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<b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 533 1401 958"> <p>- On 01.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, on the occasion of the Labour Day, it was recalled that labour is not simply a commodity and it was stated that ILO labour standards are there to ensure that development remains focused on improving the well-being of all.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1653072034417770498?cxt=HHwWhIDU-biQ8vAtAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1653072034417770498?cxt=HHwWhIDU-biQ8vAtAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p> </li> <li data-bbox="539 1093 1401 1518"> <p>- On 01.05.2023, on the website of ILO, it was stated that as of 03.05.2023, all new ILO knowledge products will be freely available for use or reuse without needing to request permission - as long as ILO is cited as the source of material.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_880005/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_880005/lang--en/index.htm</a>  (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p> </li> <li data-bbox="539 1653 1401 2011"> <p>- On 06.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that ILO was calling all journalists covering the world of work, for its annual International Labour Conference at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 5–16 June 2023.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1654856543140028419?cxt=HHwWhoC9gcPQnfctAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1654856543140028419?cxt=HHwWhoC9gcPQnfctAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p> </li> </ul>

- On 08.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that the 5th Employment Policy Research Symposium: Employment Policies for Social Justice will be held on 11-12 May 2023.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1655573425153351685?cxt=HHwWioC9ncbQ4 ktAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 09.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that in the Arab States region and in many parts of the world, workers are exposed to hot and humid conditions, and under intense solar radiation. It was announced that the International Conference on Occupational Heat Stress was taking place on 09-10 May 2023 in Qatar to discuss the subject.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1655963208652562434?cxt=HHwWhIDRzffwIPstAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 10.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that ILO had supported projects on the inclusion of internally displaced persons and refugees in labour markets and education, including by facilitating the recognition of educational credentials and leveraging e-learning solutions developed during the pandemic.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1656308953305829376?cxt=HHwWgMC-gfaNsvwtAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 11.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that in many countries, women who want to work have a harder time finding a job than men and in Northern Africa and the Arab States, unemployment rates for women exceed 20%. An access link to interactive map related gender gap in unemployment rates was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1656640047733456896?cxt=HHwWgIC23ZPWyP0tAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1656640047733456896?cxt=HHwWgIC23ZPWyP0tAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 12.05.2023, on the website of ILO, it was stated that an employment-intensive project creates decent jobs for community members affected by the earthquakes in the Syrian city of Aleppo, while rehabilitating infrastructure in damaged neighbourhoods. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ilo.org/beirut/media-centre/news/WCMS_881644/lang--en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/beirut/media-centre/news/WCMS_881644/lang--en/index.htm</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 13.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that action to address mental health at work should be done with the meaningful involvement of workers and employers, and persons with lived experience of mental health conditions. It was emphasized that the sources of stress which are discrimination and equality, poor working environments, being underpaid and undervalued, harassment and bullying, high job demands and low job control that pose a risk to mental health at work. <b>Source:</b></li></ul>
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<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1657451390929629186?cxt=HHwWhMCzzcXQuYAuAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 14.05.2023, 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 these principles are more important than ever.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1657748348110098438?cxt=HHwWjMC-gd3VwIEuAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 15.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that there are some challenges about an equal labour market and an access link to Director – General Gilbert Hougbo’s article which gives some suggestions was shared.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658147225959116802?cxt=HHwWhMC9ybyH9oIuAAAA> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 15.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that migrant workers can be more vulnerable to labour and wage related abuses, which can include discrimination, exploitation unfair recruitment processes, social exclusion and/or restrictions based on their migration status and a tweet thread was shared related to this topic.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658469655294644230?cxt=HHwWjMDQqarXiIQuAAAA> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 16.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that 63% of women were using the internet in 2022 compared to 69% of men, according to an International Telecommunication Union (ITU) survey and the issue “Is digital technology an equality machine?” was called into a question. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658508104135237632?cxt=HHwWgICzwayVmoQuAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658508104135237632?cxt=HHwWgICzwayVmoQuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 17.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that a live event titled “World of Work Show” would be done on May 18. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658825534829101059?cxt=HHwWhoCwvZ_CqoUuAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1658825534829101059?cxt=HHwWhoCwvZ_CqoUuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 22.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that Deloitte had joined the ILO Global Business and Disability Network as its latest member and an access link to learn disability inclusion status at Deloitte was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1660696272314208256?cxt=HHwWgMDU8b-d_YsuAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1660696272314208256?cxt=HHwWgMDU8b-d_YsuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that universal child benefits -typically paid as a cash transfers- can better connect families with state services, shielding</li></ul>
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	<p>children from poverty and improving their quality of life. In this context, joint ILO-UNICEF report was shared again.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661293766852898817?cxt=HHwWgsCzjaH4jI4uAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661293766852898817?cxt=HHwWgsCzjaH4jI4uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that racism, microaggressions, biases are not acceptable in the workplace and racism makes the world of work far from being a level playing field.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661392006214549504?cxt=HHwWgIC8scXOuY4uAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661392006214549504?cxt=HHwWgIC8scXOuY4uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Declaration on the Protection of Migrant Workers and Family Members in Crisis Situations calls for inclusion of migrant workers and their families, response and recovery. An access link to news in website of ILO related to that was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661426584488919042?cxt=HHwWhIDSzaGryY4uAAAA">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1661426584488919042?cxt=HHwWhIDSzaGryY4uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, it was stated that journalists play a key role in monitoring protests and a briefer titled “Human Rights in the Context of Protests for Journalists” and published in 2023 was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/brochures-and-leaflets/briefer-human-rights-context-protests-journalists>

(Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 02.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, on the occasion of the “World Press Freedom Day” High Commissioner statement was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/05/world-press-freedom-day-high-commissioner-statement> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 03.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, it was stated that women journalists must be protected from violence and harassment and stories related to this issue was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2023/05/women-journalists-must-be-protected-violence-and-harassment>

(Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, it was announced that the UN Child Rights Committee (CRC) would hold its upcoming session from 8 to 26 May, during which it would review France, Jordan, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Finland, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2023/05/un-child-rights-committee-review-france-jordan-sao-tome-and-principe>

(Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, a toolkit that presents the benefits of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR), answers questions on its content and application, and provides a simplified version of the provisions of the Optional Protocol was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-international-covenant-economic> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, it was announced that the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances would hold its 130<sup>th</sup> session from 8 to 12 May 2023 to examine 337 cases in 23 countries.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2023/05/enforced-disappearances-un-expert-group-review-337-cases-23-countries> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, a general recommendation that aims to clarify the obligations undertaken under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) regarding the right to health was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/first-draft-general-recommendation-no-37-2023-racial> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 08.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, titled “Global Digital Compact” was shared. According to that, he had said that Global Digital Compact must be guided by human rights.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/global-digital-compact-must-be-guided-human-rights-says-turk>

(Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 08.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, news was shared that the Committee against Torture, in the afternoon on May 8, had discussed reports on follow-up to concluding observations, individual communications, and reprisals under the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/05/committee-against-torture-discusses-reports-follow-concluding-observations-individual> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 11.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, news was shared that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, on 11.05.2023, had concluded its consideration of the ninth periodic report of Germany, with Committee Experts commending Germany on its reception of Ukrainian refugees, and questioning the State on discrimination against Muslim women and threats posed to women by artificial intelligence.

