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International	- On 04.03.2024, on the website of ILO, a blog titled "Making
Labour	labour statistics work for women: Recent developments and the
Organization	way ahead" was shared. In that blog, it was highlighted that key
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()	developments which have greatly enhanced the visibility of
	women's work within labour statistics, and the relevance of
	labour statistics to women's work, making for a much more
	complete view of the world of work.
	Source:
	https://ilostat.ilo.org/making-labour-statistics-work-for-
	women-recent-developments-and-the-way-ahead/
	(Access Date: 26.03.2024)
	- On 06.03.2024, on the website of ILO, a podcast was shared.
	In the podcast, it was expressed that in the world of work, men
	and women are often segregated by their type of work, one
	main reason that women suffered more job losses during the
	COVID-19 crisis than men. It was also stated that a joint
	program of UN Women and the ILO had developed a new tool
	to help policymakers rethink the design of sectoral policies and
	make informed decisions on where to invest to have a greater
	impact on gender equality.
	Source:
	https://www.ilo.org/employment/Informationresources/covid-
	19/other/WCMS_913375/langen/index.htm
	(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 06.03.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that ILO and The International Maritime Organization (IMO) recommend new steps against shipboard violence, harassment, and sexual assault related to the maritime sector.

## **Source:**

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS 916135/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 07.03.2024, on the website of ILO, ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo's message for International Women's Day was shared. In his message, Houngbo stated that women still face inequality, discrimination, and stereotypes that hold them back; they often bear the brunt of caregiving responsibilities, which limits their opportunities; they make up less than half of the global workforce; they tend to work in low-quality jobs in vulnerable conditions and gender-based violence and harassment is much too common at work. Houngbo highlighted that this is unacceptable.

## **Source:**

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS\_916339/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 08.03.2024, on the website of ILO, on International Women's Day, it was stated that the ILO had issued a new policy brief urging governments, workers' and employers' organizations to ensure domestic workers have access to labour rights and social protection.

## Source:

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS 916160/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 09.03.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that a new study covering 17 EU and non-EU developed and developing economies, together accounting for more than a third of the global workforce, reveals significant and generalized gains for women in employment, both in terms of number of jobs and in the quality of positions over the last decades. According to the news, in the 21st century, most newly created jobs were for women, who also benefited more from occupational upgrading. It was also stated that despite progress, gender gaps in employment and job quality persist.

## Source:

https://www.ilo.org/employment/Whatwedo/Projects/building -partnerships-on-the-future-of-work/WCMS\_916571/lang-en/index.htm (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 14.03.2024, on the website of ILO, a blog about how women are more likely than men to want a job but not have one was shared. In that blog, it was stated that measures of joblessness that reflect the most urgent need for employment (such as unemployment) point to moderate differences between women and men. It was also stated that yet, broader measures of joblessness point to much larger gender disparities – particularly in developing countries.

## **Source:**

https://ilostat.ilo.org/women-are-more-likely-than-men-to-want-a-job-but-not-have-one/ (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 18.03.2024, on the website of ILO, the ILO assessment themed "Palestinian unemployment rate set to soar to 57 per cent during first quarter of 2024" was shared. It was stated that new estimates show a loss of 507,000 jobs to date, shedding light on how the disruptions to economic life have led to unprecedented losses in employment and livelihoods across the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

## **Source:**

https://www.ilo.org/beirut/media-

centre/news/WCMS 920137/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 19.03.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that the new study on forced labour in the private sector reveals a 37 per cent rise in illegal profits from forced labour since 2014.

## Source:

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

ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS 920143/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 25.03.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that the ILO's Governing Body had concluded its 350th session, with a series of significant decisions relating to living wages and initiatives to strengthen social justice, and they had also reviewed several specific country cases.

## **Source:**

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

ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS 920740/lang--en/index.htm

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

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

 On 04.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (5 March 2024), UN experts urge States to address human rights impact of nuclear testing.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-expertsurge-states-address-human-rights-impact-nuclear-testing

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 04.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, global update by Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, to the Human Rights Council statement at 55th session the Council was shared.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/turks-global-update-human-rights-council (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 05.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a UN Expert stated that sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the entertainment industry must stop immediately.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/sexual-abuse-and-exploitation-children-entertainment-industry-must-stop (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 05.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Experts condemn 'flour massacre', and urge Israel to end campaign of starvation in Gaza.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-expertscondemn-flour-massacre-urge-israel-end-campaignstarvation-gaza (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 05.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a UN Expert stated that hatred on basis of religion or belief must be addressed holistically.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/hatred-basis-religion-or-belief-must-be-addressed-holistically-unexpert (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 06.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert stated that there is an urgent need to rethink business and economic paradigms that have pushed humanity's collective impacts beyond planetary limits.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/rethinking-business-and-economic-paradigms-people-and-planet-survive-un (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 06.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert stated that quality education still unattainable for most persons with albinism.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/quality-education-still-unattainable-most-persons-albinism-un-expert (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 06.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert stated that Israel's dehumanization of displaced persons in Gaza must end.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/gaza-israels-dehumanisation-displaced-persons-must-end-says-un-expert (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 07.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, practical toolkit for law enforcement officials to promote and protect human rights in the context of peaceful protests was published.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-andresources/practical-toolkit-law-enforcement-officialspromote-and-protect-human (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 07.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert stated that states should uphold their human rights obligations and facilitate, not suppress, peaceful protests. According to the news, he presented a set of new practical and technical tools for law enforcement.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-expert-launches-new-tools-law-enforcement-foster-peaceful-protest (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 07.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, it was announced that the United Nations Human Rights Council had decided to adjust the working hours of its ongoing 55th session during Ramadan.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/human-rights-council-adjusts-working-hours-55th-session-during-ramadan (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 07.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Experts urged the international community to increase pressure on the parties to the conflict to end grave crimes and fully comply with international law.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-expertsurge-international-community-step-pressure-end-crimesuphold (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on International Women's Day, Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights stated that enduring peace will only be built with women at the table.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/03/womens-day-enduring-peace-will-only-be-built-women-table-says-turk (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 08.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human

rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, calls on the Taliban to release women human rights defenders.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/03/afghanistan-un-expert-calls-taliban-release-women-human-rights-defenders

