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International Labour Organization (ILO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.08.2023, on the website of ILO, a new report that highlights why and how investing in childcare impacts positively on gender equality and decent work in Asia and the Pacific was announced. It was stated that this study was a collaboration between ILO, Asian Development Bank (ADB), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). It was stated that the new report highlights impacts of shortfalls in childcare provision in the region, makes recommendations for change at all levels. Source: https://www.ilo.org/asia/publications/WCMS_887517/lang--en/index.htm https://www.ilo.org/asia/media-centre/news/WCMS_888713/lang--en/index.htm (Access Date: 22.08.2023) - On 01.08.2023, on the website of ILO, ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Hounbo's video message was shared. According to that, Hounbo warns that without concerted action on the social, economic and environmental targets Goal 8 covers, humanity risks being locked in a cycle of crisis and conflict on a forever damaged planet. Also, Hounbo stated that the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Summit in September is a vital moment for the international community to give SDG 8 and the other 16 Goals the boost they need.

Source:

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_888990/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 22.08.2023)

- On 01.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that women tend to be overrepresented in certain types of vulnerable jobs, taking a toll on their earnings and globally, women earn 51 cents for every dollar earned by men.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1686406759487799296>

(Access Date: 22.08.2023)

- On 03.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that only 45% of women with newborns receive a cash maternity benefit. It was specified that paid maternity leave is important for mothers since it supports mothers' choice to breastfeed, breastfeeding reduces risk of breast and ovarian cancer, it improves health, recovery and mental well-being of mothers.

Source:

<https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1687040798469005312>

(Access Date: 22.08.2023)

- On 04.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that after the earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye, ILO's infrastructure recovery efforts had been a beacon of hope. It was also stated that in Aleppo, communities were engaged in

	<p>clearing debris, which made streets accessible again while creating hundreds of short-term jobs.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1687408481014251520 (Access Date: 22.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 07.08.2023, on the website of ILO, it was announced that Uganda became the 32nd country in the world, and the 8th country in Africa, to ratify Convention No. 190 on violence and harassment in the world of work.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/violence-harassment/news/WCMS_889746/lang--en/index.htm (Access Date: 22.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 08.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was informed that 1 in 4 young people are not in education, employment, or training and ahead of Youth Day, an access link to ILO brief which states that young people are our hope for a better future, but targeted policies are needed to address the disadvantages they face in the labour market was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1688852598739161088 (Access Date: 22.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 11.08.2023, on the website of ILO, a video was launched on the occasion of International Youth Day 2023. According to the shared information, the video explains the need to engage with youth in a right based approach by ensuring their participation in matters that affect them and their future and</p>
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	<p>advocates for their inclusion in decision-making processes as well as in all stages of the policy and programme cycles.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ilo.org/global/programmes-and-projects/prospects/news/WCMS_889975/lang--en/index.htm (Access Date: 22.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 12.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, Youth Day was celebrated.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1690302411196264448 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 14.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that SDG 8 aims to achieve decent work and an informative image was shared. According to that, 5 things can be done to help achieve UN SDG 8 are; to buy from local business, to be a conscious consumer, to support companies that promote sustainable practices, to learn about workers' rights and spread the word and to stand against discrimination and unfair treatment.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1691027112147226624 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 14.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, an informative image was shared to answer the question "How does decent work fuel progress towards other global Goals?" According to that, it contributes to poverty eradication, it supports quality education, it is key to achieving gender equality in the</p>
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	<p>workplace, it reduces inequalities, it is the foundation of fair and responsible economic growth and it is the foundation of peaceful and resilient societies.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1691344124698370048 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 16.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, an informative video was shared and it was informed that ILO Convention C131 urging fair minimum wages now followed by 90% of 187 Member States, benefits reduction of inequalities, fairer economy, and social justice.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1691797108523741682 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 21.08.2023, on the website of ILO, the new ILO Working Paper titled “Generative AI and Jobs: A global analysis of potential effects on job quantity and quality” was published.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_890740/lang--en/index.htm (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 23.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, on International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, it was stated that 50 million people worldwide are trapped in modern slavery. In this context, ILO recalled that better can be and must be done.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1694243361551479170 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Marta Hurtado on killings during police operations in Brazil was shared. According to that OHCHR is deeply shocked by the high number of killings over the previous week in Brazil, where at least 45 people were killed in different parts of the country during police operations allegedly aimed at combatting drug trafficking and organised crime. It was stated that those figures make it one of the bloodiest weeks in many years. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/08/comment-un-human-rights-office-spokesperson-marta-hurtado-killings (Access Date: 24.08.2023) - On 04.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, briefing on the Secretary-General’s new vision for the rule of law was shared. In the briefing, it was stated that the Office is ready to play a leading role within the UN system to put this new vision into action. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/08/briefing-secretary-generals-new-vision-rule-law (Access Date: 24.08.2023) - On 07.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, a call to states to reinvigorate access to justice for all was shared. In that call, it

