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International Labour Organization (ILO)	<ul> <li>On 10.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that decent work paves the way for reducing inequalities.</li> <li>Source:         <ul> <li><a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1700872122040471858">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1700872122040471858</a></li> <li>(Access Date: 27.09.2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>On 10.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that G20 Leaders' Summit Declaration supports the UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions. Also it was stated that the initiative aims to help create 400 million decent jobs &amp; extend social protection to 4 billion people.</li> <li>Source:         <ul> <li>https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1701189068137148612</li> <li>(Access Date: 27.09.2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	- On 10.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that global challenges need global solutions and promoting decent work. It was also stated that not only creates jobs, but also builds a more sustainable and equitable world for all.  Source: <a href="https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703408916032295255">https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703408916032295255</a> (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 12.09.2023, on the website of ILO, it was shared that ILO Director-General Gilbert Houngbo highlighted the pressing need for global action on social justice amid multiple crises, labour market inequalities, and technological transformations, in his address at Georgetown University in Qatar. The speech about "A time for social justice" was also shared.

### Source:

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS\_893806/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 17.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that "Social Protection & Jobs Session" at SDG Action Weekend was started and it was recommended to follow to find out how UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions is key to reaching the Global Goals.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703484149183525032

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

- On 18.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that equal work deserves equal pay, regardless of gender, yet, women earn 20% less than men for the same work.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703665351500722495

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

- On 18.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that 3 reasons why it is needed to achieve equal pay for work of equal value was specified. They were as follows: it's a matter of justice, better educated and healthier children, reducing labour shortage in sectors where women prevail.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703725596746924316

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that ILO Director-General Gilbert F. Houngbo would discuss how to strengthen policies and institutions for achieving the Global Goals at SDG Summit Leaders' Dialogue 4 titled "Strengthening integrated policies and public institutions for achieving the SDGs".

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1703741329124085769

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 23.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was announced that ILO would launch a global campaign calling for the global community to reduce inequalities in the world of work at Global Citizen Festival.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1705507431902507165

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that indigenous children are more likely to be subjected to the child labour & deprived of education and it was recommended to listen to ILO's experts at the event titled "Child labour and education exclusion of indigenous children."

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1706232344409944250

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

- On 25.09.2023, on the website of ILO, it was announced that ILO launched at the Global Citizen Festival in New York, the ILO "This Way to Social Justice" campaign calls for urgent action to reduce inequalities in the world of work.

### **Source:**

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-

ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS\_895337/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, on the website of ILO, "Issue paper on child labour and education exclusion among indigenous children" was published.

### **Source:**

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-

ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS\_895512/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 25.09.2023, on the website of ILO, the statement about "Social Protection, Sustainable Development, and Right to Development" by ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo, at the thematic spotlight discussion co-organized by the ILO and the UN Human Rights Office was shared.

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS\_895511/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

Office of the
United Nations
High
Commissioner for
Human Rights
(OHCHR)

- On 01.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was announced that the advance edited version of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about rights of the child and inclusive social protection was published.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematicreports/ahrc5436-rights-child-and-inclusive-social-protectionreport-united (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 04.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, titled "Good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly with respect to the human rights impacts of various digital divides" was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/09/good-governance (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 05.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN human rights experts had adopted a joint declaration and expressed that human rights must be at front and centre of sustainable development processes.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/human-rights-must-be-front-and-centre-sustainable-development-processes-un (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 05.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the toolkit which
presents the benefits of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights and answers questions about its content and application,
and provides a simplified version of the Protocol's provisions
was published.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-andresources/toolkit-ratifying-optional-protocol-internationalcovenant-economic (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 11.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 54th Session of the Human Rights Council, which stated human rights are antidote to prevailing politics of distraction, deception, indifference and repression was shared.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/09/turk-human-rights-are-antidote-prevailing-politics-distraction-deception (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 13.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the toolkit which presents the benefits of ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), answers questions about its content and application, and provides a simplified version of the Convention's provisions.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-andresources/toolkit-ratifying-international-conventionelimination-all-forms (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 13.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, about ending antisemitism, at 54th Session of the Human Rights Council, was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/ending-antisemitism

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 14.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, about impact of sanctions, at 54th Session of the Human Rights Council, was shared.