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk deplored Israel's latest actions regarding the occupied West Bank, saying the drastic acceleration in settlement building is exacerbating long-standing patterns of oppression, violence and discrimination against Palestinians.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-human-rights-chief-deplores-new-moves-expand-israeli-settlements-occupied (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 55th session of the Human Rights Council, on Panel discussion on countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, was shared. According to that, Türk calls for measures to address religious hatred.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/turk-calls-measures-address-religious-

hatred (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 08.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a UN Expert called on states to review prison management practices, procedures and policies to ensure compliance with human rights standards, as countries grapple with the need to adapt to environmental challenges and the looming threat of eventual pandemics.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-torture-expert-urges-prison-modernisation-social-rehabilitation-and (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 11.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Expert stated that advocating for human rights boosts resource availability and upholds fiscal legitimacy.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/advocating-human-rights-boosts-resource-availability-and-upholds-fiscal (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 11.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement about "Care models for inclusion of people with disabilities" of Nada Al-Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 55th session of the Human Rights Council was shared.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/03/care-models-inclusion-people-disabilities (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 11.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy High Commissioner, at Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the UNECE (UN Economic Commission for Europe) region was shared. According to that, she declared that migration governance must change and she also said that migration governance is a complex reality that demands enhanced international and regional cooperation, strengthened multilateralism, and more solidarity.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/migration-governance-must-changedeputy-declares (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 11.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy High Commissioner, at Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child - Opening of the Panel Discussion on the Rights of the Child and Inclusive Social Protection during 55th session of the Human Rights Council was shared. According to that, she stated that inclusive social protection is essential for child rights.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/inclusive-social-protection-essential-childrights-says-deputy-high (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 12.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a UN Expert stated that in the digital age, states must not only respect and refrain from violating the right to privacy and data protection, but their obligations include positive measures to promote the effective enjoyment of these rights.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/individuals-must-be-able-realise-right-remedy-privacy-violations-data

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 15.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared on the occasion of International Day to Combat Islamophobia. According to that, he urges dialogue, tolerance and respect.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/international-day-combat-islamophobiahigh-commissioner-urges (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, a group of UN independent Experts warned that acts of harassment, intimidation, violence and incitement based on religion or belief have risen to "alarming levels" across the world, including against Muslims.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/03/un-expertswarn-islamophobia-rising-alarming-levels

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 18.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, "A United Nations Agenda for Protection - Strengthening the ability of the United Nations System to protect people through their human rights" was published.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-andresources/united-nations-agenda-protection-strengtheningability-united-nations (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 19.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, comment by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on the risk of famine in Gaza was shared.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/commentun-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-risk-faminegaza (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 19.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, open letter of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights in the pandemics accord was published.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/open-letters/open-letterunited-nations-high-commissioner-human-rights-humanrights (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 20.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the statement of a group of UN experts was shared. According to that, they expressed that all states must push forward in the fight against racial discrimination.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/03/all-states-must-push-forward-fight-against-racial-discrimination-un-experts

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 21.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of World Water Day, the statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation was shared. According to that, he expressed that transboundary waters should be managed as ecosystems, not as economic resources.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/world-water-day (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 21.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement, related to Gaza, of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child was shared. According to that UN Committee urges to halt the war now to save children from dying of imminent famine.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/gaza-halt-war-now-save-children-dying-imminent-famine-un-committee-warns (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 21.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, video statement by Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. According to that, Türk calls for a future without hate.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/03/international-day-elimination-racial-discrimination-turk-calls (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 22.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the video statement of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk was shared. According to that, he stated that water should be used as a "tool for peace".

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-andspeeches/2024/03/water-should-be-used-tool-peace-says-turk (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 25.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the statement of a group of UN experts was shared. According to that, they urge states to recognize and address legacy of slave trade.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-expertsurge-states-recognise-and-address-legacy-slave-trade

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 25.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, advance unedited version of the "Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967" was published.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/countryreports/ahrc5573-report-special-rapporteur-situation-humanrights-palestinian (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 26.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of the Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territory, Francesca Albanese was shared. According to that, Special Rapporteur expressed that states must adhere to obligations under Genocide Convention to prevent further loss of life in Gaza.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/states-must-adhere-obligations-under-genocide-convention-prevent-further (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 26.03.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Nada Al-Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 55th session of the Human Rights Council was shared. According to the news, she cited High Commissioner's report on Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan during her statement. This report analyses developments related to the period between 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023.

## **Source:**

https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/03/occupied-palestinian-territory-reporting-settlements-and-occupied (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

- On 03.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF, a statement by Adele Khodr, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa regarding the children dying in Gaza because of dehydration and malnutrition was shared.

## Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-adele-khodr-unicef-regional-director-middle-east-and-north-africa-0

(Access Date: 25.03.2024)

 On 06.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF, a statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on violence and lawlessness in Haiti was shared.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicefexecutive-director-catherine-russell-situation-haiti

(Access Date: 25.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF it was stated that, according to the newly released UNICEF report entitled "Female Genital Mutilation: A global concern", Over 230 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation and the updated global estimates showed a 15 per cent increase in the total number of survivors – or 30 million more girls and women – compared to data released eight years ago.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/over-230-million-girls-and-women-alive-today-have-been-subjected-female-genital

(Access Date: 25.03.2024)

 On 08.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF, a statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on children in Sudan at risk of famine was shared.

## Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/statement-unicefexecutive-director-catherine-russell-children-sudan-riskfamine (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

- On 11.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF, it was announced that "Improving Maternal Nutrition Acceleration Plan," which aimed to prevent anemia and malnutrition in pregnant women in 16 countries, was launched by UNICEF and its partners.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/nutrition/maternal-nutrition-acceleration-plan (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 14.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF it was stated that, after thirteen years of conflict in Syria, almost 7.5 million children in the country—more than at any other time during the conflict- were in need of humanitarian assistance, more than 650,000 children under the age of five were chronically malnourished and according to a recent household survey conducted in northern Syria, 34 per cent of girls and 31 per cent of boys reported psychosocial distress. Similarly, the rapid assessments conducted in earthquake-affected areas reported 83 per cent of children exhibiting severe behavioral psychological distress respondents.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/after-13-years-conflictsyria-more-children-ever-need-humanitarian-assistance-and

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 15.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF it was stated that, according to nutrition screenings conducted by UNICEF and partners, 1 in 3 children under 2 years of age –31 per cent and up from 15.6 percent in January- in the Northern Gaza Strip suffer from acute malnutrition.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/acute-malnutrition-has-doubled-one-month-north-gaza-strip-unicef

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 25.03.2024, on the website of UNICEF, UNICEF's brief technical guidance on "Strengthening water and sanitation systems to improve child nutrition and development outcomes," which described 'transformative' WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and how it can strengthen efforts to improve child survival, nutrition, and development in early childhood, was shared.

## **Source:**

https://www.unicef.org/reports/strengthening-water-and-sanitation-systems-improve-child-nutrition-and-development-outcomes (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

## UN Development Programme (UNDP)

On 13.03.2024, on the website of the UNDP, 2023-2024 Human Development Report (HDR) titled "Breaking the Crisis: Redesigning cooperation in a polarized world" was published. The report emphasizes how global interdependence is being reconfigured and proposes a path forward where multilateralism plays a pivotal role.

	https://hdr.undp.org/content/human-development-report- 2023-24 (Access Date: 27.03.2024)
UN Women	- On 02.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Women, UN Women called for a humanitarian ceasefire, noting that it is estimated that at least 9,000 women have been killed in Gaza to date and they continue to suffer the devastating impact.  Source: <a href="https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/176373161226342820">https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/176373161226342820</a> ① (Access Date: 27.03.2024)
	<ul> <li>On 08.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Women, a message was published on International Women's Day, stating that defending women's rights is more important than ever.</li> <li>Source:         <ul> <li>https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/176585500656397958</li> <li>(Access Date: 27.03.2024)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	- On 08.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Women, countries were urged to improve women and girls' access to education, family planning and fair and equal pay.  Source: <a href="https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/176592043131845021">https://twitter.com/UN_Women/status/176592043131845021</a> 5 (Access Date: 27.03.2024)
Committee on the Elimination of	- On 07.03.2024, on the website of CEDAW, the information was given about the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)'s publication of a decision after reviewing a joint complaint filed by two

## Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Belarusian nationals who were detained in two different detention facilities. According to the news, CEDAW found that discriminatory detention conditions and abusive treatment violated women inmates' rights.

## Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/belarus-discriminatory-detention-conditions-and-abusive-treatment-violated (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

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

On 08.03.2024, on the website of GANHRI, the information was given that GANHRI Chairperson Maryam Al-Attiyah, had delivered a statement at the 55th Human Rights Council in response to the Special Rapporteur on Torture report, highlighting the importance of regular and transparent monitoring by national human rights institutions (NHRIs) to prevent torture, along with the urgent global necessity for prison reform. In addition, it was stated that as it commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Convention Against Torture this year, GANHRI look forward to continuing to work closely with the Special Rapporteur and all members and observers of the Human Rights Council in advancing its collective mission to create a torture free world.

## **Source:**

https://ganhri.org/transparent-monitoring-by-nhris-is-key-to-preventing-torture-says-ganhri-at-hrc55/

(Access Date: 25.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, on the website of GANHRI, the information was given that, during the Interactive Dialogue with the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities at the 55th Human Rights Council, Elie El Baz,

Member of CNDH Morocco (Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme; the National Human Rights Council of Morocco) had delivered a statement on behalf of GANHRI, welcoming the Special Rapporteur's report and her priorities for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities during her tenure. According to the news, GANHRI called on states to fully cooperate with Special Rapporteur mandate to advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

## Source:

https://ganhri.org/ganhri-calls-on-states-to-fully-cooperatewith-sr-mandate-to-advance-the-rights-of-persons-withdisabilities/ (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

On 12.03.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was stated that at the 55th Human Rights Council (HRC 55), GANHRI had welcomed the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders' report which focused on challenges faced by child and youth human rights defenders. According to the news, GANHRI had urged all states to address challenges faced by child and youth human rights defenders at HRC55.

## **Source:**

https://ganhri.org/ganhri-urges-all-states-to-address-challenges-faced-by-child-and-youth-human-rights-defenders-at-hrc55/ (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

- On 21.03.2024, on the website of GANHRI, the information was given that, while prohibited under the nation's constitution, there is no law in Sierra Leone that makes torture a specific and punishable crime. It was stated that in recent years, many individuals had come to the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) to lodge complaints of

torture and ill-treatment at the hands of police and military officials, but with no clear legal recourse, their hopes of securing justice and accountability had been limited. It was also stated that it was a situation the Commission was determined to change by putting this highly sensitive issue in the public spotlight, as Vice Chairperson Victor Idrissa Lansana explained at the 14th International Conference of NHRIs. In this context, related questions and Vice Chairperson Victor Idrissa Lansana's answers to them was shared on the website of GANHRI.