	<p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/05/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-womencommend-germany-receiving">https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/05/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-womencommend-germany-receiving</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 12.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, it was stated that state and community action needed to achieve racial justice and stories related to that were also shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2023/05/state-and-community-action-needed-achieve-racial-justice">https://www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2023/05/state-and-community-action-needed-achieve-racial-justice</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, the statement for Gwangju Democracy Forum 2023 of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/05/high-commissioner-addresses-gwangju-democracy-forum">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/05/high-commissioner-addresses-gwangju-democracy-forum</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, was shared. According to that, Türk praised Council of Europe discussion of potential legal frameworks on environment and artificial intelligence.</p> <p><b>Source:</b></p>
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<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/05/turk-praises-council-europe-discussion-potential-legal-frameworks> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 17.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, “Contribution to the G7 Research Group magazine for the Hiroshima G7 Summit” of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, was shared. Within this context, Türk called on G7 countries to rekindle the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/05/turk-calls-g7-countries-rekindle-spirit-universal-declaration-human> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 18.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, news was shared that the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on 18.05.2023, had concluded its consideration of the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Türkiye, with Committee Experts praising the State’s free child healthcare services and raising questions about child labour and sanctions of children involved in terrorist organizations.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/05/experts-committee-rights-child-commend-turkiyes-free-child-healthcare-services-ask> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)

- On 19.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, a toolkit which presents the benefits of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on

	<p>Communications Procedure (OPIC-CRC), answers questions on its content and application, and provides a simplified version of the provisions of the Optional Protocol was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-convention-rights-child">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-convention-rights-child</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 19.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, the statement of Reem Alsalem, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, was shared. She called to allow women and girls to speak on sex without intimidation or fear.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/allow-women-and-girls-speak-sex-gender-and-gender-identity-without">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/allow-women-and-girls-speak-sex-gender-and-gender-identity-without</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 24.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, opening remarks by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk at his press conference at the UN in Geneva was shared. According to that, Türk expressed that there should be a UN Human Rights Office everywhere.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/turk-there-should-be-un-human-rights-office-everywhere">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/turk-there-should-be-un-human-rights-office-everywhere</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 26.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, the statement of UN Rights Chief was shared and a call to protect and expand civic space was issued in this statement. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/un-rights-chief-issues-call-protect-and-expand-civic-space">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/un-rights-chief-issues-call-protect-and-expand-civic-space</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 26.05.2023, on the official website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at “Expert Conference - Changing the narrative: promoting positive change with children around 40 years of civil society advocacy in Geneva” was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/turk-addresses-conference-child-rights">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/turk-addresses-conference-child-rights</a> (Access Date: 27.05.2023)</li> </ul>
<p><b>UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to the news dated 02.05.2023, on the official website of SPT, the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture has expressed alarm at the overcrowding in Madagascar’s prison facilities, which it observed during its first visit to the country. Juan Pablo Vegas, who headed the delegation, said that the extreme overcrowding they had witnessed in prisons, close to 1000% in some of them, needs immediate action from the Malagasy authorities. He also said that with half of its prison population in pre-trial detention, Madagascar should reconsider its criminal policies and enact urgent measures, including alternatives to imprisonment, to reduce this grave level of overcrowding that constitutes cruel, inhuman and degrading conditions of detention, contrary to</li> </ul>

	<p>international law standards and added that this had to be a priority.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/madagascar-extreme-prison-overcrowding-needs-urgent-fix-un-experts">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/madagascar-extreme-prison-overcrowding-needs-urgent-fix-un-experts</a>  (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 27.04.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that around 90 percent of adolescent girls and young women do not use the internet in low-income countries, while their male peers are twice as likely to be online, according to the new report “Bridging the Gender Digital Divide” released by UNICEF.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://data.unicef.org/resources/ictgenderdivide/">https://data.unicef.org/resources/ictgenderdivide/</a>  (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 11.05.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that armed violence has intensified the number of children in Haiti suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM), which has skyrocketed in the country by 30 percent compared to 2022, according to a survey conducted this year.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/armed-violence-plunging-children-severe-acute-malnutrition-haiti">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/armed-violence-plunging-children-severe-acute-malnutrition-haiti</a>  (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 11.05.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that UNICEF is stepping up humanitarian support for children on the move affected by the ongoing conflict in Sudan, as violence continues, an estimated 82,000 children had fled to</li> </ul>

neighbouring countries and approximately 368,000 more are newly displaced inside the country.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/sudan-violence-forces-least-450000-children-flee-their-homes>

(Access Date: 24.05.2023)

- On 13.05.2023, on the website of UNICEF, a statement of UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on escalation of hostilities in Israel and the State of Palestine was published.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicef-executive-director-catherine-russell-escalation-hostilities-israel> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)

- On 17.05.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that one hundred days after the deadliest earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria's recent history, millions of children and families are struggling to rebuild their lives, with 2.5 million children in Türkiye and 3.7 million in Syria in need of continued humanitarian assistance.

**Source:**

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/100-days-after-earthquakes-hit-t%C3%BCrkiye-and-syria-millions-children-continue-face> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)

- On 22.05.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that children in the Horn of Africa are living through an unprecedented large-scale crisis of hunger, displacement, water scarcity, insecurity and also, more than 7 million children under

	<p>the age of 5 remain malnourished and in need of urgent nutrition support, and over 1.9 million children are at risk of dying from severe malnutrition.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/horn-africa-over-7-million-children-under-age-5-remain-malnourished-across-ethiopia">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/horn-africa-over-7-million-children-under-age-5-remain-malnourished-across-ethiopia</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, according to the new on the UNDP’s official website, Japan and UNDP had joined forces for another set of funding to support climate action, drive green transformation and ensure climate-resilient sustainable development. Japan had renewed support to developing countries on climate change with new \$23.6 million package.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.undp.org/press-releases/japan-renews-support-developing-countries-climate-change-new-236-million-package">https://www.undp.org/press-releases/japan-renews-support-developing-countries-climate-change-new-236-million-package</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.05.2023, on UNDP Türkiye’s Exposure website, a study titled “The EU’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Will Come into Effect Soon - Is Türkiye, the third largest exporter of carbon-intensive products to the European Union, ready for a green transformation?” was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://undpturkiye.exposure.co/carbonborderadjustmentundp">https://undpturkiye.exposure.co/carbonborderadjustmentundp</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.05.2023, on UNDP’s official website, a study titled “100 days later - A view from Türkiye and Syria” was shared</li> </ul>

	<p>regarding the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes hit the region.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://stories.undp.org/100-days-later">https://stories.undp.org/100-days-later</a>          (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.05.2023, according to the UNDP’s official website, UNDP and EU had renewed their partnership on insider mediation for conflict prevention and peacebuilding through a three-year project.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.undp.org/press-releases/european-union-and-undp-renew-partnership-insider-mediation-conflict-prevention-and-peacebuilding">https://www.undp.org/press-releases/european-union-and-undp-renew-partnership-insider-mediation-conflict-prevention-and-peacebuilding</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the UNDP’s official website, a statement made by UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of UNDP Crisis Bureau Asako Okai, regarding 2023 Annual Review meeting of the TriPartite Partnership between OHCHR, GANHRI and UNDP to support National Human Rights Institutions, was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.undp.org/speeches/tripartite-partnership-support-national-human-rights-institutions-annual-review-and-partnership-platform">https://www.undp.org/speeches/tripartite-partnership-support-national-human-rights-institutions-annual-review-and-partnership-platform</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Committee on the Elimination of</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.05.2023, on the official website of the CEDAW, it was announced that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) was to review Timor-Leste, São Tomé and Príncipe, Germany, China, Spain,</li> </ul>