	<p>was stated that the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights gives states an impetus to take steps to reinvigorate access to justice at the national level and to finance and support SDG 16 globally.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/call-states-reinvigorate-access-justice-all (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 08.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples - 9 August 2023, UN Special Rapporteur's statement, which points out that states must support leadership roles of Indigenous Youth, was shared. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2023/08/states-must-support-leadership-roles-indigenous-youth-un-expert (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.08.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk concludes his official visit to Iraq and his statement about that visit was shared. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/un-human-rights-chief-ends-visit-iraq (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, a video message by Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was
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shared. In his message, Türk said that economies anchored in human rights can heal social fractures.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/economies-anchored-human-rights-can-heal-social-fractures-says-high-commissioner> (Access Date: 24.08.2023)

- On 09.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, a statement attributable to the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia on the security situation in the north-west was shared. According to that, the Commission is deeply concerned about the reported deteriorating security situation.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/statement-attributable-international-commission-human-rights-experts-ethiopia> (Access Date: 26.08.2023)

- On 10.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, a comment by UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk on killing of Presidential Candidate Fernando Villavicencio in Ecuador was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/comment-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-killing-presidential-candidate> (Access Date: 26.08.2023)

- On 11.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, it was stated that OHCHR is very concerned by reports about the imminent execution by Vietnam of Nguyen Van Chuong amid serious allegations of torture and fair trial violations and a comment related to this issue was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/comment-un-human-rights-office-spokesperson-jeremy-laurence-imminent-execution> (Access Date: 26.08.2023)

- On 11.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, a comment by UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk on Niger was shared. In this comment, he stated that he is extremely concerned about the rapidly deteriorating conditions in which President Mohamed Bazoum of Niger, his wife and his son have been arbitrarily detained.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/comment-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-niger>
(Access Date: 26.08.2023)

- On 14.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, opening remarks on Human Rights Day Screening and Panel Discussion at 29th Sarajevo Film Festival by Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/speeches/2023/08/wounded-magically-diverse-city-high-commissioner-hails-power-stories> (Access Date: 26.08.2023)

- On 14.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN experts' statement was shared. According to that, they said that two years after seizing power in Afghanistan, the Taliban continues to violate many human rights including implementing a system of total discrimination, exclusion and subjugation of women

	<p>and girls and the gap between promises and practices by Afghanistan’s de facto authorities had widened and the idea of a “reformed” Taliban had been exposed as mistaken.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/afghanistan-un-human-rights-experts-denounce-idea-reformed-taliban (Access Date: 26.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, statement of UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk at the open discussion on human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea was shared. In his statement, Türk stated that steps to advance human rights and justice are vital to building sustainable peace in Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/dprk-steps-advance-human-rights-and-justice-are-vital-building-sustainable-peace (Access Date: 26.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 18.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN experts’ statement which calls to resolve to expose violence based on religion or belief on the occasion of the International Day to Commemorate Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/resolve-expose-violence-based-religion-or-belief-un-experts (Access Date: 26.08.2023)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/world-humanitarian-day-statement-volker-turk (Access Date: 26.08.2023) - On 23.08.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN experts' call to Greece for safe, impartial border policies and practices was shared. In that call, they urged Greece to adopt safe and impartial border protection policies and practices and condemned the lack of accountability for violations involving Greek law enforcement personnel. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/08/greece-un-experts-call-safe-impartial-border-policies-and-practices (Access Date: 26.08.2023)
<p>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.08.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that the latest reports received by UNICEF revealed an alarming spike in kidnappings of women and children in Haiti, with nearly 300 cases confirmed in the first six months of 2023, almost matching the total number documented for the entire previous year, and close to three times more than in 2021. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/kidnappings-children-and-women-spiking-alarming-rates-haiti (Access Date: 25.08.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.08.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that, a spike in conflict and displacement in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo pushed children into the worst cholera crisis since 2017, and the disease caused 230 deaths in the first seven months of 2023, many of them children. UNICEF warned that, if urgent action is not taken within the next months, there is a significant risk that the disease would spread to parts of the country that have not been affected for many years. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-dr-congo-facing-worst-cholera-outbreak-six-years-warns-unicef (Access Date: 25.08.2023) - On 24.08.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that at least two million children have been forced from their homes since the conflict in Sudan began four months ago, with an average of more than 700 children newly displaced every hour, over 1.7 million children were estimated to be on the move within Sudan's borders and more than 470,000 have crossed into neighboring countries, and UNICEF called on all parties involved in the conflict to prioritize the safety and well-being of children, ensure their protection, and enable unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/more-two-million-children-displaced-brutal-conflict-sudan-violence-spreads-new-areas (Access Date: 25.08.2023)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.08.2023, on the Twitter account of the UNDP, it was stated that poverty is not only a lack of income, but also a lack

