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<b>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</b>	<b>01.01.2023-01.02.2023</b>
<b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.01.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that millions of children carry out work that harms their well-being and prevents them from fulfilling their dreams. Additionally, it was stated that child labour should not be part of today's world. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1616423569549828098">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1616423569549828098</a> (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 27.01.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that economic slowdown likely to force workers to accept lower quality jobs, undermining social justice and renewed commitments to a recovery that puts people first are needed more than ever. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1618579947324411905">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1618579947324411905</a> (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<b>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.01.2023, on the website of the OHCHR, a call was made to support the "UN Human Rights Appeal 2023" program, which covers the activities and needs planned for 2023. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/annual-appeal/un-human-rights-appeal-2023">https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/annual-appeal/un-human-rights-appeal-2023</a> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</li> </ul>

- On 04.01.2023, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk called for all authorities around the world to end arbitrary detentions.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/01/udhr75-action-end-arbitrary-detention> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)

- On 06.01.2023, news was shared that UN experts had shared their assessment that “Freedom of speech is not freedom to spread racial hatred on social media.” According to this news, “hate speech,” advocacy of national, racial, and religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination and violence, as well as racism on social media, are not just a concern for Twitter but also for other social media giants such as Meta. While some claim to not allow hate speech there is a gap between company commitments to their policies and enforcement on social media sites. This is particularly salient in the approval of inflammatory ads, electoral disinformation on Facebook, and content that talks of conspiracy theories. Research from Global Witness and SumOfUs recently revealed how Meta is unable to block certain advertisements. In response to many complaints, Meta took a significant step with the establishment of an oversight board in 2020. However, the effectiveness of the Oversight Board can only be seen over a long-time horizon and will require continued commitment at the highest levels of the social media to review and modify their mechanisms to address incitement to racial hatred online.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/01/freedom-speech-not-freedom-spread-racial-hatred-social-media-un-experts> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)

- On 13.01.2023, it is announced that the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, will visit Bosnia and Herzegovina from 13 to 20 January 2023.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/bosnia-and-herzegovina-un-human-rights-and-counter-terrorism-expert-launches> (Access Date: 22.01.2023)

- On 03.01.2023, a press release is announced to public opinion that the UN Child Rights Committee (CRC) will hold its upcoming session from 16 January to 3 February, during which it will review Sweden, Mauritius, Oman, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Azerbaijan, Ireland and New Zealand. The seven countries are among the 196 States parties to the Child Rights Convention and its Optional Protocols. They are required to undergo regular reviews by the Committee of 18 independent international experts on how they are implementing the Convention, its Optional Protocols, as well as the Committee's previous recommendations.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/un-child-rights-committee-review-sweden-mauritius-oman-bolivia-azerbaijan> (Access Date: 22.01.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 16.01.2023, according to a press release shared on the official website, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk had spoke at the opening of the 92nd session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, where reports on the efforts of Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Ireland, Oman, Sweden, New Zealand and Mauritius will be reviewed. Türk said that it was critical that children's rights continue to be a priority and that their voices were heard and listened to. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-addresses-opening-ninety-second">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-addresses-opening-ninety-second</a> (Access Date: 22.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 20.01.2023, UN Right to Education Special Rapporteur's explanations were shared on official website and Special Rapporteur Farida Shaheed stated at the end of her five-day official visit to UNESCO that "the right to education for all will remain an empty promise unless sufficient financial resources are provided to UNESCO, the international organization leading education, and to all national budgets". <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/unesco-right-education-demands-financial-commitment-says-un-expert">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/unesco-right-education-demands-financial-commitment-says-un-expert</a> (Access Date: 22.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 20.01.2023, it is announced that the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Felipe González Morales, will conduct an official visit to Bangladesh from 20 to 31 January 2023. <b>Source:</b></li></ul>
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	<p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/un-special-rapporteur-assess-migration-policies-bangladesh">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/01/un-special-rapporteur-assess-migration-policies-bangladesh</a> (Access Date: 22.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 10.01.2023, on UNICEF’s website, data from the reports of United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME) were included. According to these reports, an estimated 5 million children died before their fifth birthday, another 2.1 million children and youth aged between 5–24 years lost their lives in 2021 and 1.9 million babies were stillborn during the same period. It is stated that many of these deaths could have been prevented with equitable access and high-quality maternal, newborn, adolescent and child health care. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/child-or-youth-died-once-every-44-seconds-2021-un-report">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/child-or-youth-died-once-every-44-seconds-2021-un-report</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 12.01.2023, on UNICEF’s website, it was emphasized that United Nations agencies are calling for urgent action to protect the most vulnerable children in the 15 countries hardest hit by an unprecedented food and nutrition crisis. In addition, it was stated that children living in these countries have limited access to health services, nutrition and other life-saving services due to conflict, climate shocks and the ongoing effects of COVID-19. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/urgent-action-needed-acute-malnutrition-threatens-lives-millions-vulnerable-children">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/urgent-action-needed-acute-malnutrition-threatens-lives-millions-vulnerable-children</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 17.01.2023, on UNICEF’s website, the content of the “Transforming Education with Equitable Financing Report” was included. The report states that children from the poorest households benefit the least from national public education funding and that it is necessary to make additional equitable investments to lift millions of children out of the learning crisis. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-poorest-households-benefit-least-national-public-education-funding-unicef">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-poorest-households-benefit-least-national-public-education-funding-unicef</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<b>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.01.2023, on UNDP's website, a guidance note entitled "<i>What is the Right to a Healthy Environment?</i>", prepared by UNDP, OHCHR and UNEP, was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.undp.org/publications/what-right-healthy-environment">https://www.undp.org/publications/what-right-healthy-environment</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<b>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 29.12.2022 CEDAW made a statement titled "<i>Afghanistan: Banning women and girls from schools and workplace jeopardises entire country, UN committee condemns</i>". <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/12/afghanistan-banning-women-and-girls-schools-and-workplace-jeopardises-entire">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2022/12/afghanistan-banning-women-and-girls-schools-and-workplace-jeopardises-entire</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<b>European Committee for the</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.01.2023, on CPT’s website, it is stated that CPT had carried out an ad hoc visit to Azerbaijan from 12 to 19</li> </ul>