## Source:

https://ganhri.org/sierra-leone-the-power-of-public-inquiriesto-drive-change-on-torture/ (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

# European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)

 On 01.03.2024, on CPT's website, The Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) published the preliminary observations delivered by its delegation to the Armenian authorities at the end of the visit to Armenia from 12 to 22 September 2023.

## **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-publishes-its-preliminary-observationon-the-visit-to-armenia (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 08.03.2024, on CPT's website, it was announced that CPT held its 113th plenary meeting from 4 to 8 March 2024. During this meeting, the CPT adopted the reports on its periodic visits to Armenia (September 2023), Malta (September-October 2023), North Macedonia (October 2023) and Ukraine (October 2023) and on its ad hoc visit to examine the treatment of foreign

nationals deprived of their liberty under immigration legislation in Greece (November-December 2023).

## Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-poland

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, on CPT's website, CPT published the response of the Luxembourg authorities to the CPT report on its periodic visit to Luxembourg carried out from 27 March to 4 April 2023.

## **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-publishes-the-response-of-theluxembourg-authorities-to-the-report-on-the-2023-visit

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

On 05.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA would attend the UNECE and UNICEF expert group
meeting on statistics on children and give a presentation to
inform the experts about the data on violence against children
that was collected in the agency's surveys on violence against
women.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/unece-unicef-expert-group-meeting-violence-against-children

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 07.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA's new report on "Enforcing consumer rights to combat greenwashing", that considered what the EU and countries

should, with a human rights approach, do to combat greenwashing and support consumers in making informed and environmentally friendly choices, was published.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/combatting-greenwashing-protecting-consumers (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 07.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA attended a Plenary meeting of the EU Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint, which was a mechanism established by the European Commission for better monitoring and anticipating migration movements.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/eu-migrationpreparedness-and-crisis-blueprint-network-meeting

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 12.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA held the "Fundamental Rights Forum 2024" in Vienna with the focus on the most pressing human rights challenges related to climate change, technological advances and the threats to democracy and civic space.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/fundamental-rights-forum-2024 (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 15.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA signed new working agreements with Frontex and eu-Lisa to strengthen partnership and cooperation.

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fundamental-rights-agency-strengthens-cooperation-frontex-and-eu-lisa

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 15.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA took part on a public hearing on ensuring political participation of Roma at the local, national and European level that was held by the European Economic and Social Committee's Permanent group on the Inclusion of Roma with the aim to identify obstacles, solutions and good practices, and presented statistical data on political participation of Roma as recorded by the Roma survey 2021.

## Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/hearing-political-participation-roma (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 18.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA would take part in the European Commission Disability
Platform meeting, present its report on the fundamental rights
of older people and inform the Platform's members about its
upcoming report on political participation of people with
disabilities.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/european-commission-disability-platform-meeting (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 19.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would give the keynote speech at the launch conference of Council of Europe and the European Commission's joint initiative on supporting Member States to make judicial

proceedings more child-friendly across Europe nationally and locally.

## Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/council-europe-and-european-commission-join-efforts-child-friendly-justice

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 20.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would run a webinar on 20 March for civil society organizations on available resources to Human Rights Defenders in need of relocation.

## Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/civil-society-webinar-resources-human-rights-defenders (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 21.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA participated in the 10th plenary meeting of the Council of Europe's Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), where the final text of a world's first "Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law" was adopted by the Committee.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-joins-plenary-meeting-council-europes-ai-committee (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 21.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA released its "Human rights cities in the European Union Practical guidance", which provides hands-on support and
advice to cities and other forms of local authorities wishing to

improve their efforts to respect, protect and promote human rights, in all EU languages.

## Source:

https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2022/human-rights-cities-booklet (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 26.03.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA shared its "European Arrest Warrant proceedings - Room for improvement to guarantee rights in practice" report, which looked at the fundamental rights challenges that people face who are requested through a European Arrest Warrant and identified ways to ensure people were treated fairly, informed, and have legal assistance.

## **Source:**

https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/european-arrest-warrant-respecting-rights-across-borders (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

# European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

 On 12.03.2024, on the website of the ENNHRI, a call was made for EU Member States to approve a regulation banning the sale of products produced through forced labor across the European Union.

## Source:

https://ennhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/ENNHRI-Statement-on-the-planned-Forced-Labour-Product-Ban-inthe-EU.pdf (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 19.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the ENNHRI, a post was published emphasizing the importance of the right to live in a healthy environment and calling on the Council of Europe to create a binding instrument for this right.

## Source:

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1770084594513051737

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 21.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the ENNHRI, a post was published on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

## Source:

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1770780088394506503

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

 On 07.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the EQUINET, a guide entitled "Equality Bodies' Interventions for Equality in the Field of Education" was published, aiming to facilitate information sharing between Equality Bodies and to guide future work on equality in education by EQUINET and its members.

## Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/17657735352286660

<u>82</u> (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 15.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the EQUINET, a statement was published expressing concerns about the need for a legal regulation to ensure that AI systems support human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

## Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/17686873875660762

29 (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

 On 13.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, it was shared that an event would be held on 15.03.2024 on Strengthening International Responsibility on Violence against Children in Armed Conflict.