### Kaynak:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/impact-sanctions

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 14.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation had submitted his report at the 54th Session of the UN Human Rights Council and had said that systematic pollution of freshwater affects the human right to water for billions of people worldwide.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/systematic-pollution-freshwater-affects-human-right-water-billions-people (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 14.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on that day, Council had concluded interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence and Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, had said that sanctions that threaten people's lives and health need to be halted.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/high-commissionerhuman-rights-human-rights-council-sanctions-threatenpeoples-lives (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 14.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, had stated that it is critical to initiate discussions to explore the inclusion of the contamination of aquatic ecosystems as a crime against humanity in his speech at Human Rights Council.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/special-rapporteur-human-rights-safe-drinking-water-and-sanitation-it-critical (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on that day, Council had concluded interactive dialogue with the independent expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons and Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, stated that instead of learning lessons from the pandemic, economic, social and cultural rights are still seen as optional extras, not binding obligations.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/high-commissionerhuman-rights-instead-learning-lessons-pandemic-economicsocial-and (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on that day, Alena Douhan, Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures and human rights, had expressed that over-compliance with unilateral sanctions a direct threat to peoples' health and well-being in her speech at Human Rights Council.

### Kaynak:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/over-compliance-unilateral-sanctions-direct-threat-peoples-health-and-well (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on that day at Human Rights Council, it was expressed that unilateral sanctions and over-compliance prevent countries from guaranteeing the right to health, and that the abuse of older persons requires urgent action from states and other key stakeholders.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/human-rightscouncil-hears-unilateral-sanctions-and-over-complianceprevent-countries (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on that day, Claudia Mahler, UN independent expert on the enjoyment of all human rights of older persons, had called for urgent action by States on abuse of older persons in her speech at Human Rights Council.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/un-expert-calls-urgent-action-states-abuse-older-persons

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, had launched "blueprint for action" on economic, social and cultural rights, at 54th Session of the Human Rights Council.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/09/turk-launches-blueprint-action-economic-social-and-cultural-rights (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN and regional human rights experts had urged in a new joint declaration and had expressed that states must guarantee fundamental freedoms online and during use of digital technologies.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/09/states-must-guarantee-fundamental-freedoms-online-and-during-use-digital (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Council had concluded interactive dialogue on the report of the office of the high commissioner on protecting economic, social and cultural rights in the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. At Council, it was called to end arbitrary detention once and for all, and it was stated that homelessness can significantly increase the risk of contemporary forms of slavery.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/human-rightscouncil-hears-call-end-arbitrary-detention-once-and-all-andhomelessness (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 18.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, about child rights and the environment, at 94th session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child was shared.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/child-rights-and-environment

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 18.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, collaborative study conducted by the UN Human Rights Office and the University of Essex, titled "Digital Border Governance: a Human Rights Based Approach" was published.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-andresources/digital-border-governance-human-rights-basedapproach (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 18.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Council had concluded interactive dialogue with the special rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and it was expressed that is crucial to empower young people to facilitate their participation.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/independent-expert-promotion-democratic-and-equitable-international-order-human-rights (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Council concluded interactive dialogue with the special rapporteur on hazardous wastes and it was expressed that states should put human rights front and centre in working to address gaps in global governance relating to mercenaries and private military and security companies.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/human-rightscouncil-hears-states-should-put-human-rights-front-andcentre-working (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

- On 19.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the information was given about UN experts' study on new technologies and enforced disappearances exposes risks and opportunities.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/un-expertsstudy-new-technologies-and-enforced-disappearancesexposes-risks (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 19.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, it was expressed that ecarbonisation and de-pollution strategies must be guided by human rights.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/pressreleases/2023/09/decarbonisation-and-de-pollution-strategiesmust-be-guided-human-rights-un (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 19.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, it was expressed that predatory recruitment of mercenaries must end.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/predatory-recruitment-mercenaries-must-end-un-experts

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 19.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, at the Human Rights Council, it was expressed that there is still a long way ahead in the fight against enforced disappearances and that certain climate mitigation technologies are emerging that could exacerbate toxic pollution.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/human-rightscouncil-hears-there-still-long-way-ahead-fight-againstenforced (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 20.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, the statement of a group of UN experts specifies that unsound management of chemicals and wastes fuelling global toxic emergency was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/09/unsoundmanagement-chemicals-and-wastes-fuelling-global-toxicemergency-un (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

- On 20.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the information was given about the UN report which is about to end overreliance on punitive measures to address drugs problem.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/endoverreliance-punitive-measures-address-drugs-problem-unreport (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 20.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council had discussed the right to development and at Council, it was stated that the time has come for the world community to give the right to development its legitimate space in the universe of human rights.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/alors-que-le-conseil-se-penche-sur-les-questions-relatives-au-droit-au-developpement (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 20.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, it was expressed that the world needs a new model of planetcentred participatory development.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/world-needs-new-model-planet-centred-participatory-development-un-expert (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

On 20.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development had presented to the Human Rights Council a draft international covenant on the right to development.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/intergovernmentalworking-group-right-development-presents-human-rightscouncil-draft (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 20.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the information was given that the Committee on Enforced Disappearances cohosted an event to mark the first anniversary of the joint statement on illegal intercountry adoptions.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/committee-enforced-disappearances-marks-first-anniversary-joint-statement-illegal (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 21.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which marked International Day of Peace was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/hc-turk-marks-international-day-peace

(Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 21.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the information was given about joint press release on progress on peace, justice and inclusion dangerously off track and the information was given about a new UN report which calls for urgent action to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 16.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/joint-press-release-progress-peace-justice-and-inclusion-dangerously-track (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which urged states to invest in social protections and sound development was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/09/invest-social-protections-and-sound-development-turk-urges-states (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had opened Seventy-Fourth Session on that day.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/committeeeconomic-social-and-cultural-rights-opens-seventy-fourthsession (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, about gender parity was shared.

### Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/gender-parity (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 26.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council had held general debate on human rights situations that require the Council's attention.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/human-rightscouncil-holds-general-debate-human-rights-situations-requirecouncils (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 26.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, which specifies that strong youth participation is key to protecting planet and rights was shared.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/strong-youth-participation-key-protectingplanet-and-rights-turk (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 26.09.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee on Enforced Disappearances had held meeting with National Human Rights Institutions.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/committee-enforced-disappearances-holds-meeting-national-human-rights-institutions (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 26.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children Mama Fatima Singhateh, which urges to create child safe tourism and prosperity was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2023/09/create-child-safe-tourism-planet-andprosperity-un-expert (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

 On 27.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, about cyberbullying of children was shared.

### **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/09/cyberbullying-children (Access Date: 27.09.2023)

	<ul> <li>On 27.09.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was shared that         Committee on Enforced Disappearances holds informal         meeting with states.         Source:         https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/09/committee-enforced-disappearances-holds-informal-meeting-states         (Access Date: 27.09.2023)     </li> </ul>
UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)	<ul> <li>On 08.09.2023, on the website of the SPT, it was stated that the SPT would conduct its first visit to the State of Palestine from 10 to 21 September to assess measures taken to protect people deprived of liberty from torture and ill-treatment. It was also stated that the SPT would also assist the Palestinian Authorities on the establishment of a national preventive mechanism (NPM), a monitoring body that all State parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT) must establish and places to be visited by the SPT delegation in the territory would include prisons, police stations and other facilities under the control of the Palestinian Authorities.</li> <li>Source:         <ul> <li>https://www.ohchr.org/en/media-advisories/2023/09/untorture-prevention-body-conduct-first-visit-palestine</li> <li>(Access Date: 22.09.2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)	<ul> <li>On 07.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that one in four people moving across Latin America and the Caribbean is a child, and the number of migrant children hit new record amid violence, instability and climate change, according to a child alert issued by UNICEF.</li> </ul>

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/number-migrant-children-moving-across-latin-america-and-caribbean-hits-new-record (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 11.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that according to the initial reports, approximately 100,000 children have been impacted by the magnitude-6.8 earthquake that struck Morocco on 8 September, and the United Nations estimated more than 300,000 people to have been affected in Marrakesh and in the High Atlas Mountains.

### Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/least-100000-children-affected-morocco-earthquake (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 13.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that according to the new UNICEF-World Bank analysis, which for the first time looked at trends in extreme child poverty, and entitled "Global Trends in Child Monetary Poverty According to International Poverty Lines", 333 million children globally – or 1 in 6 – live in extreme poverty and survive on less than US\$2.15 a day.

### **Source**:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-bearing-bruntstalled-progress-extreme-poverty-reduction-worldwide

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

 On 13.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was announced that UNICEF would advocate for the rights and well-being of children with a focus on the halfway mark of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs), and call on countries to put child rights at the heart of their agendas to accelerate progress, during the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

### **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-interview-and-media-opportunities-during-78th-session-united-nations-general (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 14.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that nearly 300,000 children were estimated to have been exposed to the powerful Storm Daniel across eastern Libya and a growing number of children and families were in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, following significant damage to numerous homes, hospitals, schools, and other essential infrastructure.

### **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/nearly-300000-children-affected-libya-after-storm-daniel

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that, according to the new report released by UNICEF entitled "Progress on Children's Well-Being: Centering child rights in the 2030 Agenda", at the halfway mark towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), two-thirds of child-related indicators are off-pace to meet their targets.

### **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/two-thirds-global-goals-childrens-rights-and-well-being-pace-meet-2030-target-unicef (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

### UN Development Programme (UNDP)

On 09.09.2023, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that UNDP is deeply saddened by the loss of life and damage reported following the devastating earthquake in Morocco. Initial indications point to widespread devastation leaving many affected families vulnerable and in need of urgent help. As subsequent recovery efforts begin, the UN Development Programme (UNDP) stands ready - with the rest of the United Nations family - to support national efforts for rescue and relief, and to work with affected communities to cope with this tragedy and build forward.