<p>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</p>	<p>of education, health, food and shelter, political participation, the right to choose, security and dignity.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/UNDP/status/1689894417782452224 (Access Date: 27/8/2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.08.2023, on the Twitter account of the UNDP, it was stated that the poorest and most vulnerable people are the communities most affected by the climate crisis, even though they are the least responsible. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/UNDP/status/1690755087440769025 (Access Date: 27/8/2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.08.2023, on the Twitter account of the UNDP, it was stated that more than 1.1 million barrels of oil were pumped from the rotting FSO Safer tanker off the coast of Yemen, but this urgent threat of unimaginable proportions was averted. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/UNDP/status/1691419468814073856 (Access Date: 27/8/2023)</p>
<p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.08.2023, on the website of CEDAW, it was informed that UN experts said that two years after seizing power in Afghanistan, the Taliban continues to violate many human rights including implementing a system of total discrimination, exclusion and subjugation of women and girls. They also said that the gap between promises and practices by Afghanistan’s de facto authorities widened and the idea of a “reformed” Taliban has been exposed as mistaken. Their statement to mark

	<p>that two years have passed since the Taliban’s take-over of Afghanistan was also shared on the website.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2023/08/afghanistan-un-human-rights-experts-denounce-idea-reformed-taliban (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD opened its one hundred and tenth session, during which it would review anti-discrimination efforts by Italy, Croatia, Uruguay, Namibia, Senegal and Turkmenistan. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-opens-one-hundred-and-tenth-session (Access Date: 25.08.2023) - On 09.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD concluded its consideration of the twenty-first periodic report of Italy, with Committee Experts commending the State on reception centers for unaccompanied minors, while asking questions about racism in sport and hate crimes against the Roma, Sinti and Camminanti communities. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/examen-du-rapport-de-litalie-devant-le-comite-pour-lelimination-de-la-discrimination (Access Date: 25.08.2023) - On 10.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined ninth to fourteenth periodic report of Croatia, with Committee

	<p>Experts commending the State on increased health insurance coverage for the Roma, and asking questions on the prosecution of hate speech and the segregation of Roma students in elementary education.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/la-situation-des-roms-et-des-personnes-dorigine-serbe-est-au-coeur-du-dialogue-entre (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 11.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth periodic report of Uruguay, with Committee Experts commending Uruguay on the high-quality delegation which had provided exhaustive responses, and asking about the situation of people of African descent, and measures taken to prevent overcrowding in prisons.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-uruguay-high-quality (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined sixteenth to eighteenth periodic reports of Namibia, with Committee Experts commending the State on its efforts to expand educational opportunities for marginalized groups, while asking questions on disparities between ethnic groups in access to voting rights and poverty levels.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-namibia-efforts-expand (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.08.2023, on the Committee's website, it was announced that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined twelfth to thirteenth periodic reports of Turkmenistan, with Committee Experts commending the State's cooperation with the United Nations, while asking questions about civil society organizations representing ethnic minorities and measures to prevent statelessness. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/08/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-turkmenistans-cooperation (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p>
<p>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the Twitter account of GANHRI, an access link to the post of NANHRI about the announcement of the 14th Biennial Conference which will provide a platform for African NHRIs & other actors to deliberate on the situation of Business and Human Rights in Africa and will be in collaboration with The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice and in Ghana, from 18-20 October. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/NANHRI40/status/1684448963125035010 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.08.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, an informative image related to climate justice was shared and in that, it was stated that at the 2020 GANHRI Annual