## **Source:**

https://twitter.com/UNChildRights1/status/176791312668556 1025 (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 21.03.2024, on the Twitter account of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, a post was made on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, stating that states must take steps to advance equality and combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

## Source:

https://twitter.com/UNChildRights1/status/177058938604168 0375 (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

# Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe

On 13.03.2024, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), organized a Training of Trainers on Strategic Analysis for FIU analysts. The event gathered 20 representatives from 17 jurisdictions, including Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Türkiye and Ukraine.

https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/joint-council-of-europe-and-egmont-group-training-of-trainers-on-strategic-analysis-for-financial-intelligence-units

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers has published the case-by-case decisions (40 decisions concerning 21 states) adopted during its meeting from 12 to 14 March in the context of the supervision of the implementation of judgments and decisions from the European Court of Human Rights.

## **Source:**

https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/implementation-of-the-european-court-s-judgments-latest-decisions-by-the-committee-of-ministers-1

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

on 19.03.2024, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Council of Europe, the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) held a high-level roundtable on "Reparations for Damages, Losses, and Injuries Resulting from the Russian Federation's Aggression against Ukraine" in Warsaw, Poland with the participation of international experts and Ukrainian national authorities, including the Ministries of Justice, Community Development, Territories and Infrastructure, Social Policy, General Prosecutor's Office, Parliamentary Committees, the Supreme Court and Ombudsperson's Office, as well the NGOs.

https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/ukrainian-stakeholders-and-international-experts-discuss-reparations-for-damages-losses-and-injuries-resulting-from-the-aggression-of-the-russian-federation-against-ukraine

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 26.03.2024, on the website of the Directorate it was announced that the Committee of Ministers' Presidency of Liechtenstein, in collaboration with the Department for the Execution of Judgments, would organize a High-Level Conference, "Of Unsound Mind: Convention-compliant approaches to the execution of judgments concerning involuntary detention and treatment on mental health grounds," with the aim to clarify the relevant legal standards regarding rule of law safeguards and conditions in institutions, and to provide inspiring examples of Convention-compliant practices.

## Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law/-/high-level-conference-of-unsound-mind- (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

## OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

On 01.03.2023, on the website of the ODIHR, the final report of the election assessment mission assigned within the scope of Slovakia's 2023 early parliamentary elections was published. The report emphasized that Slovakia's 2023 early parliamentary elections were competitive and pluralistic, fundamental rights and freedoms were respected, but candidates competed in an environment dominated by high polarization.

## Source:

https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/slovakia/563646

(Access Date: 21.03.2024)

On 07.03.2024, on the website of the ODIHR it was announced that the ODIHR would host a regional conference to advance gender equality in law enforcement for better policing on 7-8 March 2024, in Skopje. At the Conference, law enforcement agencies from the region would be brought together to exchange experiences and best practices in achieving gender equality within law enforcement.

## **Source:**

https://www.osce.org/mission-to-skopje/564260

(Access Date: 21.03.2024)

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- On 14.03.2024, on the website of the ODIHR, The 2023 Annual Report was published. The Report, which consists of 3 parts, discusses the activities carried out in 2023 in line with the aims of making democratic institutions more accessible, inclusive and trusted, supporting civil society and the security sector to strengthen democracy and securing human rights, and striving for equal, inclusive societies, free from discrimination.

## Source:

https://www.osce.org/odihr/annual-report/2023

(Access Date 21.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, on the website of the ODIHR in a statement made on the International Day against Islamophobia, it was emphasized that more determined efforts are needed to combat anti-Muslim prejudices in an environment where hatred increases.

https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/564821 (E.T. 21.03.2024)

of the election observation mission assigned within the scope of Moldova's 2023 local elections was published. The report emphasized that Moldova's 2023 local elections were peaceful and managed effectively, but restrictions on freedom of expression due to foreign interventions and national security concerns had a negative impact.

## **Source:**

https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/moldova/564934 (E.T. 21.03.2024)

 On 21.03.2024, on the website of the ODIHR it was stated that, an election observation mission was launched to North Macedonia for the 24 April presidential election and the 8 May parliamentary elections, following an invitation from the national authorities.

## **Source:**

Source:

https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/565063 (E.T. 21.03.2024)

## Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

 On 06.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza and its impact on society and called on the Australian Government to use its influence to advocate for a sustainable cessation of hostilities.

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https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/escalating-humanitarian-crisis-gaza-and-addressingimpacts-our (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 12.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that it has been announced that the enforcement of the Australian Human Rights Act will be the focus of a major conference to be held as part of the Vivid Sydney Festival in June.

### **Source:**

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/historic-forum-build-momentum-australian-humanrights-act (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 20.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner has established the Good Yani U Thangani Aboriginal Gender Justice Institute.

### Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/commission-celebrates-official-launch-wiyi-yani-uthangani-institute (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 22.04.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the Commission announced the Australian Law Reform Commission's report on Religious Educational Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws.

### Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/commission-welcomes-alrc-report-religious-schoolsand-anti-discrimination (Access Date: 26.03.2024) **Equality** and On 07.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated Human that the Commission has shared its report on its website, **Rights** analyzing the performance of both the UK and Welsh **Commission** Governments in combating violence against women and girls. of Great Britain The report emphasized that violence by the police, prosecution rates, and access to domestic violence shelter centers are areas (EHRC) that require urgent improvement. Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/mediacentre/news/human-rights-watchdog-calls-governments-endviolence-against-women-and-girls (Access Date: 27.03.2024) On 26.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that facial detection and recognition software causes limitations in access to platforms and may deprive certain groups of income as a result. The Commission provided funds to bring the racially discriminatory artificial intelligence practices of the Uber Eats courier to the lawsuit, and is following the case process and sharing it with the public. **Source:** https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/mediacentre/news/uber-eats-courier-wins-payout-help-equalitywatchdog-after-facing-problematic-ai (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

### The Danish Institute for Human Rights

- On 01.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that a new guidance developed by the Danish Institute for Human Rights, entitled "Engaging with the Blue Economy: A Guide for National Human Rights Institutions in Africa" was published.