<p><b>Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</b></p>	<p>December 2022. The main objective of the visit was explained as to examine, in light of the recommendations made by the Committee after its previous visit in 2020, the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty by the police.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-azerbaijan">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-azerbaijan</a>  (Access Date: 25.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.01.2023, it was announced that FRA spoke at the kick-off conference of a new EU-funded research project that will measure irregular migration in the European Union.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/new-project-launch-irregular-migration-europe">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/new-project-launch-irregular-migration-europe</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 05.01.2023, it was announced that the FRA Director delivered the annual distinguished guest lecture at Leiden University on Human Rights Day, 10 December.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-director-delivers-annual-human-rights-day-lecture-leiden-university">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-director-delivers-annual-human-rights-day-lecture-leiden-university</a>  (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 17.01.2023, the speech of the FRA Director on his vision of human rights and innovation for a more inclusive and sustainable future at TedTalk in Varese announced to the public.  <b>Source:</b></li> </ul>

	<p><a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2023/how-can-we-place-human-rights-heart-our-actions">https://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2023/how-can-we-place-human-rights-heart-our-actions</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 19.01.2023, it was announced that FRA took part in the third plenary meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI). <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joins-council-europe-ai-committee-meeting">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joins-council-europe-ai-committee-meeting</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 19.01.2023, it was announced that The European Commission Representation in Croatia, in cooperation with the European Commission and FRA, held a dialogue on the rule of law in Croatia. The rule of law dialogues aim at encouraging discussions on the rule of law topics in EU Member States. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/rule-law-dialogue-croatia">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/rule-law-dialogue-croatia</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 20.01.2023, it was announced that the recently-elected Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders, Michel Forst, met FRA Director Michael O’Flaherty on 19 January in Vienna. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/protecting-environmental-defenders">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/protecting-environmental-defenders</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 24.01.2023, it was announced that FRA Director gave a speech on liberal democracy at the European Parliament's Article 17 dialogue seminar. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/article-17-dialogue-liberal-democracy">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/article-17-dialogue-liberal-democracy</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 25.01.2023, it was announced that a major survey measuring hate crime and discrimination against Jews across Europe opened on 25 January, led by FRA. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/major-eu-survey-antisemitism-and-jewish-life-launched">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/major-eu-survey-antisemitism-and-jewish-life-launched</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 26.01.2023, it was announced that FRA gave a presentation during a University of Szczecin migration seminar on pressing fundamental rights issues at the EU's external borders. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/migration-seminar-looks-fundamental-rights-eus-external-borders">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/migration-seminar-looks-fundamental-rights-eus-external-borders</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 26.01.2023, it was announced that FRA will take part in a webinar that will provide an overview of the state of knowledge on equality and inclusion in the European Parliament elections. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/equality-and-inclusion-european-elections">https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/equality-and-inclusion-european-elections</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 26.01.2023 it was announced that FRA joined Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Conference in Tallinn. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-join-artificial-intelligence-and-human-rights-conference-tallinn">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-join-artificial-intelligence-and-human-rights-conference-tallinn</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<p><b>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.01.2023, on the website of ENNHRI, ENNHRI shared the current situation regarding 3 historical cases “<i>Duarte Agostinho and Others v. Portugal and Others, Verein KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz and others v. Switzerland, and Carême v. France</i>” pending in the Grand Chamber of the ECtHR. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-intervenes-before-the-grand-chamber-of-the-european-court-of-human-rights-in-three-historic-climate-cases/">https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-intervenes-before-the-grand-chamber-of-the-european-court-of-human-rights-in-three-historic-climate-cases/</a> (Access Date: 28.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 25.01.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, ENNHRI shared the meeting held to discuss the guidance on the UN Convention on the Human Rights of Elderly People. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1618222758542086146">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1618222758542086146</a> (Access Date: 28.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<p><b>European Network of</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 27.01.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on the occasion of the Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, it was stated that it is a day in which we must all</li> </ul>

