/statement-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-on-the-occasion-of-the-31st-anniversary-of-the-khojaly-tragedy (Access Date: 23.02.2023) - On 23.02.2023, Ombudsperson Sabina Aliyeva participated in the international conference "Joint action and cooperation in the field of reliable protection of human rights and freedoms" held in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Source: https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3765/sabina-aliyeva-participated-in-the-international-conference-organized-by-the-uzbekistan-ombudsman-institute (Access Date: 24.02.2023)
<p>Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.02.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that the Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva sent a letter to relevant authorities, in which, based on numerous complaints, she demanded the State to protect the rights of users of mobile services against the price increases of mobile operators. Source: https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/the-ombudsman-the-state-supports-mobile-operators-while-they-raise-prices-for-1988 (Access Date: 24.02.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was announced that Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva had sent a recommendation to the relevant authorities recommending that annual fertility tests be included in the health activities covered by the Fund's budget. It was also stated that for women, this means an ovarian reserve evaluation and for men, this means a sperm analysis. <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/the-ombudsman-with-a-recommendation-that-the-nhif-cover-fertility-tests-1989 (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>Bulgaria Commission for Protection Against Discrimination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.02.2023, on the official website of Commission, the information was given that the Commission had hosted an event to launch training for young journalists under the Thomson Foundation's Digital Media and Human Rights Journalism program. <p>Source: https://www.kzd-nondiscrimination.com/layout/index.php/component/content/article/2/2023-2023-02-08-13-32-09 (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.02.2023, according to a report submitted to the United Nations by the Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain, people in England and Wales risk compromising their social, economic and cultural rights. The report outlines some of the issues that need to be addressed to strengthen equality and human rights in the UK, including the pressures on social care and the effects of digital exclusion and online safety. <p>Source:</p>

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/human-rights-watchdog-warns-united-nations-concerns-over-economic-social-and-1>

(Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 02.02.2023, legal aid and funds were provided by the EHRC in the case of Melissa Glover's disadvantaged position after the rejection of her flexible working request to her employer Lacoste while she was on maternity leave. It's delighted that the Court accepted that the refusal of the flexible working request placed the applicant at a disadvantage because of her sex.

Source:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/ehrc-response-following-judgment-ms-m-glover-v-lacoste> (Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 03.02.2023, a statement on the attitude of UK Athletics regarding the participation of trans people in athletics was shared on the website of the Great Britain Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Source:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-uk-athletics-position-trans-people%E2%80%99s-participation-athletics>

(Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 08.02.2023, a legal agreement was signed between McDonald's and EHRC, which includes certain commitments for protecting personnel from sexual harassment.

Source:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/mcdonald%E2%80%99s-signs-legal-agreement-ehrc-protect-staff-sexual-harassment>

(Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 10.02.2023, the story of the child named Ruby, who has an afro hair type, was shared on the corporate Twitter address of the EHRC, including the discrimination she was exposed to at school because she was constantly sent home. It was reminded that the EHRC prepares a guide for preventing afro-type hair discrimination in schools.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/ehrc> (Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 15.02.2023, the assessment by the EHRC, on whether the Labor Party has implemented the changes to the agreed action plan to address violations of the Equality Law, has been completed. Accordingly, the EHRC sent an illegal action notice to the Labor Party on 29 October 2020 after the antisemitism investigation found the Party responsible for unlawful acts of harassment and discrimination. To prevent the continuation or repetition of these illegal acts, the Labor Party had to produce an action plan that the court could legally enforce if not fulfilled. The action plan ended on 31 January 2023. EHRC has completed its work on the Labor Party, expressing its satisfaction with the measures taken.