<p><b>Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</b></p>	<p>Slovakia, Venezuela and Iceland for its 08.05.2023-26.05.2023 dated periodic reviewing session.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/un-womens-rights-committee-review-timor-leste-sao-tome-and-principe-germany">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/05/un-womens-rights-committee-review-timor-leste-sao-tome-and-principe-germany</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.05.2023, according to the statement shared on the official website of the CEDAW, the UN experts reported that systematic crackdown on women’s and girls’ rights was occurring in Afghanistan, following their eight-day joint visit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/afghanistan-systematic-crackdown-womens-and-girls-rights-un-experts-say">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/05/afghanistan-systematic-crackdown-womens-and-girls-rights-un-experts-say</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 19.05.2023, on the official website of CEDAW, a toolkit which presents the benefits of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (OP CEDAW), answers questions on its content and application, and provides a simplified version of the provisions of the Optional Protocol was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-convention-elimination-all-forms">https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-convention-elimination-all-forms</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Committee on the</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 27.04.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD had held a meeting with Judge Patrick Robinson of</li> </ul>

<p><b>Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)</b></p>	<p>the International Court of Justice to discuss the developments in international human rights law after the Second World War.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-discuss-development-international">https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-discuss-development-international</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 28.04.2023, according to the statement on its website, the Committee had called on State parties in the Americas region to suspend forced returns and adopt measures to protect Haitians on the move, after 36,000 people of Haitian origin were deported during the first three months of this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/stop-deporting-haitians-move-americas-un-committee-warns">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/stop-deporting-haitians-move-americas-un-committee-warns</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 28.04.2023, on the website of CERD, it was announced that CERD had closed its 109th session and had published findings on Argentina, Niger, the Philippines, Portugal, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan after reviewing the six States parties in the session.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-publishes-findings-argentina">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-publishes-findings-argentina</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>European Committee for the</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.05.2023, on its website, The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published the report of its ad</li> </ul>

<p><b>Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</b></p>	<p>hoc visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) of September 2021, along with the response of the authorities. During the visit, the CPT delegation examined the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty by various police agencies, in particular in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH), and the effectiveness of investigations into allegations of ill-treatment by the police. The delegation also examined the treatment of pre-trial detainees in four prison establishments under the FBiH and State Ministries of Justice. As was the case during its previous visit in 2019, the CPT once again received numerous allegations of physical ill-treatment of detained persons by police officers, notably from the Sarajevo Cantonal Police.</p> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2021-ad-hoc-visit-to-bosnia-and-herzegovina">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2021-ad-hoc-visit-to-bosnia-and-herzegovina</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to the news dated 16.05.2023, on the website of CPT, CPT had carried out a periodic visit to Albania from 4 to 15 May 2023. The main objective of the visit had been to review the progress made as regards implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee after previous visits. Particular attention had been paid to the treatment and conditions of detention of persons in police custody and of inmates in several prison establishments. The CPT delegation had also reviewed the situation of forensic psychiatric patients and prisoners with a mental disorder and examined, for the first time in Albania, the treatment of residents with intellectual disabilities in social care institutions. In the course of the visit, the delegation had held consultations with Klajdi Karameta, Deputy Minister of Justice, Mira Rakacolli, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection, and Admir Abrija, Director</li> </ul>
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General of Prisons, as well as with other senior officials from the above-mentioned ministries, the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. Discussions had been also held with Erinda Ballanca, People's Advocate, responsible for the National Preventive Mechanism set up under the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture (OPCAT). In addition, the delegation had met representatives of the Tirana Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and of non-governmental organisations active in areas of concern to the CPT.

**Source:**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-albania>

(Access Date: 25.05.2023)

- According to the news dated 19.05.2023, on the website of CPT, a delegation of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) had carried out a visit to Cyprus from 9 to 17 May 2023. It had been the Committee's eighth periodic visit to the country. The main objective of the visit had been to review the progress in the implementation of the Committee's recommendations since its previous visit in 2017 in relation to Nicosia Central Prisons, notably in respect of overcrowding, inter-prisoner violence, staffing levels, material conditions and health care. The delegation had also focused its attention on persons held under immigration legislation and examined the situation at Menoyia Detention Centre, the Initial Registration Centre of Pournara, Limnes Immigration Centre, in a shelter for unaccompanied and separated juveniles and at the airports' holding facilities of Larnaca and Paphos. Particular attention had been also paid to the treatment and conditions of detention

	<p>of persons deprived of their liberty by the police and to this end the delegation visited several police stations and police detention centres. In the course of the visit, the delegation had held consultations with the Minister of Justice and Public Order, Anna Koukkides-Procopiou as well as with the Chief of Cyprus Police, Stelios Papatheodorou, the Acting Director of the Prisons, Ioannis Kapnoullas, and the Director of the Civil Registry and Migration Department, Maria Adamidou. Consultations had been also held with senior officials of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order and with the Ministry of Interior, including the Asylum Service, the Aliens and Immigration Unit, and the Civil Registry and Migration Department. Further, the delegation had held discussions with the President and Director of the Independent Authority for the Investigation of Allegations and Complaints Against the Police, as well as the President and former members of the Council of Prisons (Prison Board).</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-visits-cyprus">serbiahttps://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-visits-cyprus</a>  (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 27.04.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would give an online lecture on the Agency’s work on child rights within the EU context as a part of a university course in Italy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/university-students-learn-about-fras-work-child-rights">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/university-students-learn-about-fras-work-child-rights</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 28.04.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had joined the conference on “safeguarding older people’s legal and human rights through active citizenship and inter-generational approach” in Vienna and had presented the legal and policy context for the rights of older people in the EU. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/safeguarding-older-peoples-legal-and-human-rights-conference">http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/safeguarding-older-peoples-legal-and-human-rights-conference</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 28.04.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA joined the 5th plenary meeting of the Council of Europe’s Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI) as part of the EU Delegation and provided input to the Committee based on its reports on AI and fundamental rights. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joined-council-europe-committee-ai-meeting">http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joined-council-europe-committee-ai-meeting</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 04.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA, together with the OSCE’s Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), facilitated a workshop on “hate crime recording and data collection” for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other relevant partners in Slovenia. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/hate-crime-recording-and-data-collection-workshop">http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/hate-crime-recording-and-data-collection-workshop</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 04.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA’s Director would participate in the 18th European Union - African Union Human Rights Dialogue in Brussels and speak about the state of human rights in Europe and human rights and digital transformation. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-contribute-eu-african-union-human-rights-dialogue">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-contribute-eu-african-union-human-rights-dialogue</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 04.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that a delegation of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Equality and Non-Discrimination Committee, and member of the “No Hate Parliamentary Alliance”, would visit FRA on 8 May. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/council-europe-parliamentary-assembly-delegation-exchange-views-fra">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/council-europe-parliamentary-assembly-delegation-exchange-views-fra</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 11.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would participate in the Vienna Equality Conference 2023 and would give the keynote speech on the fundamental rights dimension of gender equality and how to consider intersectionality in collecting and presenting equality data. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/vienna-equality-conference-2023">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/vienna-equality-conference-2023</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 16.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would talk about European legislation and fundamental</li></ul>
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	<p>rights on issues linked to migration in Europe during a seminar organized by the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) in Italy.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-speaks-elsa-italy-about-rights-and-migration">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-speaks-elsa-italy-about-rights-and-migration</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would sponsor the annual Computers, Privacy and Data Protection Conference in Brussels, would host a panel on protecting child rights in the age of algorithms and would speak on other panels.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-joins-annual-computers-privacy-and-data-protection-conference">http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fra-joins-annual-computers-privacy-and-data-protection-conference</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.05.2023, on the official website of EQUINET, a two-pager which explains the different kinds of litigation powers that Equality Bodies have such as addressing the Court as “amicus curiae”, representing victims of discrimination in Court, bringing cases in their own name even without an identifiable victim was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://equineteurope.org/publications/litigation-powers-of-equality-bodies/">https://equineteurope.org/publications/litigation-powers-of-equality-bodies/</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was announced that the European Parliament Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM Committee)</li> </ul>