<b>Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</b>	<p>reflect together on the role we can play in fighting antisemitism as a shared responsibility.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1618880771225456640">https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1618880771225456640</a> (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</p>
<b>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.01.2023, a call was made by the Office on the Twitter account of the Office to close the Guantanamo Bay which contradicts international human rights standards. It was stated that it is very important to protect the rights of detainees and to ensure accountability for violations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1613093071683751936">https://twitter.com/osce_odih/status/1613093071683751936</a> (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</p>
<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.01.2023, on the website of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Commissioner Lorraine Finlay's statements regarding Australia's OPCAT responsibilities were shared. In her speech, Finlay talked about the treatment of people held in detention centres and the problems about these centres, and stated that although Australia has ratified the OPCAT, it is far from fulfilling its responsibilities under the OPCAT.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/australia-needs-deliver-our-treaty-promises">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/australia-needs-deliver-our-treaty-promises</a> (Access Date: 25.01.2023)</p>
<b>Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 27.12.2022, the Ombudsperson of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva participated in the international scientific-practical conference entitled “<i>Current Topics of Human Rights in the</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>Azerbaijan (Ombudsman)</b></p>	<p><i>Modern Era</i>" dedicated to the 74th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights held at Police Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3673/the-ombudsperson-spoke-at-the-international-scientific-practical-conference-held-at-the-police-academy">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3673/the-ombudsperson-spoke-at-the-international-scientific-practical-conference-held-at-the-police-academy</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p> <p>- On 06.01.2023, the Ombudsperson of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt Hisham Mohamed Nagy Abdel Hamid.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3681/the-ombudsperson-received-the-ambassador-extraordinary-and-plenipotentiary-of-the-arab-republic-of-egypt-to-our-country">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3681/the-ombudsperson-received-the-ambassador-extraordinary-and-plenipotentiary-of-the-arab-republic-of-egypt-to-our-country</a>  (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria</b></p>	<p>- On 09.01.2023, on Ombudsman’s website, it was stated that the new transportation rules implemented in Sofia are expensive and make it difficult to access the service. For this reason, Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva sent a letter to the Mayor and Sofia Municipal Council Chair of Sofia.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/sofia-citizens-to-ombudsman-new-city-transport-rules-make-the-service-more-expensive-1963">https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/sofia-citizens-to-ombudsman-new-city-transport-rules-make-the-service-more-expensive-1963</a>  (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</p> <p>- On 11.01.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it is stated that Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva sent letters to the</p>