Source:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/equality-watchdog-concludes-monitoring-labour-party-action-plan> (Access Date: 22.02.2023)

<p>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.02.2023, it was announced to the public that a Rights Laboratory was launched by the Danish Institute for Human Rights for young people between the ages of 18-25 to claim their rights. Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/kend-dine-rettigheder-marker (Access Date: 22.02.2023) - On 01.02.2023, the Danish Institute for Human Rights shared the report on forced adoption in Denmark on the website. According to the report, there has been an increase in the number of forced adoptions since 2020 due to the permanent decline in parenting capacity. Between 2020-2022, the Appeals Board examined 39-45 applications for forced adoption. This number is 11 on average between 2016-2018. Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/lov-tvangsadoptioner-kan-foere-kraenkelser-retten-familieliv (Access Date: 22.02.2023) - On 02.02.2023, it was stated that according to police records, hate crimes decreased, the police recorded 521 hate crime cases in 2021, and 635 hate crime records in 2020. However, according to the Ministry of Justice victim survey, approximately 12,000 people were exposed to hate crimes in 2020. According to Louise Holck, Executive Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, <i>"Such a large gap between the number of hate crimes in society and the number of crimes registered shows the shortcomings of the current registration system."</i>

	<p>Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/politiets-registrering-hadforbrydelser-boer-styrkes (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 05.02.2023, the study titled “<i>Fisheries, aquaculture and human rights in Chile: the duty of the state to promote, protect and respect human rights</i>” prepared by the Danish Institute of Human Rights was announced to the public.</p> <p>Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/fisheries-aquaculture-human-rights-chile-duty-state-promote-protect-respect-human (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 06.02.2023, the study titled “<i>Sustainable Recovery Pledge: Good practices for change</i>” prepared by the Danish Human Rights Institute was announced to the public.</p> <p>Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/sustainable-recovery-pledge-good-practices-change (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 07.02.2023, it was stated that the Greenland Government welcomed the legal regulation to make the practice of psychological violence illegal. The criminalization of psychological violence is compatible with Article 33 of the Istanbul Convention. In 2022, the Greenland Parliament (Inatsisartut) decided that Greenland should accede to the Istanbul Convention, the Council of Europe's convention to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence.</p>
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Source:

<https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/menneskeretligt-fremskridt-groenland-kriminalisere-psykisk-vold>

(Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 08.02.2023, within the framework of the “Human Rights Alliance” established with the cooperation of the Danish Human Rights Institute and non-governmental organizations, in collaboration with Danish rappers and international hip-hop artists, there will be various events such as many podcast stories, workshops and concerts for the next two years in 2023. Furthermore, it has been stated that the Roskilde Festival aims to create a platform where hip-hop artists from different countries bring human rights to the agenda.

Source:

<https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/hiphop-kunstnere-front-motivere-unge-staa-menneskerettighederne>

(Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 17.02.2023, the study titled “*A review of the legal framework governing human rights and public procurement in Kenya*” prepared by the Danish Institute for Human Rights was announced to the public.

Source:

<https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/review-legal-framework-governing-human-rights-public-procurement-kenya> (Access Date: 22.02.2023)

- On 20.02.2023, it was shared that the number of non-Danish citizens has increased from 1.9% to 10.5% since 1980.

	<p>According to the analysis made by the Danish Human Rights Institute, the strict rules determined for citizenship primarily affect children and young people. Denmark is among the European countries with the most rigorous regulations regarding citizenship rules. The most important reason for this is an 18-year-old rule to apply for an indefinite residence permit and citizenship. For example, in Norway children can acquire citizenship independently from 12. According to the Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark should allow children to apply for citizenship independently before they turn 18.</p> <p>Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/stadigt-flere-boern-unge-ikke-dansk-statsborgerskab (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.02.2023, the study titled “<i>Due diligence in the downstream value chain: case studies of current company practice</i>” prepared by the Danish Institute for Human Rights was announced to the public. <p>Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/due-diligence-downstream-value-chain-case-studies-current-company-practice (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p>
<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On February, a study titled “Emergency accommodation for homeless people and respect for human rights”, in which the German Institute for Human Rights calls for rules for emergency shelters, was published on the Institute’s website. <p>Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/publikationen/detail/not-unterkuenfte-</p>