	<p>would meet with representatives of EQUINET and national equality bodies to discuss the European Commission’s proposed directives aiming strengthening Equality Bodies.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1661286160373628932?s=46&amp;t=PO70iHVGQIx08XhTM6yG1g">https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1661286160373628932?s=46&amp;t=PO70iHVGQIx08XhTM6yG1g</a>  (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Council of Europe  Directorate of  Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.05.2023, according to the post on the official Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, a high-level conference on "the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in practice" was organized by the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, with the support of the Council of Europe Secretariat, in Strasbourg.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights">https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights</a>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/high-level-conference-on-the-right-to-a-clean-healthy-and-sustainable-environment-in-practice">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/high-level-conference-on-the-right-to-a-clean-healthy-and-sustainable-environment-in-practice</a>  (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.05.2023, according to the post on the official Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, a conference on the “subsidiarity principle: national implementation of the ECHR” was organized by the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, with the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe’s Department for the implementation of human rights, justice and legal co-operation standards and in Strasbourg.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>

	<p><a href="https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights">https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/conference-on-subsidiarity-principle-national-implementation-of-the-echr">https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/conference-on-subsidiarity-principle-national-implementation-of-the-echr</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.05.2023, according to the post on the official Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, a thematic fact sheet on “Life Imprisonment” was issued by the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights">https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/-/new-factsheet-on-life-imprisonment-and-the-european-convention-on-human-rights">https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/-/new-factsheet-on-life-imprisonment-and-the-european-convention-on-human-rights</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, on the official website of the ODIHR, Uzbekistan’s constitutional referendum was evaluated. According to the information given, international observers from the OSCE ODIHR emphasized the widespread misuse of administrative resources and the pressure on the public to participate in promotional events.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/542547">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/542547</a> (Access Date: 10.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.05.2023, on the official website of the ODIHR, the news stated that the OSCE Moscow Mechanism Mission experts had presented their report titled “Report on Violations and Abuses of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, War</li> </ul>

	<p>Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity, related to the Forcible Transfer and/or Deportation of Ukrainian Children to the Russian Federation” to the OSCE Permanent Council.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.osce.org/permanent-council/542754">https://www.osce.org/permanent-council/542754</a>  (Access Date: 11.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of the ODIHR, the establishment of an observation mission for the early parliamentary elections in Montenegro, following an invitation from the national authorities, has announced. According to that, the mission will evaluate elections for their compliance with OSCE commitments and other international obligations and standards for democratic elections and with national legislation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/542859">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/542859</a>  (Access Date: 11.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.05.2023, on the official website of the ODIHR, it was stated that international observers had made a statement about Türkiye’s general elections.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/543552">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/543552</a>  (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was stated that “ageism is keeping older people out of the workforce.” According to the 2023 Employing and Retaining Older Workers Survey, one in six organizations will not considered hiring people aged 65 and above. Australian Human Rights Institute CEO Sarah McCann-Bartlett had found the</li> </ul>

	<p>data in the survey disappointing and had said; “organizations are doing themselves a disservice by not considering older workers - particularly at a time when Australia is experiencing historically high levels of job vacancies.”</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/ageism-keeping-older-people-out-workforce">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/ageism-keeping-older-people-out-workforce</a>  (Access Date: 09.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 11.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was announced that Wiyi Yani U Thangani National Summit had held on May 9-11. Meaning of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani is “women’s voices” in the Bunuba language. The summit is designed to for change in the rights of young Indigenous women and girls including health, safety, wellbeing and prosperity. 800 First Nations women from across Australia had attended the summit organized by the Commission.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-women-design-their-future-new">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-women-design-their-future-new</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsman)</b></p>	<p>- On 02.05.2023, according to news shared on the official website of the Ombudsperson, educational events dedicated to the rights of persons with autism was held by the Ombudsperson's Regional Centers within the framework of "World Autism Month".</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3891/ombudsmans-regional-centers-held-educational-events-dedicated-to-the-rights-of-persons-with-autism-">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3891/ombudsmans-regional-centers-held-educational-events-dedicated-to-the-rights-of-persons-with-autism-</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 05.05.2023, according to news shared on the official website of the Ombudsperson, a scientific-practical conference on “the National Leader Heydar Aliyev and the Development of Human Rights in an Independent Azerbaijan” was organized by the Ombudsperson Office. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3893/-a-scientific-practical-conference-on-the-national-leader-heydar-aliyev-and-the-development-of-human-rights-in-an-independent-azerbaijan-was-organized-by-the-ombudsman-office">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3893/-a-scientific-practical-conference-on-the-national-leader-heydar-aliyev-and-the-development-of-human-rights-in-an-independent-azerbaijan-was-organized-by-the-ombudsman-office</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 08.05.2023, according to news shared on the official website of the Ombudsperson, further trainings were held in general secondary schools by the Ombudsperson's Regional Centers. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3902/further-trainings-were-held-in-general-secondary-schools-by-the-ombudsmans-regional-centers">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3902/further-trainings-were-held-in-general-secondary-schools-by-the-ombudsmans-regional-centers</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 18.05.2023, on the official website of the Ombudsperson, it was announced that the Human Rights Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan which had been being celebrated since 2007, was to be extended to Human Rights Month by the declaration of the Ombudsperson and to be celebrated May 18 - June 18 as it is celebrated traditionally every year. <b>Source:</b></li></ul>
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	<p><a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3922/appeal-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-regarding-the-announcement-of-human-rights-month">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3922/appeal-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-regarding-the-announcement-of-human-rights-month</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 18.05.2023, on the official website of the Ombudsperson, the Ombudsperson’s opinion on issues covered in the “2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Azerbaijan” which was prepared by US State Department, was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3924/the-ombudsmans-opinion-on-issues-covered-in-the-us-state-departments-2022-country-report-on-human-rights-practices-azerbaijan">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3924/the-ombudsmans-opinion-on-issues-covered-in-the-us-state-departments-2022-country-report-on-human-rights-practices-azerbaijan</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> <li>- On 22.05.2023, according to news shared on the official website of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsperson), the Ombudsperson of Azerbaijan Sabina Aliyeva had taken part in OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission’s thematic debate on the subject of "Business and Human Rights: Normative Framework and Implementation Guidelines for Organization of Islamic Cooperation Countries" in Jeddah. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3932/the-ombudsman-participated-in-the-thematic-debate-held-during-the-21st-session-of-the-oic-independent-permanent-human-rights-commission">https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3932/the-ombudsman-participated-in-the-thematic-debate-held-during-the-21st-session-of-the-oic-independent-permanent-human-rights-commission</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</li> </ul>