	<p>authorities in the Bulgarian city of Stara Zagora in order not to increase the water prices.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/ombudsman-diana-kovacheva-repeats-recommendation-not-to-raise-the-price-of-water-1966">https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/ombudsman-diana-kovacheva-repeats-recommendation-not-to-raise-the-price-of-water-1966</a>          (Access Date: 27.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.01.2023, the Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC) stated that the “Human Rights Act” has significantly improved human rights and access to justice in the United Kingdom. Still, there is deep concern about the impact of the Bill of Rights on the mechanisms to protect human rights. A call is made to consider the concerns raised by the EHRC before any amendments to the relevant bill are submitted and it has been stated that they would continue to work closely with the government to protect and promote human rights across the UK.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-bill-rights-0">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-bill-rights-0</a> (Access Date: 20.01.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 16.01.2023, the Government Equalities Office appointed Joanne Cash as Commissioner to the EHRC. Joanne Cash, a former lawyer and government adviser, has advised the Commission on various legal, business and financial matters. Last month, Arif Ahmed MBE and Kunle Olulode MBE were appointed as two new Commissioners to the EHRC. The announcement that the Government Equalities Office has appointed Johanne Cash is one of the latest developments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/new-commissioner-appointed-ehrc>

(Access Date: 20.01.2023)

- On 17.01.2023, the opinion of the EHRC was shared within the scope of the "Law on Conversion Practices". Accordingly, religious conversion practices have harmful elements for both sexual orientation and being transgender individuals. Accordingly, the EHRC supports the end of proselytizing methods and has carefully reviewed the relevant bill and informed that the implications would be comprehensively evaluated for all people affected by the proposal.

**Source:**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-following-announcement-conversion-practices-bill>

(Access Date: 20.01.2023)

- On 18.01.2023, the EHRC Spokesperson made a statement about the "Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland)" Bill, which the Scottish Parliament adopted in December. He stated that as an equality body, they are working on the relevant draft law in detail and will continue to provide independent expert advice on equality and human rights issues and in line with our statutory duty.

**Source:**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

(Access Date: 20.01.2023)



- On 18.01.2023, a joint report study on inequalities in colleges and universities in Scotland was prepared by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) and the EHRC and announced to the public.

**Source:**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/joint-call-scotland%E2%80%99s-colleges-and-universities-address-inequalities> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)

- On 19.01.2023, news was shared that the Supreme Court decided that the government's immigration and economic development policy was in line with the obligations under international and national law. The EHRC states that the government should take action to reduce human trafficking and the threat to human life in small boats crossing the English Channel and that safe migration routes should be established in this context.

**Source:**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/ehrc-response-following-high-court-judgment-aaa-and-others-v-secretary-state-home>  
(Access Date: 21.01.2023)

- On 21.01.2023, the opinion they submitted to the Parliament on the Mental Health Bill was shared on the Twitter account of the EHRC. It was stated that the Mental Health Act should also address racial inequalities in current practices.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/EHRC> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 21.01.2023, the online tool called "Human Rights Tracker," which the UK and Wales Governments monitor how well they fulfil their human rights duties, was shared on the EHRC's Twitter account. On the relevant website, UN recommendations and assessments of progress reports are monitored.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/EHRC">https://twitter.com/EHRC</a>  (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.01.2023, The Danish Institute for Human Rights recently held a workshop in Copenhagen to explore ways to strengthen access to remedy for human rights abuses in public procurement in partnership with Electronics Watch the University of Greenwich's Business Human Rights and the Environment Research Group (BHRE) and workshop's outcome and summary were shared. The event brought together 18 procurement and sustainability professionals from local, regional, national, and international bodies to share experiences, challenges, and lessons learned. In addition, the participants identified a range of key issues that affect the provision of effective remedy for human rights violations in global value chains linked to public procurement. These include ensuring political support and an enabling policy and regulatory environment, transparency and access to information, bridging the distance to rights holders in global value chains, increasing leverage and measuring impact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.humanrights.dk/news/institute-co-organises-workshop-protecting-human-rights-public-procurement">https://www.humanrights.dk/news/institute-co-organises-workshop-protecting-human-rights-public-procurement</a>  (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p>

- On 06.01.2023, it is announced that The Danish Institute for Human Rights has launched the National Baseline Tool on Business and Human Rights, an online tool that allows users to create a report on how a country has implemented the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This report can be used to identify and priorities further research and data collection needs, develop recommendations, support reporting to regional and international human rights bodies, and track progress over time.