### Source:

https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/engaging-blue-economy-guide-national-human-rights-institutions-africa (Access Date:25.03.2024)

- On 06.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, the workshop report on "Engaging with Supervisory Authorities under the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)" was shared. The Danish Institute for Human Rights convened a group of EU national human rights institutions for the workshop that focused on the future supervisory authorities that would be tasked with monitoring the implementation of and compliance with the CSDDD.

### Source:

https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/workshop-reportengaging-supervisory-authorities-under-corporatesustainability-due (Access Date: 25.03.2024)

### **German Institute for Human Rights**

 On 05.03.2024, on the website of the Institute it was stated that the political agreement on the adoption of the EU Forced Labor Regulation to ban products produced using forced labor in the Union market was welcomed.

### Source:

https://www.institut-fuermenschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitutbegruesst-politische-einigung-zur-zwangsarbeitsverordnung (E.T. 22.03.2024)

 On 06.03.2024, on the website of the Institute on the occasion of March 8, International Women's Day, it was emphasized that the long-term security of advice and support structures for women exposed to gender-based violence in cities and rural areas should be ensured.

### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/gewalt-gegen-frauen-

beratungs-und-unterstuetzungsstrukturen-in-stadt-und-land-

sichern (Access Date: 22.03.2024)

- On 11.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, a legal analysis regarding the crime of enforced disappearance in German criminal law was published. It is stated that the draft law on the development of international criminal law is currently being discussed in the German Bundestag, a separate criminal offense regarding enforced disappearance is included in the draft, and the issue is interpreted in detail in the analysis.

### Source:

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/demnaechst-neu-im-deutschen-strafrecht-tatbestand-verschwindenlassen

(Access Date: 22.03.2024)

 On 19.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, the country report published by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights was shared. It is emphasized in the report that social human rights are not adequately implemented in Germany.

### Source:

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/bericht-des-europaratssoziale-menschenrechte-in-deutschland-nur-unzureichendverwirklicht (Access Date: 22.03.2024)

- On 22.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, the joint recommendations of the Federal Government Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the Institute for increasing participation were published on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' entry into force in Germany. The Federal Government, state and local authorities are called on to do more to promote the participation and self-determination of people with disabilities.

### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/inklusion-voranbringenbundesbehindertenbeauftragter-und-menschenrechtsinstitutveroeffentlichen-empfehlungen (Access Date: 23.03.2024)

 On 25.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, the report on cooperation between civil society and official actors prepared by the Institute's Human Trafficking Reporting Center was published on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings' entry into force.

### **Source:**

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenhandelzusammenarbeit-zwischen-behoerden-und-zivilgesellschaft-

	foerdern (Access Date: 27.03.2024)
	- On 26.03.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was stated that
	the UN Human Rights Council examined the human rights
	situation in Germany as part of the Universal Periodic Review
	and that Germany accepted 282 of the 346 recommendations
	presented.
	Source:
	https://www.institut-fuer-
	menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/deutschland-muss-
	menschenrechtliche-selbstverpflichtungen-in-die-tat-umsetzen
	(Access Date: 27.03.2024)
<b>Public Defender</b>	- On 25.03.2024, on the website of the Ombudsman, news about
(Ombudsman) of	the participation of the Public Defender Levan Loseliani in a
Georgia	working meeting on the development and reform of the justice
_	system in Georgia was published. The Public Defender
	emphasized the importance of joint and active cooperation of
	the government and civil society in solving problems related to
	the justice system.
	Source:
	https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/samushao-
	shekhvedra-sakartveloshi-martlmsajulebis-sferoshi-arsebuli-
	gamotsvevebis-shesakheb (Access Date 27.03.2024)
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The Irish Human	- On 06.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated
Rights and	that the 350,000 Euro National Program organized by the
<b>Equality</b>	Commission shared the Call for Projects to Improve Economic
Commission	Equity, Promote Climate Justice, Environmental Justice and
(IHREC)	Just Transition, and Promote Awareness of Rights and Access
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to Justice. According to the news, the Commission invited non-governmental organizations in Ireland to apply for the Human Rights and Equality 2024-2025 Grant Programme.

### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/civil-society-organisations-across-ireland-invited-to-apply-to-the-human-rights-and-equality-grant-scheme-2024-2025/ (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 12.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the Commission shared the case of an applicant who alleged sexual harassment against a former employer. The news emphasized the hope that such cases would encourage other victims of sexual harassment to speak out.

### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-assists-employee-with-claim-of-victimisation-following-sexual-harassment-complaint/ (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 20.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the Commission announced that a payment plan was opened for those staying in mother and baby institutions. According to the news, the Commission criticized the fact that only children who stayed in the institution for six months could apply to the program and recommended that the condition be removed.

### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/ihrec-calls-for-changes-to-mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

- On 20.03.2024, on the website of the Commission it was stated that the 2023 Ireland Report of the European Committee of Social Rights has been shared. The report emphasized that the Government had not adequately responded to the Commission's concerns and that there was a need to improve policies for travelers.

### **Source:**

https://www.ihrec.ie/irelands-lack-of-progress-on-traveller-accommodation-continues-to-violate-their-social-rights-council-of-europe-committee-finds/

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

### The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)

On 08.03.2024, on the website of the ICHR it was stated that the Commission, on the occasion of March 8 International Women's Day, called on the United Nations and the international expert bodies of the organization about the protection of women in Gaza and the need for an investigation, including crimes against women.