### **Source:**

https://www.undp.org/speeches/statement-undp-administrator-earthquake-morocco (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 12.09.2023, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released new research that shows securing the wellbeing of people and planet too often hangs in the balance of fiscal and financial constraints. According to that, developed in collaboration with 95 developing countries ahead of the UN Sustainable Development Summit, the analysis – "SDG Insights", which comprises 95 separate reports - reveals that the default growth trajectories of most developing economies face hard fiscal and financial constraints that skew them towards carbon intensive and non-inclusive outcomes. Countries recovering from recent shocks and crises are trapped in a cycle that pulls them away from the goals set out by the 2030 Development Agenda. After three years of concurrent crises, including a severe debt crisis that crowds out investment in social protection and energy transitions, developing countries are trapped in relentless pursuit of economic growth. Under current trends, the default growth trajectory for most developing countries is showing further turmoil in one or more of the economic, social, political and environmental spheres.

### Source:

https://www.undp.org/press-releases/tight-fiscal-and-financial-constraints-are-driving-growth-all-costs-according-united-nations-development-programme-collaboration-95

(Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 13.09.2023, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched a compelling exhibition titled "Dear World Leaders" at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. According to the given information in news, the exhibition is located in the visitor lobby of the building, where world leaders from the 193 UN Member States will walk through on their way to the 78th General Assembly on September 18-19. The exhibition features first person messages from over 100 countries and provides world leaders with a unique opportunity to hear firsthand the voices of those most affected by climate change. The video messages reveal the direct impacts of climate change on people's lives and their desire to see real change enacted by governments. There are messages of anxiety, anger, frustration, and fear, but also messages of hope, and, most importantly, calls for action in this living archive. Approximately a quarter of the videos are from the African continent.

### **Source:**

https://www.undp.org/press-releases/citizens-call-world-leaders-take-concrete-climate-action-ahead-un-general-assembly (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 17.09.2023, on the website of the UNDP, it was stated that new research from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has shown that, on average, a low-income country spends 2.3 times more on debt interest payments than on social benefits. According to the given information in news, because reform of the international financial architecture has been so slow, adaptive social protection has been called for and the "Stopping Debt-Poverty" concept has been introduced to direct debt repayments towards critical social spending. It is estimated that lifting 165 million people living on less than \$3.65 a day out of poverty would cost just over \$14 billion in 2022, accounting for just 0.009% of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

### Source:

https://www.undp.org/speeches/social-protection-and-just-transitions-are-critical-supporting-countries-achieving-sustainable-development (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

## Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

On 05.09.2023, on the website of CEDAW, it was stated that CEDAW had welcomed the suspension of Spanish football chief Luis Rubiales from FIFA. According to the news, the Committee had said it was supporting a judicial investigation into Rubiales' misconduct and warned that the incident highlighted how women, even in the highest echelons of their professions could be subject to inappropriate and abusive actions that amount to gender-based violence. CEDAW had said that as the biggest women's single sporting event in history, the Women's World Cup 2023 had sent a strong signal about the need for equal treatment of women and men in public and private life. On the news, the media statement of Committee was shared.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/09/wwc23-un-committee-welcomes-fifa-suspension-spanish-football-president (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

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

On 05.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that climate change is a global crisis, which requires global coordinated action, NHRIs around the world actively engage with various stakeholders at the international level to promote human rights-based action on climate change and the informative notes titled "Climate Change and Human Rights" was shared.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1698976763114934310

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 07.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that free and fair elections serve as the fundamental pillar of democracy and uphold the rights outlined in Article 21 of the UDHR and this provision ensures that individuals have a voice in the governance of their nation.

### Source:

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1699701538489266684

(Access Date: 26.05.2023)

On 11.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was announced that the 54th Human Rights Council session had started. It was also stated that GANHRI and its NHRI members will contribute to various discussions including on: SDGs, reprisals and threats against NHRIs, human rights of older persons.

### Source:

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1701143540523508022

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 14.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that Article 22 of the UDHR emphasizes the importance of economic, social, and cultural rights in preserving human dignity. It was also stated that these rights are essential for everyone, as they provide the foundation for a just and equitable society.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1702238252902592997

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, on the website of GANHRI, it was announced that GANHRI delivered a statement at the 54th Human Rights Council in response to the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons.

### **Source:**

https://ganhri.org/ganhri-statement-on-hr-of-older-persons-

hrc54/ (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 15.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that NHRIs play a unique role to promote human rightsbased implementation of the Agenda2030 & SDGs. It was also stated that ahead of the SDG Summit, GANHRI called on States to renew their commitment to realize human rights, peace and sustainable development for all. The access link to the GANHRI declaration was shared.