**Global Alliance of  
National Human  
Rights Institutions  
(GANHRI)**

- On 02.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that seeking justice for human rights violations can be intimidating for people, especially for those most at risk and NHRIs must be accessible, in how and where they work. In this context, 5 ways that NHRIs can be accessible was shared. These are financial access, physical access, geographic access, access through staffing and access through communication.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1653308342612246530?context=HHwWhIC-mbLL3fEtAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 04.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that despite the universal ban, torture still happens today, in all regions and NHRIs use their independent mandate to shine a light in closed facilities to protect human rights and uphold human dignity.

**Source:**

[https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1654033126622887936?context=HHwWgICw8a-Xp\\_QtAAAA](https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1654033126622887936?context=HHwWgICw8a-Xp_QtAAAA) (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 09.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that the first step to claiming rights, seeking redress for violations and respecting the rights of others is understanding human rights and NHRIs deliver crucial human rights education in their countries. Memos titled “Role of NHRIs: Human Rights Education” was shared.

**Source:**

[https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1655845058275590144?context=HHwWgIDS2daT3\\_otAAAA](https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1655845058275590144?context=HHwWgIDS2daT3_otAAAA) (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="539 188 1390 607"><p>- On 11.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that to be recognized as a person before the law is essential to uphold fundamental human rights and NHRIs work to ensure fair treatment for every single person in their countries.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1656569831997448193?context=HHwWgoCx3YffqP0tAAAA">https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1656569831997448193?context=HHwWgoCx3YffqP0tAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p></li><li data-bbox="539 741 1390 1211"><p>- On 16.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that to function effectively, an NHRI must be provided with sufficient resources to guarantee its independence and the ability to freely determine its priorities and activities. Memos related why adequate funding is an essential requirement of the Paris Principles was shared.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1658396876691984384?context=HHwWgMC-vYfL54MuAAAA">https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1658396876691984384?context=HHwWgMC-vYfL54MuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p></li><li data-bbox="539 1346 1390 1816"><p>- On 23.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that NHRIs engage with the international human rights community to raise pressing issues and advocate for changes that improve the human rights situation in their countries. Memos titled “Role of NHRIs: Cooperating in Internationally” was shared.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1660918492680404995?context=HHwWhoC-0bak4owuAAAA">https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1660918492680404995?context=HHwWhoC-0bak4owuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that GANHRI had delighted to participate in The Annual Review Meeting of the GANHRI-OHCHR-UNDP Tri-Partite Partnership (TPP) which started May 24, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1661345380548722690?context=HHwWhIC-jcm0pI4uAAAA">https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1661345380548722690?context=HHwWhIC-jcm0pI4uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was announced that The Council of Europe's 4th Summit would start in 2 weeks and 4 priorities to achieve Summit's core mission which is to uphold human rights, democracy and rule of law in Europe were shared. These priorities were; "integrating national human rights in the Council of Europe", "adherence to Europe's key human rights instruments", "to tackle the urgent, emerging human rights issues we face" and "to continue prioritising addressing impacts on human rights, democracy and rule of law from the war against Ukraine - nationally and through the Council of Europe".</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1653406921318170624">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1653406921318170624</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, on the occasion of "World Press Freedom Day", it was stated that to protect media freedom is to protect human rights and democracy. Additionally, link for access to good practices of freedom of media which show NHRIs' crucial role was shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1653746458871431169?context=HHwWgoC82Y7ppPMtAAAA">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1653746458871431169?context=HHwWgoC82Y7ppPMtAAAA</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>

- On 09.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, on the occasion of the Europe Day, it was stated that ENNHRI we celebrated NHRIs' contribution to safeguarding democracy, human rights and the rule of law and it was specified that being in a network strengthens NHRIs' ability to do this vital work.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1655935060670054401?cxt=HHwWgoDU5cCKiPstAAAA> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)

- On 12.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that new Commissioner for Human Rights report outlines that NHRIs are crucial to safeguarding human rights in the age of AI.

**Source:**

[https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1657007330196705280?cxt=HHwWgMC-qefY7\\_4tAAAA](https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1657007330196705280?cxt=HHwWgMC-qefY7_4tAAAA) (Access Date: 25.05.2023)

- On 15.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was announced that Council of Europe Summit would start on May 16 in Reykjavik.

**Source:**

[https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1658068751592374273?cxt=HHwWgoC2\\_dSv0oIuAAAA](https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1658068751592374273?cxt=HHwWgoC2_dSv0oIuAAAA) (Access Date: 25.05.2023)

- On 16.05.2023, on the website of ENNHRI, it was stated that for the fourth year running, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in the European Union (EU) had reported on the rule of law situation in their countries and collected in an ENNHRI

	<p>submission to the European Commission, their accounts pointed to national challenges in the EU-wide rule of law landscape and how ENNHRI and NHRIs are addressing them. It was also stated that NHRIs recommend what state authorities and EU policymakers should do to ensure respect for the rule of law.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/nhris-hold-up-a-mirror-to-the-rule-of-law-in-the-european-union/">https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/nhris-hold-up-a-mirror-to-the-rule-of-law-in-the-european-union/</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that the Council of Europe Summit Reykjavik Declaration is a recommitment to CoE's human rights foundations and a basis for tackling future challenges. It was added that by committing to increased cooperation, CoE States have recognized NHRIs' vital role in this and access link to the document titled “Reykjavík Summit of the Council of Europe: United around our values Reykjavík Declaration” was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1658881645594673165?cxt=HHwWmoCwoamExIUuAAAA">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1658881645594673165?cxt=HHwWmoCwoamExIUuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 19.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, as answer for the question “How can the European Defence of Democracy Package promote &amp; protect civic space, democracy and rule of law?”, ENNHRI recommended ensuring an enabling environment for civil society and rights defenders and supporting their involvement in law and policymaking.</p> <p><b>Source:</b></p>
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	<p><a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1659500792896708608?cxt=HHwWgICzkbjL3YcuAAAA">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1659500792896708608?cxt=HHwWgICzkbjL3YcuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that ENNHRI had thrilled to hear of the founding of the Swiss Human Rights Institution and it's a vital addition to Switzerland's human rights protection framework.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1661306744050536458?cxt=HHwWIMC-4dDrko4uAAAA">https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1661306744050536458?cxt=HHwWIMC-4dDrko4uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.05.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, EHRC announced its business plan for the 2023-2024-time period. It was stated that the plan is setting out the work EHRC will do under their key strategic priorities. The plan is containing; equality in a changing workplace, AI and digital services, effective legal framework, children and young people, fostering good relations, health and social care headlines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1654460506260815873?cxt=HHwWgoC2qZLE6fUtAAAA">https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1654460506260815873?cxt=HHwWgoC2qZLE6fUtAAAA</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/what-we-do/our-business-plan/business-plan-2023-2024?utm_source=Twitter&amp;utm_medium=social&amp;utm_campaign=Orlo">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/what-we-do/our-business-plan/business-plan-2023-2024?utm_source=Twitter&amp;utm_medium=social&amp;utm_campaign=Orlo</a> (Access Date: 08.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 10.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was stated that the EHRC had published a briefing to advise on the equality and human rights implications of the Illegal Migration Bill. The Commission had expressed that they were</li> </ul>