	<p>Conference, NHRIs from all regions pledged to work to promote human rights-based climate action and support communities that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1686285641141932032 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 08.08.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, an access link was shared related to the “Good practice guide on promoting collaboration between NHRIs and regional intergovernmental mechanisms” of Asia Pacific Forum.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/APFHumanRights/status/1688698808111411200 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 15.08.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, an informative image related to climate change was shared and in that, it was stated that NHRIs collect disaggregated data and promote the participation of groups that can be particularly at risk to climate change (such as women and girls, elderly people, persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples).</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1691366617454977024 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 15.08.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, an access link to the post of Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) about a video summary of the event “The Role of NHRIs in Complaints Handling of Violations and</p>
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	<p>Abuses towards Human Rights Defenders”, which happened in Nairobi, Kenya, 2nd to 4th of August, was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://twitter.com/NANHRI40/status/1691445665283645441 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.08.2023, on the Twitter account of GANHRI, it was stated that NHRIs and human rights defenders across the globe still encounter threats due to their work in speaking up for human rights and the right to freedom of opinion and expression is a fundamental one that should be respected and protected. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/Ganhri1/status/1692091393492079085 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.08.2023, on the Twitter account of FRA, it was stated that after the recent tragic drowning of migrants off the Italian coast, FRA called on the EU and its Member States to take urgent steps to avoid future loss of life at sea. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/EURightsAgency/status/1688900962079985664 (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 21.08.2023, on the Twitter account of FRA, it was announced that FRA’s Director Michael O’Flaherty and International Broadcaster and Visiting Professor of King's College Nik Gowing would have a one-on-one conversation on human rights during the Bled Strategic Forum 2023, and it would be broadcasted live.

	<p>Source: https://twitter.com/EURightsAgency/status/1693625430270505175 (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p>
<p>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.08.2023, on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, it was stated that ENNHRI’s submission to the European Commission report on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights stresses how vital NHRIs are to ensuring access to justice & legal remedies. In this context, ENNHRI recommended the Commission to encourage EU Member States to strengthen NHRIs in this area. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1694008690934739105 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.08.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that Equality Bodies with the power to make recommendations to policy-makers & legislators can push for amendments that restore equality and ensure inclusivity and a tweet thread includes Greek Ombudsman’s practice to use this power was shared as an example. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1686313952685301763 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.08.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on Roma Holocaust Memorial Day, it was stated that it should be reflected on what can be done to foster Roma equality & create a more inclusive Europe and Equality Bodies have a key role to play.

	<p>Source: https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1686748900697182208 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.08.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, on the occasion of the UN International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief, it was stated that Equality Bodies play an important role in tackling discrimination based on religion or belief and ensuring equality for all. <p>Source: https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/1693908335706194094 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.08.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, statements regarding the Roma Genocide Remembrance Day were published. It was stated by the ODIHR that remembering the persecution and murder of the Roma by the Nazi regime is also a reminder of the ongoing need to combat the discrimination that Roma and Sinti communities face nowadays. <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/549346 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.08.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, it was stated that interfaith and interreligious dialogue is vital to promote the right to freedom of religion or belief and combat religious intolerance and violence. In the statement, it was also emphasized that violence and discrimination do not only harm the individuals and communities concerned but can also jeopardize security across the OSCE region.

	<p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/549874 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the National Forum on Cruel, Degrading and Inhumane Treatment of People with Disability and Mental Health Disorders in Australia's Places of Detention was held. It was emphasized in the news that maltreatment against people with disabilities who are detained risks contravening Australia's obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT). Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/forum-end-mistreatment-people-disability-detention (Access Date: 23.08.2023) - On 10.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission released a set of resources to help organizations and businesses comply with the new Positive Duty in the Sex Discrimination Act. According to the aforementioned Act, organisations and businesses are required to focus on actively preventing unlawful conduct connected to work rather than responding after it occurs. The Commission's resources are released to encourage and support businesses and organizations to take action to comply with the Positive Duty, before its enforcement powers commence. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/new-resources-address-workplace-harassment-discrimination-and (Access Date: 23.08.2023)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 23.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that the Commission made a submission to the Exposure Draft of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023. The Commission holds serious reservations about the current version of the Exposure Draft Bill’s ability to strike the correct balance. In the submission, it was emphasized that the Bill has not found an equilibrium between misinformation/disinformation and the freedom of speech. <p>Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/countering-disinformation-online (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>
<p>Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Ombudsman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.08.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan Sabina Aliyeva and the members of the Ombudsman’s National Preventive Group against Torture conducted visits to the detention places, which persons cannot leave at their own will, without prior notice. During the visit, prisoner V. Khachatryan’s appeal was heard by the Ombudsman in the presence of the members of the National Preventive Group against Torture, including the physician and psychologist specialists. He expressed his satisfaction with the humane approach shown from the very first moment of the arrest and the quality medical care provided and mentioned that there are positive changes in his health status. V. Khachatryan expressed his gratitude to the state of Azerbaijan for this all, as well as for his treatment, detention conditions, and the creation of the opportunity to contact his family. <p>Source:</p>