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1702676139427193112 https://ganhri.org/ganhri-adopts-declaration-ahead-of-sdg-summit/ (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that ahead of the SDG Summit, GANHRI had adopted a declaration calling on States to put Human Rights at the centre of efforts to deliver the Agenda 2030 and SDGs. The informative notes about 9 principles to uphold the promise to leave no one behind was shared.

### Source:

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1703763301791097301

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 21.09.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that GANHRI joined to Asia Pasific Forum 28th Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was hosted by National Human Rights Commission of India, which brought together APF human rights member institutions, other NHRI observers, CSOs, and representatives from the international human rights community and it was stated that vibrant discussions were made at APF 28th AGM on shared priorities for NHRIs in the region.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1704706315375800721

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

### **European Committee for the**

 On 07.09.2023, on the website of the CPT, it was stated that the report of CPT was published on its periodic visit to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which had taken place from 27

# Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

March to 4 April 2023. In particular, it calls on the Luxembourg authorities to stop detaining children in Luxembourg Prison (CPL).

### **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-visit-toluxembourg (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

- On 08.09.2023, on the website of CPT, it was stated that a delegation from the CPT had paid an "ad hoc" visit to Germany between 4 and 7 September 2023.

### **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-monitors-treatment-of-foreign-nationalsduring-frontex-supported-return-flight-from-germany-topakistan (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 11.07.2023, on the website of the CPT, it was stated that CPT had published the report on its May 2022 periodic visit to Latvia, together with the response of the Latvian authorities.

### Source:

https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-monitors-treatment-of-foreign-nationalsduring-frontex-supported-return-flight-from-germany-topakistan (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

 On 13.09.2023, according to the news on the Committee's website, it was stated that CPT had published a critical report on the situation in Moldovan prisons after its special visit in December 2022.

### **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2022-ad-hocvisit-to-moldova (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

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

On 06.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was stated that, according to the new report published by FRA, entitled "Promoting migrant integration – Strengthening EU law on long-term residence", stable residence status, being able to work and change job freely, and having access to social security all improve the integration of non-EU nationals in the EU, but the EU long-term resident status granting these rights is underused. In the report, FRA called on the EU and national authorities to simplify the rules, remove the barriers and improve the uptake of the EU status.

### Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/improving-migrant-integration-through-stronger-eu-laws

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

- On 13.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was stated that, according to the new report published by FRA, entitled "Fundamental Rights of older persons: ensuring access to public services in digital societies", only 1 in 4 people in the EU aged 65 to 74 have at least basic digital skills, therefore, older people may be deprived of their fundamental rights, such as access to healthcare or pensions, in the digital societies, and legislation across EU countries does not always acknowledge the risk of digital exclusion and address the barriers older people may face. In the report, FRA called on the EU countries to ensure access to public services for everyone, by ensuring

equal access, full participation, new digital skills, combating ageism and inclusive data collection.

### **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/ensuring-access-public-services-older-people-digital-societies

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

- On 15.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had contributed to the OSCE's "Human Dimension Committee" meeting, where the shrinking space for civil society and safety of human rights defenders were discussed.

### **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-discusses-civic-space-osce-human-dimension-committee (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 15.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA had joined the OECD's Civic Space Advisory Group
meeting, where a practical guide for policymakers for
protecting and promoting civic space that the OECD developed
was discussed.

### Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-contributions-oecd-work-civic-space (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 20.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA would take part in a roundtable meeting with participants
from the European Commission, Border Police General
Directorate, the UN Refugee Agency, Bulgarian Helsinki
Committee, the Bulgarian Ombudsman and Frontex, in Sofia

on establishing national independent mechanisms to monitor fundamental rights compliance at EU external borders.

### Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/establishing-national-mechanisms-monitor-fundamental-rights-compliance-euborders (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 22.09.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had taken part in roundtable discussions, organized by the Czech Office of the Public Defender of Rights, on establishing a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in Czechia.

### Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/towards-establishing-nhriczechia (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

## European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

 On 01.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that ENNHRI's NHRI Leadership Programme gives tailored support to NHRI leaders and ENNHRI was delighted to welcome various senior leadership & heads of institutions for its latest session.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1697523407976354068 (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 07.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that ENNHRI was delighted to meet United Nations Human Rights Regional Office for Europe colleagues at ENNHRI office and they discussed how they can continue cooperating to tackle the challenges ahead, including on artificial intelligence, climate change and human rights, and economic, social and cultural rights.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1699821551762260469

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 15.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was recalled that On International Day of Democracy that respect for rule of law is one of the foundations on which democracy is built. It was also stated that with insights from ENNHRI members in 40 countries, ENNHRI's recent report reveals the rule of law landscape across Europe.