	<p>seriously concerned on the potential implications of the Bill. One of the clauses of concern stated was Clause 53 which is amended by the House of Common and gives a minister the power to decide whether a person should be removed from the country, even if the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that they cannot be removed immediately.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-illegal-migration-bill-ahead-second-reading-house-lords">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-illegal-migration-bill-ahead-second-reading-house-lords</a> (Access Date: 11.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 10.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, a spokesperson for the EHRC made a statement about recent commentary on their advice, regarding the definition of “sex” in the Equality Act. In the statement, the spokesperson stated that they provide their advice impartially even when matters can be contentious and said that they will listen to the views of all groups. EHRC also advised the government that the difference in treatment can make it hard for individuals to understand their rights under equality law.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-following-recent-commentary-our-advice-regarding-definition-sex-equality-act">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/statement-following-recent-commentary-our-advice-regarding-definition-sex-equality-act</a> (Access Date: 12.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 15.05.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, EHRC celebrated the International Day of Families and stated that Article 8 of the Human Rights Act protects humans right to respect for their private and family life.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1657989326695694344?cxt=HHwWkICwscOgroJuAAAA">https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1657989326695694344?cxt=HHwWkICwscOgroJuAAAA</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 19.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was stated that, in 2021, the Law Commission had published recommendations relating to hate crime in England and Wales. Law Commission had also outlined how the law can better protect people with protected characteristics and ensure justice for victims of hate crime. The Commission said that they recognized the challenges in designating misogyny as a hate crime, but the Commission also said that more needs to be done to tackle the root causes of misogyny and violence against women and girls. The Commission emphasized that the Council of Europe is evaluating the government’s compliance with the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (İstanbul Convention) and they look forward to hearing how the government’s activities are complying with the international legal obligations as well as its own policies to protect women and girls.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/blogs/hate-crime-england-and-wales-law-commission%E2%80%99s-recommendations">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/blogs/hate-crime-england-and-wales-law-commission%E2%80%99s-recommendations</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 26.04.2023, on its website, the Danish Institute for Human Rights published a survey analysis called, “Ethnic Minority Pupils Not Selected for Training”. According to the survey; 36 percent of vocational schools' internship consultants often or occasionally experience that companies make demands on the</li> </ul>

	<p>student's ethnicity when entering into agreements on apprenticeships, 51 percent of the training consultants meet the company's illegal demands and thus risk contributing to discrimination and there is a higher dropout rate of students with an ethnic minority background than ethnically Danish students in vocational education.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/minoritetsetniske-elever-fravaelges-oplaering">https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/minoritetsetniske-elever-fravaelges-oplaering</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 02.05.2023, on its website, the Danish Institute for Human Rights recommended a strengthened supervision of insurance companies through an extension of the Insurance Equal Treatment Act, due to discrimination the citizens faced from their insurance companies on the grounds of disability, ethnicity, race and etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/finanstilsynet-boer-tjekke-forsikringselskaber-diskrimination">https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/finanstilsynet-boer-tjekke-forsikringselskaber-diskrimination</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>German Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, on the official website of the Institution, it was reported that the expansion of asylum procedures at external borders jeopardizes refugee protection in Europe. On the occasion of the upcoming negotiations in the Council of the European Union on the reform of the European asylum system, the Institute declared: "The risk of violations of the rights of protection seekers is disproportionately higher in conditions of closed reception centers or other mandatory restrictions on freedom of movement. In December 2020, in infringement proceedings against Hungary, the European Court of Justice considered accommodation in transit zones on the Serbia-</li> </ul>

Hungary border as unlawful detention of asylum seekers. The reform proposals raise fears that Member States, which are already in favor of abandoning asylum and human rights standards in the EU, and in some cases are already doing so, will use EU law to legitimize their actions in the future. Against the background of violations of European Law and human rights that already exist at many EU external borders, the Federal Government must speak out against the centers at EU external borders. A system based primarily on deterrence and the outsourcing of asylum checks to external borders or even to so-called safe third countries outside the EU is incompatible with Germany's refugee and human rights obligations."

**Source:**

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/ausweitung-von-asyilverfahren-an-den-aussengrenzen-gefahrdet-fluechtlingsschutz-in-europa> (Access Date: 10.05.2023)

- On 02.05.2023, on its website, the Institution requested more efforts from the federal government to implement inclusive school education, noting that the majority of children with disabilities are excluded from regular schools. The analysis entitled "Inclusive School Education - Why The Federal Government and Federal States Should Assume Joint Responsibility" was published. Susann Kroworsch, researcher at the Institute's UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Monitoring Unit, commented on the analysis. Kroworsch made the following statements: "If in 2023, on average, more than half of children and young people with special educational needs are still being educated in a special school, and the development of an inclusive school system required by human rights is only taking place in a few federal

states, the federal government must assume its responsibility more forcefully.” Kroworsch also noted that special schools are often the beginning of a lifelong chain of exclusion for children.

**Source:**

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/mehrheit-der-kinder-mit-behinderungen-sind-aus-der-regelschule-ausgeschlossen>

(Access Date: 10.05.2023)

- On 02.05.2023, on the official website of the Institution, it was reported that the UN Human Rights Council extended Claudia Mahler's mandate as Independent Expert on the Rights of Older Persons for three years. Mahler said; “The extension of the mandate shows that UN states recognize that more action is needed to make older persons more visible in human rights protection and to draw attention to violations of their rights and legislative gaps in the human rights protection system” in her statement.

**Source:**

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/neue-amtszeit-fuer-un-expertin-fuer-die-rechte-aelterer>

(Access Date: 10.05.2023)

- On 05.05.2023, on the official website of the Institution, shared news stated that the consequences of climate change are increasingly being felt in Germany. It was stated that Germany has a fundamental and human rights-based obligation to protect the people living on its territory from the consequences of climate change. It was emphasized that this obligation includes