	<p>fuer-menschen-ohne-wohnung-und-die-beachtung-von-menschen-rechten (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
<p>Georgian Ombudsman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 416 1394 672">- On 27.01.2023, it was announced that representatives of the Public Defender of Georgia met with students of Tbilisi public schools and talked about the importance of the right to education, its components and the practice of the Public Defender in relation to this right. Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/shekhvedra-skolis-mostsavleebtan (Access Date: 23.02.2023) <li data-bbox="539 967 1394 1384">- On 27.01.2023, the Public Defender’s Office of Georgia made a statement on day of commemoration in memory of victims of holocaust. Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparatis-gantskhadeba-holokostis-mskhverplta-khsenebis-dghestan-dakavshirebit (Access Date: 23.02.2023) <li data-bbox="539 1518 1394 1881">- On 03.02.2023, it was announced that the representatives of Public Defender’s Office of Georgia held meetings with representatives of various bodies of the Council of Europe. The purpose of the visit was to provide international partners with information about the situation of human rights and the activities implemented and planned by the Public Defender’s Office during the transitional period. Source:

	<p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-movaleobis-shemsrulebelma-evropis-sabchos-skhvadaskhva-organoebtan-shekhvedrebi-gamarta (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 09.02.2023, Public Defender made a statement on Georgian citizens' restricted access to goods and services.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-sakonlisa-da-momsakhurebis-mighebaze-sakartvelos-mokalakeebis-tsvdomis-shezhgudvis-faktebtan-dakavshirebit (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 12.02.2023, it was announced that a working meeting was held between representatives of the Public Defender's Office and the Permanent Parliamentary Council for the Protection of Children's Rights.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparatsa-da-bavshvis-uflebata-datsvis-mudmivmokmed-saparlamento-sabchos-samushao-shekhvedra (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.02.2023, it was announced that the Public Defender's Office is echoing the draft law of Georgia "On transparency of foreign influence" and considers that the proposed document does not comply with international or domestic human rights standards and is incompatible with the basic principles of a modern democratic state.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparatis-gantskhadeba-utskhourigavlenis-gamchvirvalobis-shesakheb-sakartvelos-kanonproekts-taobaze (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.02.2023, the Public Defender of Georgia submitted an alternative report on the implementation of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Georgian authorities to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelma-gaeros-shshm-pirta-uflebebis-komitets-alternatiuli-angarishi-tsarudgina (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 23.02.2023, it was announced that representatives of the Public Defender’s Office held an information meeting on equality and non-discrimination for the employees of the Center for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sainformatsio-shekhvedra-fsikikuri-janmrtelobis-danarkomaniis-preventsiiis-tsentris-tanamshromlebitvis (Access Date: 24.02.2023)</p>
<p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 27.01.2023, The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, has written to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, to express its view that Ireland is currently in clear breach of its