### Source:

https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9598.html

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

 On 10.03.2024, on the website of the ICHR, attention was drawn to the humanitarian tragedy in Gaza and it was stated that civilians should be protected from losing their lives due to hunger and thirst.

### Source:

https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/9606.html

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

# Cooperation (OIC)Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)

- On 08.03.2024, on the website of the Commission, a message was published on the occasion of "International Women's Day on March 8." The message expressed deep sorrow for the innocent victims of Israeli bombardments, particularly women and children. It was stated that 70% of those killed in Gaza are women and children, that Israeli aggression harms women and girls the most, and that more than 180 women a day give birth in inappropriate environments. It was noted that Palestinian women prisoners are subjected to severe torture by Israel, including sexual violence, rape, forced nudity in front of male soldiers. Member States and relevant stakeholders were urged to intensify efforts to end the human tragedy in Gaza.

### Source:

https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/568

(Access Date 27.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, on the website of the Commission, a message was published to mark the International Day against Islamophobia. The message highlighted the importance of international cooperation to combat the increasing incidents of Islamophobia. Additionally, it was noted that despite the war crimes committed against the people of Gaza, there is a rising tide of anti-Palestinian racism and hatred in Western countries. The Commission has expressed concern about the official policy that supports attacks on the Holy Quran and the desecration of Islamic values and symbols. It calls on the international community to address the root causes of anti-Islamic rhetoric and to implement relevant UN resolutions against hate speech.

### **Source:**

https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/569

(Access Date 27.03.2024)

On 21.03.2024, on the website of the Commission, a message was published to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message reaffirmed the need to eradicate all forms of racism and occupation worldwide and emphasized that everyone is equal regardless of their religion, race, or ethnicity. It also highlighted that Islamophobia is a form of racism that leads to systematic discrimination and ethnic-based violence.

### **Source:**

https://oic-iphrc.org/home/article/570

(Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

On 01.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, a warning was issued regarding the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The alert stated that the humanitarian situation in the North Kivu region is deteriorating. Over 215,000 people have fled the region since last month, and there has been extensive damage to civilian infrastructure, schools, and health facilities. The delivery of humanitarian assistance has also been disrupted.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-zambia

(Access Date: 11.03.2024)

On 04.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that 12 civilians, including infants and children, were killed in attacks in the Odesa and Donetsk regions. The attacks caused damage to houses, civilian infrastructure, and public buildings. Humanitarian organizations responded quickly.

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-ukraine-10 (Access Date: 11.03.2024)

On 05.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was stated that humanitarian assistance to Gaza was limited due to the conflict and that roads needed to be usable and free of ammunition in order to distribute aid effectively. It was reported that in Gaza, there is one toilet for every 340 people and one shower for every 1,300 people, and that more than 80% of the city does not have access to clean water.

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-myanmar (Access Date: 11.03.2024)

On 06.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that Secretary-General Griffiths posted on his social media account that he welcomed the Government's decision to allow more humanitarian flights and aid crossings across borders in Sudan. It continued that the World Food Program has reported that more than 25 million people are facing food insecurity in Sudan, as well as in South Sudan and Chad.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-sudan-haiti
(Access Date 15.03.2024)

- On 07.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that the Office strongly condemned reports of the abduction of

large numbers of internally displaced persons in Borno State, Nigeria, and called for their unconditional release.

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-haitioccupied-palestinian-territory-nigeria-somalia

(Access Date: 15.03.2024)

- On 08.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that there is concern about the spread of violence in Djugu District of the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was stated that 10 humanitarian organizations temporarily suspended their operations due to increased insecurity in the region after armed groups attacked a hospital, preventing 80 thousand people from receiving direct assistance. More than half of the 1.8 million people displaced in Ituri Province since February 29 continued to arrive in the region.

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-democratic-republic-congo (Access Date 15.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that Ms. Lisa Doughten, OCHA Director of Funding and Partnerships, published a briefing on behalf of Mr. Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on the Office's website for the UN Security Council. The UN Human Rights Office reported that since 24 February 2022, over 31,000 civilians have been killed in Ukraine, and attacks on civilians continue to escalate. Additionally, Ukrainian women and girls are increasingly subjected to gender-based violence. Relief operations are ongoing despite

difficult conditions. It is imperative to put an end to the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-tells-security-council-suffering-ukraine-must-end (Access Date: 15.03.2024)

On 11.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that OCHA is deeply concerned about the indiscriminate use of heavy weapons in residential areas in Rakhine state of Myanmar, which has claimed the lives of civilians. It was stated that due to the clashes between the Myanmar Armed Forces and the Rakhine Army, many civilian settlements were hit by artillery shells, many civilians were killed and 300 thousand people in the state and 2.7 million people in Myanmar were displaced due to the clashes.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-myanmar-ukraine-chad-somalia (Access Date: 15.03.2024)

On 13.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, it reported that 220,000 children and 7,000 new mothers in Sudan are likely to die from malnutrition in the coming months if emergency aid access is not provided. Across Sudan, 3.7 million children are malnourished and the country is increasingly facing the world's worst hunger crisis, with 18 million people in acute hunger.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-sudan-ukraine (E.T. 26.03.2024)

On 15.03.2024, on the twitter account of the UN Humanitarian Chief Martin Griffiths, a statement was published that he was shocked by the news that 20 people waiting for aid in Gaza were killed and 155 injured, that these massacres cannot be allowed to continue, that people who want to bring aid to their families should not be killed, and that aid should be delivered in Gaza in a safe, dignified and predictable manner.