	<p>Germany addressing the current and future impacts of climate change in a way that protects the rights of particularly affected population groups.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/bundes-klimaanpassungsgesetz-schutz-der-menschen-und-ihrer-rechte-muss-massgebend-fuer-klimaanpassung-sein">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/bundes-klimaanpassungsgesetz-schutz-der-menschen-und-ihrer-rechte-muss-massgebend-fuer-klimaanpassung-sein</a>  (Access Date: 10.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 09.05.2023, on the official website of the Institution it was announced that the launch of the first free case law database exclusively on "gender-specific violence" in German-speaking countries. The database is based on the definition of gender-based violence against women in accordance with the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (İstanbul Convention) and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The database includes nearly 200 decisions on gender-based violence by national, European and international courts and independent human rights organizations, international and European legal instruments and background information.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/deutsches-institut-fuer-menschenrechte-startet-rechtsprechungsdatenbank-ius-gender-gewalt">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/deutsches-institut-fuer-menschenrechte-startet-rechtsprechungsdatenbank-ius-gender-gewalt</a> (Access Date: 10.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Georgian Ombudsman</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, the Public Defender of Georgia published a statement on International Workers' Day. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-mshromelta-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-mshromelta-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 01.05.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that employees of the Gender Department of the Public Defender's Office had met with Gender Equality Councils of Local Self-Governments. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-tsarmomadgenlebi-adgilobrivi-tvitmmartvelobebis-genderuli-tanastsorobis-sabchoebs-shekhvdnen">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-tsarmomadgenlebi-adgilobrivi-tvitmmartvelobebis-genderuli-tanastsorobis-sabchoebs-shekhvdnen</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 11.05.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that Public Defender of Georgia Levan Ioseliani had met with the directors and representatives of the secretariat of the European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet) and the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) in Brussels to discuss the situation of equality, and his future plans as a mechanism to fight against discrimination in Georgia. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/shekhvedrebi-tanastsorobis-organoebis-evropuli-kselisa-equinet-da">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/shekhvedrebi-tanastsorobis-organoebis-evropuli-kselisa-equinet-da</a></li> </ul>
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	<p><a href="#">adamianis-uflebata-erovnuli-institutebis-evropuli-kselis-ennhri-tsarmomadgenlebtan</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 18.05.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that Public Defender of Georgia Levan Ioseliani had met with Kaori Ishikawa, UN Women Country Representative to Georgia to discuss femicide, gender equality, women's economic and rights situation in Georgia.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-gaeros-kalta-organizatsiis-tsarmomadgenels-sakartveloshi-kaori-ishikavas-shekhvda">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-gaeros-kalta-organizatsiis-tsarmomadgenels-sakartveloshi-kaori-ishikavas-shekhvda</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 21.05.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that Public Defender of Georgia Levan Ioseliani would pay an official visit to Strasbourg to hold high-level meetings with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and other high-ranking officials working on human rights issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-ofitsialuri-viziti-strasburgshi">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-ofitsialuri-viziti-strasburgshi</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Irish Human Rights and Equality</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, the news stated that the Commission had appeared before the Supreme Court as “amicus curiae” (friend of the court) in</li> </ul>

<p><b>Commission (IHREC)</b></p>	<p>important case concerning the admissibility of evidence in criminal proceedings. The case was involving the issue of admissibility of telephone data as evidence in a criminal trial which is retained and accessed under a legislation that can be considered as contrary to European Union Law. Chief Commissioner of the IHREC Sinéad Gibney said; “We are grateful to the Supreme Court for allowing IHREC to act as amicus in this important case, which raises significant issues around the admissibility of evidence and the appropriate test to be applied in the context of phone data and the right to privacy.”</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-appears-before-supreme-court-in-important-case-concerning-the-admissibility-of-evidence-in-criminal-proceedings/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-appears-before-supreme-court-in-important-case-concerning-the-admissibility-of-evidence-in-criminal-proceedings/</a> (Access Date: 09.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, the news stated that the Commission had appeared before the Supreme Court as amicus curiae (friend of the court) in a case concerned with the citizenship of a child who is born via surrogacy in the UK from parents who are not citizens of the Ireland. In the ruling, the Supreme Court had upheld the state’s appeal and had denied the legal status of citizenship for the child. In its decision, the Supreme Court had based on the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 and stated that “parent” referred to the genetic father of the child and the birth mother. The Commission highlighted on the news that the complexity of the legal and policy issues about surrogacy and stated that families are at the center of these cases, and State should ensure the best protection for them.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>
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	<p><a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/supreme-court-surrogacy-ruling-highlights-complex-legal-and-policy-issues/">https://www.ihrec.ie/supreme-court-surrogacy-ruling-highlights-complex-legal-and-policy-issues/</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission had published its submission to the Independent Review of Civil Legal Aid Scheme. In her speech, Chief Commissioner Sinéad Gibney said that equal access to justice is a cornerstone of a fair democracy, and they want to ensure that their Civil Legal Aid Scheme actively enables people to access their rights, whatever their background. She also mentioned that equal access to justice is a fundamental human right. In the submission, the Commission made recommendations on eligibility, accessibility, sexual offences and human trafficking.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/ihrec-publish-submission-to-the-independent-review-of-civil-legal-aid-scheme/">https://www.ihrec.ie/ihrec-publish-submission-to-the-independent-review-of-civil-legal-aid-scheme/</a> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 28.04.2023, on its website, the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution published a thematic report on the Metaverse world and human rights concepts. NIM handled, in the aforementioned report, topics such as Metaverse, Game-based worlds, blockchain-themed worlds, social worlds, augmented reality, artificial intelligence, data collection, data protection, data transfer, virtual economy, power and control, identity, information processing, power transfer, carbon footprint. Within the scope of the report, the relationship of rights such as freedom of expression, prohibition of discrimination, and the right to life with the concept of Metaverse were examined.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhri.no/en/2023/the-metaverse-and-human-rights/">https://www.nhri.no/en/2023/the-metaverse-and-human-rights/</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 01.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, a briefing was held in the Press Center of the Central Election Commission with the participation of the Chairman of the Central Election Commission. The Chairman of the Central Election Commission Z. Nizomkhojayev gave information on the preliminary results of the 30.04.2023 dated referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/ozbekiston-respublikasi-konstitutsiyaviy-qonun-loyihasi-qabul-qilingan-deyishga-asoslar-yetarli">https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/ozbekiston-respublikasi-konstitutsiyaviy-qonun-loyihasi-qabul-qilingan-deyishga-asoslar-yetarli</a> (Access Date: 18.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 02.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, Ambassador of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Albert Jonsson, recorded his thoughts about the preliminary results of the referendum of the Republic of Uzbekistan.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/yexht-missiyasi-rahbari-nogironligi-bolgan-shaxslar-faolligini-oshirish-borasida-salmoqli-ishlar-amalga-oshirilgan">https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/yexht-missiyasi-rahbari-nogironligi-bolgan-shaxslar-faolligini-oshirish-borasida-salmoqli-ishlar-amalga-oshirilgan</a> (Access Date: 18.05.2023)</li>   <li>- On 02.05.2023, ten key changes of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan done with the referendum were shared on the official website of the Center.  <b>Source:</b></li> </ul>

<https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/yangi-konstitutsiya-10-ta-asosiy-ozgarish> (Access Date: 18.05.2023)

- On 08.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, the meeting of the Parliamentary Commission on compliance with the international obligations of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of human rights was held in the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis on 05.05.2023. Members of the Parliamentary Commission, heads of relevant ministries and agencies, civil society institutions and media representatives took part in it.

**Source:**

<https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/m10688> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)

- On 08.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, Geneva Convention No. 148 of the International Labor Organization for the Protection of Workers from Occupational Hazards Caused by Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration at Work (Geneva, June 20, 1977) was ratified.