**Source:**

<https://www.humanrights.dk/news/institute-launches-online-tool-measure-progress-business-human-rights>

(Access Date: 21.01.2023)

- On 06.01.2023, according to the news on the Institution's website, allowing the racist works of the artist named Dan Park to be exhibited in Christiansborg in 2014 was considered a mistake by the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). In 2014, the artist Dan Park was invited to show his works in Christiansborg's Proviantgård. At the reception, Dan Park showed copies of the original works that the artist in Sweden had been sentenced to destroy and serve five months in prison for, because they constituted “hate against a ethnic group”. The screening in Denmark was also reported to the police for hate speech. After an extensive investigation, the prosecution found that there was no evidence to proceed with the case. But according to the UN's Committee against Racism, CERD, the Danish prosecution did not place enough emphasis on the Danish state's positive duty to combat hate speech. The Institute for Human Rights is now calling on the Danish government to adopt an action plan against racism ,

	<p>which can prevent discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes. An action plan could also contain measures that promote effective enforcement of the Criminal Code's protection against hate speech and hate crimes.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/racismekomite-kritiserer-danmark-kunstreception-paa-christiansborg">https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/racismekomite-kritiserer-danmark-kunstreception-paa-christiansborg</a>          (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.01.2023, news was shared that the Danish Institute of Human Rights recommended that access to free abortion in Denmark should be expanded and that the parental consent rule for youth over the age of 15 should be changed. An article by Louise Holck, Executive Director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, was published in Kristeligt Dagblad on 19.01.2023. The right to free abortion was recognized in Denmark 50 years ago. Since the introduction of free abortion in 1973, society has changed dramatically, both technologically, medically, and in terms of human rights and equality. For this reason, it is argued that the Danish rules are no longer up to date and the legislation should be updated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/abortgraensen-boer-rykkes-frem">https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/abortgraensen-boer-rykkes-frem</a> (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>German Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 18.01.2023, on the Institute's website, it was informed that German companies in the energy industry have global networks and are faced with increasing demands for corporate compliance in their supply and value chains, given the global human rights violations. For example, in Global South countries, the extraction of raw materials and the manufacture</li> </ul>

of intermediates for energy production are associated with human rights and environmental risks, which, among other things, include inhumane working conditions or adverse environmental impacts and consequent harm to the health of people in surrounding communities, in this context on 16 January 2023 the sector dialogue for the energy sector has begun and the Institute is a member of the new industry dialogue and organizes the general moderator of this multi-stakeholder forum.

**Source:**

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/institut-begruesst-den-branchendialog-energiewirtschaft> (Access Date: 27.01.2023)

- On 23.01.2023, it was stated on the Institute's website that the purpose of human rights education is to raise awareness about children and human rights, contribute to their realization and protect against human rights violations, and that human rights education is particularly important for professional groups acting as state actors, this includes professionals working in early childhood education institutions and supporting children and their families there, where they are responsible for how children and human rights are experienced in daily life, and in this context, a educational material called “Open Box – Human Rights” has been specially developed for early childhood education. Additionally, it has been stated that, as the Institute, they are pleased with the publication of the educational material on January 24, International Education Day.

**Source:**

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/klare-kiste-menschenrechte-bildungsmaterial-fuer-kita-fachkraefte>

	(Access Date: 27.01.2023)
<b>Georgian Ombudsman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.01.2023, it was announced that the Public Defender of Georgia submitted an alternative (shadow) report to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) - on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelma-gaeros-kalta-mimart-diskriminatsiis-aghmofkhvris-komitets-alternatiuli-angarishi-tsarudgina">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelma-gaeros-kalta-mimart-diskriminatsiis-aghmofkhvris-komitets-alternatiuli-angarishi-tsarudgina</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 16.01.2023, it was announced that acting Public Defender of Georgia Tamar Gvaramadze took part in the International Conference on the Future of Human Rights in the 21st Century held in Ankara, the capital of the Republic of Türkiye on 11-12 January 2023 and delivered a speech about rights of older persons. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvlis-movaleobis-shemsrulebelma-saertashoriso-konferentsiaze-khandazmulta-uflebebis-datsvis-sakitkhebze-isaubra">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvlis-movaleobis-shemsrulebelma-saertashoriso-konferentsiaze-khandazmulta-uflebebis-datsvis-sakitkhebze-isaubra</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 25.01.2023, the Public Defender’s Office of Georgia held a working meeting with representatives of state agencies and</li> </ul>