	<p>international obligations regarding newly arrived applicants for International Protection.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/state-in-clear-breach-of-human-rights-obligations-to-international-protection-applicants/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 27.01.2023, the Commission has welcomed important determinations issued by the Labour Court this week confirming that regulations providing for a maximum age of 35 for recruitment to An Garda Síochána are discriminatory on the grounds of age. The Commission provided legal representation to both men at the centre of these cases to challenge this discrimination. <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/labour-court-determines-an-garda-siochana-discriminated-against-older-recruits/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 03.02.2021, the Commission published its policy statement on welfare indexation. The report sets out twelve key recommendations. <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/welfare-indexation-crucial-in-combatting-income-inequality/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.02.2023, the Commission welcomed the Concluding Observations published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Committee came to their conclusions after a
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	<p>process that involved input from children, civil society, the Ombudsman for Children’s Office and the Commission.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/un-human-rights-body-critical-of-state-on-childrens-mental-health-provision/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 14.02.2023, the Commission called on the State to enshrine economic, social and cultural (“ESC”) rights in the Constitution.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-for-constitutional-amendment-to-enshrine-economic-and-social-rights/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 20.02.2023, it was stated that the Commission welcomed the clarity provided by the Court of Appeal in providing sentencing guidance for trafficking offences that clearly recognises the seriousness of trafficking and the offence of organising prostitution.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-welcomes-sentencing-guidelines-for-trafficking-offences/ (Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 22.02.2023, the Commission has been granted leave by the Supreme Court to exercise its amicus curiae (“friend of the court”) function, in a case that examines the right to a fair trial, where the burden of proof has been shifted to the accused person when relying on a statutory defence.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-to-assist-supreme-court-in-case-dealing-with-right-to-fair-trial/(Access Date: 23.02.2023)</p>
<p>Norwegian National Human Rights Institution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2023, an article was shared by the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution evaluating the relationship between Rasmus Paludan's act of burning the Holy Quran in front of the Turkish Embassy and freedom of expression. Source: https://www.nhri.no/2023/koranbrenning-hva-sier-menneskerettighetene/ (Access Date: 20.01.2023) - On 06.02.2023, EHRC shared a congratulatory message regarding the 30th Anniversary of the Sami People's Day celebrations in Norway. Nearly 100 years of Norwegianization policy have had severely negative consequences for Sami, Kven and Norwegian Finns. Various laws are currently in place protecting the Sami language, culture and social life, and multiple rules are under development to protect the interests of the Sami national minority community. Creating and implementing legislation is essential for the full realization of human rights. Source: https://www.nhri.no/2023/lihkku-sami-albmotbeivviin-2/ (Access Date: 22.02.2023) - On 09.02.2023, Norwegian National Human Rights Institution was among the actors who participated in the examination of Norway in CEDAW, and the Director of the Institution, Adele Matheson Mestad, contributed by taking the floor at the relevant meeting as the Norwegian NHRI.

	<p>Source: https://www.nhri.no/2023/hoyring-av-noreg-i-fns-kvinnekomite/ (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.02.2023, an article on the active participation of children in politics as a human right was published on the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution website.</p> <p>Source: https://www.nhri.no/2023/barn-og-unges-medvirkning-i-politikk-og-utredninger-hva-er-greia/ (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p>
<p>The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p>	<p>- On 06.02.2023, the live broadcast recording of the "Global Forum: Human Rights Education" event, previously held was uploaded to the Youtube channel, on the website of the National Human Rights Center of Uzbekistan.</p> <p>Source: https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9785 (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p> <p>- National Human Rights Center of Uzbekistan shared a brief note containing the commitments regarding the candidacy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations Human Rights Council for 2021-2023 was shared on the corporate website.</p> <p>Source: https://www.nhrc.uz/en/menu/zbekistonning-ih-tierij-mazhburiyatlar (Access Date: 22.02.2023)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.02.2023, the National Human Rights Centre of Uzbekistan shared a briefing on the activities to be carried out within the scope of 20-28 February Human Rights Week. Source: https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9894 (Access Date: 22.02.2023) - On 21.02.2023, the news was announced that Human Rights week had launched. Within the scope of this week, information meetings, press conferences and roundtable discussions, various competitions and presentations, meetings with experts, expert communication and scientific-applied conferences, training courses and book presentations will be held, and everyone can attend these events. Source: https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9927 (Access Date: 22.02.2023) - On 21.02.2023, an infographic work was shared on the official website of the National Human Rights Center of Uzbekistan, including the event days and hours of the Human Rights Week. Source: https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9930 (Access Date: 22.02.2023)
<p>The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CDN)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.02.2023, on the CDN website, CDN issued a press release to celebrate the start of Black History Month. In this statement, CDN emphasized the importance of Black people in Canada's past and honored the Black heroes of today. Source:

	<p>https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/honouring-the-black-heroes-canadas-past-and-present (Access Date 28.02.2023)</p>
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