### Source:

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1702620565620584663

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 22.09.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was informed that on 27.09.2023, in the context of climate change and cutting emissions, ENNHRI would speak before the European Court of Human Rights related to the third-party intervention it submitted to Court in the landmark Duarte case. It was also stated that ENNHRI would be represented during case proceedings by Adele Matheson Mestad, Director of the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution. The access link to the intervention was shared.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1705162881346551980

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1705162886455120095

https://ennhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/ENNHRI-3rd-

party-intervention-Duarte-v.-Portugal-others.pdf

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 26.09.2023, on the website of ENNHRI, it was stated that ENNHRI welcomes the upcoming adoption of the European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act (EU AI Act) and this legislation has the potential to integrate fundamental rights in the regulation of a crucial emerging area. ENNHRI's "Common Position" on the EU AI Act which recommends how to bolster fundamental rights protection in the age of AI was shared.

### **Source:**

https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/how-the-eu-artificialintelligence-act-can-protect-fundamental-rights-in-the-ai-age/ (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

### European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

On 15.09.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on International Day of Democracy, the work of Equality Bodies in ensuring equal access to the cornerstone of democracy: elections was celebrated. The information about how the Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia made sure that people in psychiatric hospitals & prisons could exercise their right to vote was shared.

### Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/17026074848866429 54 (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 18.09.2023, on the website of EQUINET, documentation titled "Preliminary assessment of the EU Green Deal's impact on equality - Survey of current practices and needs of European Equality Bodies" was shared and information about the content was provided.

### **Source:**

https://equineteurope.org/publications/preliminaryassessment-of-the-eu-green-deals-impact-on-equality-surveyof-current-practices-and-needs-of-european-equality-bodies/ (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 26.09.2023, according to the news on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on Roundtable about Climate Change & Equality held on the same day, the authors discussed the results and main takeaways from their assessment of the EU Green Deal impact on equality and the current practices & needs of Equality Bodies.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/17065907378552916 53 (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

### The Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights

 On 08.09.2023, on the Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) had carried out a mission to Kyiv to discuss challenges and steps to be taken by the Ukrainian authorities to implement the ECHR judgments.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights/status/17000617155623 97719 (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

 On 11.09.2023, on the Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that the Director of Human Rights and the Department for the Execution of Judgments had carried out a mission to Azerbaijan to discuss general and individual measures required for the implementation of ECHR judgments.

#### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights/status/17011570735500 20990 (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

 On 18.09.2023, on the Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe would hold its quarterly meeting to supervise the execution of judgments and decisions from the ECHR, concerning 20 countries, in Strasbourg.

#### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights/status/17037565162920 05899 (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 22.09.2023, on the Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in the context of its supervision of the implementation of judgments and decisions from the ECHR, adopted 45 decisions concerning 20 states during the meeting, including Interim Resolutions concerning Hungary, Russian Federation and Türkiye, during its "Human Rights" meeting.

#### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights/status/17051703577437 43007 (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

# OSCE Office for Democratic

- On 04.09.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was announced that ODIHR had opened a limited election

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observation mission for the 15 October 2023 parliamentary elections in Poland, following an invitation from the national authorities.

#### Source:

https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/551359

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 20.09.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that "the Regional Conference on Promoting Women's Participation in Law Enforcement in Central Asia", held on 14 and 15 September 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan, had marked a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to empower women in the region's law enforcement agencies. According to the news, it had brought together representatives of national authorities and other relevant law enforcement agencies, alongside OSCE structures and field operations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and international organizations.

#### **Source:**

https://www.osce.org/secretariat/553003

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

# Australian Human Rights Commission

On 08.09.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission submission had had a successful impact on the Special Rapporteur on Slavery's thematic report on technology-facilitated slavery and prevention. It was also stated in the news that two of the Commission's key recommendations were adopted by the Special Rapporteur in full.

#### Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/fighting-tech-facilitated-slavery (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 25.09.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that "Racism. It Stops With Me" campaign relaunched. According to the news "Racism. It Stops With Me" is a national campaign calling on Australians who have not had lived experience of racism to reflect on its causes and impacts and commit to action.

#### **Source:**

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/videos/racism-it-stops-me-campaign-relaunch (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 25.09.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that "Human Rights Series for Kids" was launched.
 According to the news, video describes the basic human right of being free and equal, explaining the difference between equality and equity with easy to understand examples.

#### **Source:**

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/videos/human-rights-series-kids (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 26.09.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that two of Australia's human rights leaders have expressed grave concerns in the wake of shocking videos broadcast on TV program, which showed children with intellectual disabilities being repeatedly restrained as part of a radical treatment. According to the news, Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner Professor Croucher had said: "The episode is evidence that the violence, abuse, neglect, and

exploitation of people with disability is ongoing. This unequivocally shows there is an absolute need for a more robust quality and safeguarding model for disability service providers. Providers must have the knowledge and training necessary to understand both why and how such practices must be avoided."