	<p>service providers on the rights of children living and working on the street.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/samushao-shekhvedra-kuchashi-mtskhovreb-da-momushave-bavshvebtan-dakavshirebit">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/samushao-shekhvedra-kuchashi-mtskhovreb-da-momushave-bavshvebtan-dakavshirebit</a>          (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.01.2023, the Commission launched awareness campaign entitled “<i>Care About Equality</i>” as the third in the “<i>Because we’re all human/ Means we’re all equal</i>” series of campaigns.</li> <li><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/no-gender-equality-until-we-recognise-and-support-care-commission-says-as-gender-care-campaign-is-launched/">https://www.ihrec.ie/no-gender-equality-until-we-recognise-and-support-care-commission-says-as-gender-care-campaign-is-launched/</a>          (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 13.01.2023, it was announced that the Commission recently provided legal assistance to a US national and disability advocate, who was granted leave last October by the High Court to challenge an immigration decision by way of judicial review.</li> <li><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-welcomes-favourable-outcome-in-immigration-challenge/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-welcomes-favourable-outcome-in-immigration-challenge/</a>          (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</li> <li>- On 20.01.2023, the Commission called for the urgent implementation of a multi-agency “Domestic Homicide</li> </ul>

	<p>Review” in its submission to the Group of Experts on Action Against Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-for-urgent-implementation-of-domestic-homicide-review-against-backdrop-of-rising-number-of-femicides/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-for-urgent-implementation-of-domestic-homicide-review-against-backdrop-of-rising-number-of-femicides/</a>  (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.01.2023, the Commission has been granted leave by the Court of Appeal to exercise its <i>Amicus Curiae</i> (‘friend of the court’) function, in an important case relating to anti-social behaviour orders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-to-appear-in-anti-social-behaviour-order-case/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-to-appear-in-anti-social-behaviour-order-case/</a> (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.01.2023, it was announced at the website that The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child is meeting with State representatives in Geneva, beginning a two-day public meeting examining children’s rights in Ireland. IHREC made its submission in August 2022 in which they made over 100 recommendations on a wide range of children’s rights topics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-on-state-to-address-mental-health-needs-of-children-as-un-committee-reviews-ireland-on-childrens-rights/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-calls-on-state-to-address-mental-health-needs-of-children-as-un-committee-reviews-ireland-on-childrens-rights/</a>  (Access Date: 26.01.2023)</p>



<p><b>Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.01.2023, the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution investigated what obligations the Norwegian authorities had to provide housing to homeless migrants in the region. A detailed examination was made of whether the emergency shelter facilities in Oslo adequately fulfilled human rights. The prepared report was sent to the Municipality of Oslo and the relevant Ministries responsible for social services. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.nhri.no/2023/bostedslose-eos-migranter-rett-til-husly/">https://www.nhri.no/2023/bostedslose-eos-migranter-rett-til-husly/</a> (Access Date: 20.01.2023)</li>   <li>- On 09.01.2023, the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution submitted an additional report on the investigation and prosecution of vulnerable groups and violence against women to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the international monitoring and inspection body of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The report focuses on 11 themes such as the proposal to establish a crisis centre against violence, the creation of an action plan by municipalities, the improvement of the situation of female prisoners in prisons, and harassment and hate speech against women. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.nhri.no/2023/nims-supplerande-rapport-til-fns-kvinnekomite-artikkel/">https://www.nhri.no/2023/nims-supplerande-rapport-til-fns-kvinnekomite-artikkel/</a> (Access Date: 20.01.2023)</li> </ul>
<p><b>The National Human Rights Center of the</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.01.2023, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's proposal to hold a referendum on the draft of the new Constitution on 20 June 2022, an opinion article was shared on the historical</li> </ul>

<p><b>Republic of Uzbekistan</b></p>	<p>changes awaiting Uzbekistan and the reflection of the issue on human rights.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9592">https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9592</a>          (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p> <p>- On 07.01.2023, The National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan hosted a roundtable discussion on the “<i>Protection of the Motherland is a sacred duty</i>” with the participation of a group of veterans of the Border Troops of the State Security Service of the country. According to the NCHR, the event was dedicated to the 31st anniversary of the establishment of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan and January 14 –Defenders of the Motherland Day.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9616">https://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m9616</a>          (Access Date: 21.01.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CDN)</b></p>	<p>– On 14.01.2023, on the CDN Twitter account, CDN shared an encouragement about the advancement of algorithmic power and warned against the negative effects on human rights because of World Logic Day.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/CdnHumanRights/status/1614256243459391489">https://twitter.com/CdnHumanRights/status/1614256243459391489</a>          (Access Date: 28.01.2023)</p>