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4116/ombudsman-conducted-her-next-visit-within-the-framework-of-national-preventive-mechanism-activities> (Access Date: 25.08.2023)

- On 04.08.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that according to the joint action plan approved by the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Defense for the year 2023, the Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva and staff of the Office visited a military unit. The Ombudsman and the employees monitored the conditions established for military staff and visited the military dormitory, medical unit, dining hall, and other objects that do not constitute a military secret in the territory of the military unit.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4118/ombudsman-and-staff-members-of-the-office-carried-out-a-visit-to-military-unit> (Access Date: 25.08.2023)

- On 15.08.2023, on the website of the Ombudsman, it was stated that the next visit by the National Preventive Group (NPG) members was conducted to the penitentiary institution No. 2 and the Specialized Treatment Facility of the Penitentiary Service. The purpose of the visits conducted without prior notice was to investigate the implementation status of the instructions given in the previous visits, ensuring the rights of detained persons, conditions of treatment and detention, medical services, and documentation. During the visits, which a physician member of the NPG also attended, it was observed that repair works were carried out in both institutions in accordance with the recommendations. Within the framework

of the visits organized on the basis of the requirements of the OPCAT and the Constitutional Law on the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the convicts were explained their rights, the competencies of the Ombudsman, and the requirements of the relevant legislation. As part of the visits, related applications addressed to the Ombudsman were accepted, and a number of appeals were resolved on the spot.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4132/ombudsmans-recommendations-are-implemented-in-the-institutions-of-the-penitentiary-service> (Access Date: 25.08.2023)

- On 16.08.2023, on the official website of the Ombudsman, it was stated upon the instruction of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, the members of the National Preventive Group (NPG) conducted visits to the Baku Pre-Trial Detention Facility without prior notice. The purpose of the visits conducted in accordance with the requirements of the OPCAT and the Constitutional Law on the Ombudsman of the Republic of Azerbaijan was to monitor the conditions of detention, treatment issues and to receive a number of accused persons. During the visits, confidential meetings were held with a number of persons, their treatment, conditions of detention, and the state of medical care was evaluated, and their appeals were investigated on the spot. Their rights and the competencies of the Ombudsman were explained to those persons.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/4136/national-preventive-group-conducted-visits-to-the-baku-pre-trial-detention-facility> (Access Date: 25.08.2023)

<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that, last year, following the broadcast of concerning allegations, EHRC had taken immediate action to gain assurance that the human rights of patients at Edenfield Centre in Prestwich were being protected. EHRC received reassurance at that time that changes were being made, however, the Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust was rated inadequate by the Care Quality Commission in July 2023. It was emphasized in the news that this rating had led EHRC to seek renewed confirmation that the changes implemented by the Trust in 2022 have been effective in protecting patients’ rights in Edenfield. Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/equality-watchdog-seeks-assurance-greater-manchester-mental-health-trust-following (Access Date: 24.08.2023) - On 14.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that thousands of workers at Fuller’s will receive training to prevent sexual harassment following a legal case supported by the EHRC. The case involved claims from a young female former employee who suffered repeated incidents of sexual harassment while working at a Fuller’s pub. In the settlement process, Fuller’s had apologized to the employee and had agreed to implement mandatory sexual harassment training for the staff across their national network of pubs. Source:

	<p>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/fuller%E2%80%99s-tackle-sexual-harassment-following-equality-watchdog-intervention (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p> <p>- On 17.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that in a new report submitted to the United Nations, the EHRC warns that many disabled people continue to face discrimination in the UK, and the situation continues to worsen, particularly in light of current cost-of-living pressures. It was emphasized that the latest report assesses the extent to which the previous UN recommendations had been implemented and despite limited or some progress in certain areas, EHRC was disappointed to see no progress against some other recommendations.</p> <p>Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/uk-government-failing-protect-disabled-people-warns-equality-watchdog-report (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p>
<p>The Danish Institute for Human Rights</p>	<p>- On 16.08.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that according to research from the Institute; one in four persons with disabilities experience barriers at polling stations in Denmark, and the Institute made several recommendations in order to promote accessibility in the electoral process and ensure equal access to democratic participation for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/utilgaengelige-valgsteder-mennesker-handicap-lettere-ved-stemme (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p>

<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.08.2023, on the website of the Institute, statements regarding the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Sinti and Roma were published. It was emphasized in the statement that the Institute recommends to the Federal Government and the Bundestag to implement the Independent Commission on Antigypsyism's recommendations systematically. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/bundestag-und-bundesregierung-muessen-empfehlungen-der-unabhaengigen-kommission-antiziganismus-weiter-systematisch-aufgreifen (Access Date: 24.08.2023) - On 14.08.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute criticizes the stagnation in the implementation of the UN Disability Rights Convention (CRPD) in Germany. It was stated in the news that on August, the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities would examine for the second time how Germany implemented the rights of persons with disabilities in Germany and the Institute had drawn up a parallel report for this country check. It was also emphasized in the news that the parallel report names selected problem areas in the implementation of the CRPD in Germany such as work, inclusive education, coercion, independent living and accessibility. Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitut-bemaengelt-stagnation-bei-umsetzung-der-un-behindertenrechtskonvention-in-deutschland

	<p>(Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.08.2023, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Institute appeals to the Federal Government to present a comprehensive draft law which takes into account the previous recommendations of UN committees to reform the General Equal Treatment Act (AGG) in a timely manner. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/deutsches-antidiskriminierungsrecht-weiterentwickeln-empfehlungen-internationaler-menschenrechtsgremien-nachkommen</p> <p>(Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p>
<p>Georgian Ombudsman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 07.08.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was stated that The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), on the basis of the Public Defender's requests, had prepared a legal report on the "foreign agents" draft laws had initiated in the Parliament of Georgia in February 2023 and negatively evaluated the said initiatives. The document focused on the basic rights that the draft laws have a negative impact on, such as; the rights to freedom of association, to freedom of expression, to respect for private life, to participate in public affairs, and freedom from discrimination. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/eutoodirma-samartlebrivi-daskvna-gamoakveqna-ets-utskhoeli-agentebis-kanonproektebze (Access Date: 25.08.2023)</p>

<p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 14.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was stated that the Commission had provided legal representation to a person involved in a case before the Workplace Relations Commission under the Equal Status Acts regarding a complaint of discrimination on the housing assistance ground. The discrimination was related to a considerable delay by a management company in submitting the required documentation to the relevant local authority relating to Commission’s client’s application for housing assistance payment. It was emphasized in the news that, with legal representation provided by the Commission, the person’s claim was settled on terms satisfactory to both parties. <p>Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-provides-legal-assistance-in-hap-discrimination-complaint/ (Access Date: 24.08.2023)</p>
<p>The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.08.2023, on the website of the Center, information was given about the implementation of the National Programme for Human Rights Education in the Republic of Uzbekistan and its “Roadmap”. <p>Source: http://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m11080 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.08.2023, on the website of the Center, a work titled “World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: A Pledge to Reach Every Victim, Leave No One Behind” of a student of international law faculty was shared. <p>Source: http://www.nhrc.uz/en/news/m11126 (Access Date: 23.08.2023)</p>

<p>French National Consultative Commission On Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.08.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, it was stated that access to water is a basic human right and is especially important for immigrants and those living in overseas areas. Source: https://twitter.com/CNCDH/status/1686735963316162561 (Access Date: 27.08.2023) - On 14.08.2023, on the website of the Commission, it was announced that a human rights competition organized by the French Republic would occur. The theme of this year's competition was determined as the environment and access to water. Source: https://www.cncdh.fr/actualite/lancement-du-rapport-2022-sur-la-lutte-contre-le-racisme-lantisemitisme-et-la-xenophobie (Access Date: 27.08.2023)