**Source:**

<https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/mehnat-munosabatlariga-oid-xalqaro-jeneva-konvensiyasi-ratifikatsiya-qilindi>

(Access Date: 23.05.2023)

- On 17.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, a meeting with the delegation of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights was held in Agency of Information and Mass Communications under Presidential Administration of Uzbekistan (AOKA). In the meeting, issues of preparation for the presidential election of

	<p>Uzbekistan, the role of the mass media in covering the processes, the strengthening of the freedom of speech and the press within the framework of the newly revised Constitution were discussed.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/aokada-yexht-demokratik-institutlar-va-inson-huquqlari-boyicha-byurosi-delegatsiyasi-bilan-uchrashuv-bolib-otdi">https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/aokada-yexht-demokratik-institutlar-va-inson-huquqlari-boyicha-byurosi-delegatsiyasi-bilan-uchrashuv-bolib-otdi</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 17.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, for the first time, the Forum of the Central Asian States on the Openness of State Agencies was held.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/vpervye-proveden-forum-gosudarstv-tsentralnoj-azii-po-otkrytosti-deyatelnosti-gosudarstvennyh-organov">https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/vpervye-proveden-forum-gosudarstv-tsentralnoj-azii-po-otkrytosti-deyatelnosti-gosudarstvennyh-organov</a> (Access Date: 23.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 22.05.2023, according to the news on the official website of the Center, the delegation of Uzbekistan took part in OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission’s thematic debate on the subject of "Business and Human Rights: Normative Framework and Implementation Guidelines for OIC Countries" in Jeddah.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/m10737">https://nhrc.uz/oz/news/m10737</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>
<p><b>The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CDN)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, the speech before the Senate Committee of Indigenous Peoples (APPA) on the topic of a Canadian Human Rights Framework was published. In the speech, the important steps the</li> </ul>

	<p>Commission take to protect Indigenous people was stated. Speaker Charlotte-Anne Malischewski also emphasized that “It is vital that any new mechanisms be developed and led by diverse Indigenous peoples, for diverse Indigenous peoples.”</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/appearance-the-senate-committee-indigenous-peoples-appa-the-topic-a-canadian-human-rights">https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/appearance-the-senate-committee-indigenous-peoples-appa-the-topic-a-canadian-human-rights</a> (Access Date: 09.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 08.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, the speech before the Senate Committee of Human Rights (RIDR) on the topic of policy grievances filed against the Commission was published. In the speech, Interim Chief Commissioner Charlotte Anne Malischewski stated that “In July 2020, nine Black and racialized employees wrote a letter raising concerns about racism and discrimination in the workplace and how the Commission had been reviewing race-based complaints. In March 2023, the Treasury Board Secretariat found a breach of the ‘no discrimination’ clauses and the Commission fully accepted the Treasury Board decisions and acknowledged to our staff and the public the very difficult fact that – employees experienced discrimination in our workplace.” Malischewski also emphasized the fact that they were deeply regret and apologies for the what was happened.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/appearance-the-senate-committee-human-rights-ridr-the-topic-policy-grievances-filed">https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/appearance-the-senate-committee-human-rights-ridr-the-topic-policy-grievances-filed</a> (Access Date: 09.05.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 19.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, the news stated that the Commission had applauded the Supreme</li></ul>
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Court ruling as a victory that affirms people's right to speak out against harmful or discriminatory discourse without fear of being silenced. The Commission said to the court in October 2022 as “people who speak out in support of equality-seeking groups, or respond to harmful discourse about these groups, should be able to do so without fear of lawsuits aimed at silencing them”. The Commission also considered the ruling as a legal tested-right to stand up against harmful discourse.

**Source:**

<https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/supreme-court-ruling-a-human-rights-victory-those-who-speak-out-against-harmful-discourse> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)

- On 23.05.2023, on the official website of the Commission, it was announced that military and defense employees can use federal human rights system to challenge sexual misconduct. The Commission stated that last year Justice Louise Arbour had presented a comprehensive report to make a great difference for survivors of sexual misconduct and to deliver meaningful culture change for members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and employees of the Department of National Defence. It was said that recommendations took place in the report are aiming to CAF members who are experiencing sexual harassment or discrimination can choose to bring their complaint directly to the Commission, without restriction, delay or repercussion. The Commission also stated that they are supporting the Arbour’s recommendations and hoping the full implementation of recommendations.

**Source:**

<https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/military-and-defense-employees-can-use-federal-human-rights-system-challenge-sexual> (Access Date: 24.05.2023)

<p><b>French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights (CNCDH)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to the news dated 12.05.2023, on the website of CNCDH, the review of France under the 4th cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) began the week of May 1, 2023 during the 43rd session of the UPR working group. More than 120 States addressed 355 recommendations to France concerning the human rights situation. States have in particular alerted France to police violence and restrictions on freedom of demonstration; the fight against racism in all its forms; asylum and immigration policy and the rights of migrants; the conditions of detention; the fight against gender violence; environmental and climate issues; access to education; the right to housing; and the rights of people with disabilities. In the report, it is stated that a number of recommendations concerning the climate, the environment and access to water reflect the awareness and mobilization of the international community on these issues. The same is true for the rights of people with disabilities and the need for France to change the paradigm and finally apply the definition of disability provided by the International Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. In the coming months, France will have to respond to these recommendations. It will have to indicate which ones it accepts by the 54th ordinary session of the Human Rights Council in September 2023, when France's final report will be adopted. The country will then have to submit a mid-term report in early 2026 on the implementation of the recommendations it has accepted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/examen-periodique-universel-de-la-france-les-etats-adressent-plus-de-350-recommandations">https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/examen-periodique-universel-de-la-france-les-etats-adressent-plus-de-350-recommandations</a> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)</p>

- According to the news dated 09.05.2023, on the website of CNCDH, following the publication of the decision of the European Committee of Social Rights, the CNCDH unanimously adopted a Declaration on disability policy in France. The CNCDH considers that the Committee's decision must be perceived by the public authorities as an opportunity to continue to operate this paradigm shift, around four axes: a) autonomy, social integration and participation in the life of the community; b) education and vocational training; c) access to health services; (d) protection of the family. The CNCDH, following the Committee, invites to better structure the policy already driven by the National Conference on Disability and the half-yearly deadlines of the roadmap of the Interministerial Committee on Disability. Consequently, the CNCDH urges the public authorities to take into account the observations made by the Committee and insists that the paradigm shift towards a disability policy based on an approach based on the rights of people with disabilities be pursued.

**Source:**

<https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/adoption-de-la-declaration-sur-la-politique-du-handicap-en-france> (Access Date: 25.05.2023)

- On 19.05.2023, on the Twitter account of CNCDH, World Accessibility Awareness Day has been celebrated.

**Source:**

<https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1659526353954152454?ext=HHwWjICx7aSb6YcuAAAA> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)

- On 22.05.2023, on the Twitter account of CNCDH, World Biodiversity Day has been celebrated.

	<p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1660535581900697600?context=HHwWgMCzgYuUtIsuAAAA">https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1660535581900697600?context=HHwWgMCzgYuUtIsuAAAA</a> (Access Date : 26.05.2023)</p> <p>- On 24.05.2023, on the Twitter account of CNCDH, it was stated that the problem is not asking people where they were born or what their nationality is or what their own feelings are and it is the fact that the state appoints an ethnic category, an ethno-racial frame of reference.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1661299654833713155?context=HHwWhsC9_f3Oj44uAAAA">https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1661299654833713155?context=HHwWhsC9_f3Oj44uAAAA</a> (Access Date: 26.05.2023)</p>
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