### Source

https://twitter.com/UNReliefChief/status/1768660985680650 698?s=20 (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

- On 15.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that 54 civilians were killed and 91,000 people were displaced in the last five months due to airstrikes in Lebanese territory.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-haiti-sudan-ukraine-syria-colombia (Access Date: 26.03.2024)

On 18.03.2024, on the twitter account of the UN Humanitarian Chief Martin Griffiths, a statement was published that more than one million people in Gaza are at risk due to the cut-off of aid, the market has collapsed and fields have been destroyed. The international community must bow its head for its failure to stop this. It was noted that aid must be delivered to Gaza urgently.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/UNReliefChief/status/1769746065991852 212?s=20 (Access Date: 26.03.2024) On 20.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, a briefing submitted to the UNSC on behalf of the UN Humanitarian Chief Martin Griffiths was published. The briefing summarized that as a result of 11 months of conflict in Sudan, there have been reports of mass graves, mass rapes and indiscriminate attacks on populated areas; 90% of the population is facing acute food insecurity at an emergency level, agricultural land has been abandoned, 730,000 children are suffering from severe acute food insecurity, and food prices have increased by 83%. The Sudanese crisis is one of the worst humanitarian disasters in recent memory, with 6.5 million people displaced, a child estimated to die every two hours in North Darfur, and 70% of health facilities inoperable. The Office recommended reminding the parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law, ensuring that they commit to humanitarian dialogue for humanitarian transit, increasing funding for humanitarian operations, and pressing for an immediate ceasefire and peace.

### **Source:**

https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-warns-security-council-sudan-will-soon-be-worlds-worst-hunger-crisis

(Access Date: 26.03.2024)

 On 22.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that nearly 5 million people in Haiti are facing acute food insecurity, the situation is very serious in the Artibonite valley where armed groups have seized agricultural land and more and more people are being displaced every day.

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-ukraine-syria-democratic-republic-congo (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

-	On 26.03.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that	
	Israeli bombardments in Gaza have caused more civilian	
	casualties and deepened the humanitarian crisis. It was stated	
	that until today, approximately 3,400 of the 9,200 patients in	
	need of urgent intervention in Gaza have been evacuated and	
	around 2,000 children are being treated for malnutrition.	

### Source:

https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-haiti-ukraine-syria-democratic-republic-congo (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

### Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)

- On 06.03.2024, on the Committee's website, it was reported that a workshop on human rights law and quasi-judicial issues was held with the participation of The National School for the Judiciary of France.

### **Source:**

https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/hkok-alansan-tnthm-orsh-aaml-hol-algoanb-alkanony-oshbh-alkdayynhrcuFG3/page (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

## United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East (UNRWA)

On 04.03.2024, on the website of UNRWA, the statement of the UNWRA Commissioner General to the UN General Assembly was published. In his statement, the Commissioner General stated that the Agency was at a breaking point and that the financial crisis it was facing needed to be resolved. He stated that the death toll in Gaza was appalling and that it was impossible to adequately describe the suffering, that a new attack on Rafah, where 1.4 million people had taken refuge, was imminent and that Gazans had nowhere safe to go. He

noted that UNWRA had taken swift action to address the allegations against it, but that 16 countries had withheld \$450 million in aid despite unfounded allegations; that in the short term, the humanitarian response in Gaza would collapse completely and a major humanitarian crisis would ensue. He urged the General Assembly to focus on a peace settlement, to ensure that Member States provide the necessary support to enable the Agency to operate, and that Member States seeking an alternative to UNWRA should consider it within the framework of the right of Palestinian Refugees to self-determination.

### Source:

https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/officialstatements/statement-commissioner-general-unrwa-generalassembly (Access Date: 15.03.2024)

On 08.03.2024, on the twitter account of the Secretary-General Lazzarini, a statement was released on International Women's Day. Lazzarini said that women in Gaza are forced to give birth without basic medical care, access to hygiene products and privacy. He said that UNWRA teams are working tirelessly to create a safe space for women and girls, which requires at the very least an immediate ceasefire.

### **Source:**

https://twitter.com/UNLazzarini/status/176602134811401060 2?s=20 (Access Date: 15.03.2024)

 On 13.03.2024, on the website of UNRWA, it was reported that at least one UNWRA staff member was killed when Israel struck a food distribution centre in the southern Gaza Strip. The news report quoted the Secretary-General as saying that in the last five months, 165 UNWRA staff members were killed, more than 150 UNRWA facilities, including schools, were hit, more than 400 people sheltering under the UN flag were killed, and UNWRA staff members were subjected to ill-treatment in Israeli detention centres.

### **Source:**

https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/leastone-unrwa-staff-killed-when-israeli-forces-hit-unrwa-centreused (Access Date: 15.03.2024)

On 23.03.2024, on the website of UNRWA, a statement of the Secretary General was published. In the statement, it was said that there can be no justification for the collective punishment of the Palestinian people and that bombs continue to fall on Palestinians during the month of peace, Ramadan, destroying families and generations. It was noted that aid must be allowed into Gaza and that a ceasefire must be established as a matter of urgency. The Secretary-General emphasised that humanity should not give up until all that can be done in Gaza is done.

### **Source:**

https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/officialstatements/secretary-general-remarks-rafah-border-crossing (Access Date: 27.03.2024)

On 23.03.2024, on the website of UNRWA, the news was published on the Agency's website regarding the Secretary-General's visit to Wihdat Camp, where Palestinian refugees are living. It was reported that UNWRA provides education to more than half a million children, health care to more than 2 million people and is the only source of light for millions of people in an increasingly darkening world.

### Source:

https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-
statements/secretary-general-remarks-wihdat-palestine-
refugee-camp (Access Date: 27.03.2024)