#### **Source:**

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/commissioners-appalled-following-four-cornersepisode-abusive-disability (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

## Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsman)

that meeting with the delegation of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, led by Christophe Poirel, was held in the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. According to the given information, at the meeting, while greeting the delegation members, broad information on the Ombudsman's mandate, directions of the activity in the field of the protection of human rights and freedoms, and close collaboration with international organizations were given. It was spoken about the reception of applicants by the Ombudsman Office and its regional centers and the applications that are received through the round-clock "916" Call Center and online and social network accounts.

#### Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4174/the-meeting-with-the-delegation-of-the-council-of-europe-was-held-in-the-ombudsman-office (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 12.09.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, was elected as a Vice President of the Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA) in the 17th General Assembly meeting of the AOA held in Kazan, Tatarstan. According to the news, during her speech at the meeting, Aliyeva had thanked the members for their trust in her election to the position of Vice President of the AOA.

#### **Source:**

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4181/-the-ombudsmanof-azerbaijan-was-elected-as-vice-president-of-the-asianombudsman-association (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

On 13.09.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that, the next human remains, believed to belong to the persons missing during the First Karabakh War, had been discovered and exhumed in the villages of Malikahmedli of Gubadli and Vezhnali of Zangilan districts. It was stated that the relevant authorities would take appropriate measures to identify the human remains through the necessary procedures.

#### Source:

https://ombudsman.az/az/view/news/4047/ombudsmananama-nin-25-illiyi-munasibetile-kechirilmish-tedbirdeishtirak-edib (Access Date: 22.09.2023)

# Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)

On 21.09.2023, on the website of the EHRC, it was announced that EHRC has concluded a legal agreement with rail provider after the company took the necessary steps to improve access to its services and facilities for disabled passengers. It was stated in the news that Kishwer Falkner, Chair of the EHRC said: "Transport operators have clear responsibilities in law to

ensure travel is just as possible for disabled people as it is for every other passenger. This includes a legal obligation to make reasonable adjustments for disabled passengers."

#### Source:

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/ourwork/news/lner-improves-service-disabled-passengersequality-watchdog-concludes (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 22.09.2023, on the website of the EHRC, it was announced that EHRC had updated its technical guidance for schools in England and Scotland. According to the announcement, schools have legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010 not to discriminate against, harass or victimize pupils in relation to the characteristics protected by the Act, which include disability, race and sex. The technical guidance outlines the obligations the Equality Act places upon schools regarding pupils with protected characteristics and the provision of their education.

#### Source:

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/ourwork/news/technical-guidance-schools-updated

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

# The Danish Institute for Human Rights

On 05.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Institute had established a thesis prize with the aim of promoting studies of human rights issues and sharpening interest in human rights among talented master's students at Danish universities, to be awarded to the best human rights thesis.

#### Source:

https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/ny-pris-aarets-bedste-

menneskeretlige-speciale

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

 On 15.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that, according to a new study from the Institute, which called for a better teaching environment in higher education for minorities and contained several recommendations, two out of three Greenlandic students in Denmark experience prejudice and exclusion.

#### Source:

https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/flertallet-groenlandskestuderende-danmark-oplever-fordomme-eksklusion

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 22.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute would host United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Citizens Data, in which a group of experts on citizen-driven data from over 20 countries would convene in Copenhagen to share experiences from national contexts and discuss a new conceptual framework for how to improve the quality, and amplify the use of data generated by non-official producers.

#### **Source:**

https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-humanrights-hosts-united-nations-expert-group-meeting-citizensdata (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

- On 22.09.2023, on the Twitter account of the Institute, it was announced that a research entitled "Interactions between

NHRIs and NMIRFs: Research and Recommendations" that investigates how the UN promotion of national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up (NMIRF) recasts national human rights systems, and how their spread impacts national human rights institutions (NHRIs), was published.

#### Source:

 $\underline{https://twitter.com/HumanRightsDK/status/170520449783060}$ 

9251 (Access Date: 26.09.2023)

### German Institute for Human Rights

On 10.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that on the occasion of Homeless Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Institute calls on the federal government to do more to overcome homelessness than before and to adopt an ambitious national action plan. According to the news, Institute Director Beate Rudolf had said: "Homeless people in Germany are massively restricted in their human rights, such as their right to housing, to health, to privacy or to protection from violence."

#### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/bundesregierung-mussmieterschutz-ausweiten-und-ambitionierten-aktionsplangegen-wohnungslosigkeit-verabschieden

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 14.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that as part of the National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights, the Energy Industry Dialogue brings together competencies and resources to focus on human rights and environmental risks in the German energy industry along the global supply and value chains. According to the news, on 13 September 2023, the first publication of the Energy Industry Dialogue was presented as part of a top-level discussion in Berlin: "Potential human rights risks along the supply and value chains. Selected sectors of the German energy industry". It was also stated in the news that the publication can serve as a first indication for carrying out the abstract risk assessment and risk analysis in accordance with the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and companies can use them as a source of information to create their individual risk analysis.

#### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

 $\frac{menschenrechte. de/aktuelles/detail/branchendialog-}{energiewirtschaft-publikation-zu-menschenrechtlichen-risiken}$ 

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 17.09.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that United Nations' recommendations on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Germany published. According to the news, the Institute had explained the recommendations and had said: "The federal government, states and local authorities must do more to promote the inclusion and self-determination of people with disabilities. The implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Germany currently does not comply with human rights requirements - the United Nations has made this clear once again."

#### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/mehr-inklusion-vonmenschen-mit-behinderungen-menschenrechtsinstitut-siehtbund-laender-und-kommunen-nach-un-pruefung-in-der-

pflicht (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

### Georgian Ombudsman

On 04.09.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was stated that Levan Ioseliani, Public Defender of Georgia (Ombudsman), had met with Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, and discussed the national legislation, state policy and measures implemented in the direction of protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in recent years.

#### **Source:**

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-shezghuduli-shesadzleblobebis-mkone-shshm-pirta-uflebebis-sakitkhebshi-gaeros-spetsialur-momkhsenebels-shekhvda (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 14.09.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, "Public Defender's Statement on Termination of Child and Adolescent Development Center of Child Development Institute" was published. In the statement, the Public Defender emphasized the need for early development and rehabilitation of children with disabilities for the protection of their rights and full inclusion in public life, vitality of the continuity of such services for the juveniles with relevant needs and the danger of losing the results achieved through rehabilitation, and the need for the State to make special efforts to solve this issue urgently.

#### **Source**:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/szgz (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

- On 22.09.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that Public Defender's representative had taken part

in the 27th Annual Conference and General Assembly of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), in Brussels.

#### Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-tsarmomadgenelma-evropis-bavshvta-ombudsmenta-kselis-qoveltsliuri-konferentsiasa-dageneraluri-asambleashi-miigho-monatsileoba

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

# The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)

On 13.09.2023, on the website of the IHREC it was stated that, the second National Anti-Trafficking Report of the Commission as Ireland's National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking was published at an event in which Europe's leading anti-trafficking figures from the Council of Europe, European Parliament, OSCE and the US Ambassador to Ireland had spoken about Ireland's anti-trafficking response. It was stated in the news that in light of the rise in technology-facilitated trafficking, speakers had reaffirmed the need to tackle this trend by targeting demand, using technological investigation tools, law reform, and increased prevention and detection methods.

#### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/state-makes-progress-but-crucial-gapsremain-in-protection-of-victims-of-human-trafficking/

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

- On 22.09.2023, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the Commission had provided legal assistance to a person involved in a complaint under the Equal Status Acts regarding the provision of a service by a public body. According to the

news, the person had alleged that the criteria and the application process for the service was discriminatory on the grounds of disability. With the assistance from the Commission and the National Advocacy Service for people with disabilities, the person settled their claim on terms satisfactory to both parties. According to the news, Chief Commissioner Sinead Gibney said: "The Commission is delighted to have provided legal assistance to challenge potentially discriminatory access criteria and application process for a service provided by a public body. It is imperative, in a fair and just society, that access to our public services is free from discrimination in all its forms."

#### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-provides-legal-assistance-in-equality-status-acts-case/ (Access Date: 25.09.2023)

On 25.09.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the IHREC had raised concerns about discrimination against women in the Irish healthcare system. According to the news, the Commission had highlighted a number of areas of concern in the published report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), including equal representation of women in political and public life, health inequalities, gender based violence, poverty and the impact of climate change on women.

#### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-tells-un-committee-thatstate-must-end-inequalities-in-womens-health/

(Access Date: 25.09.2023)

## The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan

On 06.09.2023, according to the news shared on the website of the Center, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has sent a letter to the Center expressing gratitude to the Government of Uzbekistan for a large-scale program to support events in connection with the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was also informed that the letter welcomed the comprehensive Action Plan approved by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with a focus on key actions that aim to fulfill Uzbekistan's human rights obligations.

#### **Source:**

http://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m11286

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

On 07.09.2023, according to the news shared on the website of the Center, on 6-7 September, training courses on the topic:
 "Protection of women's rights: international and national mechanisms" were held at the Center and the training courses were organized jointly with the Republican Center for Rehabilitation and Adaptation of Women.

#### **Source:**

http://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m11296

(Access Date: 26.09.2023)

# The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CDN)

 On 14.09.2023, on the official website of the Commission, a message of condolence was published for the death of a passionate disability rights advocate Steven Estey.

#### Source:

https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/steven-estey-a-
fierce-advocate-and-champion-disability-rights
(Access Date: 25.09.2023)