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<p>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</p>	<p>01.02.2025-01.03.2025</p>
<p>International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.02.2025, according to the news on the website of International Labour Organization (ILO), ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Hounbo, called for a human-centred approach to artificial intelligence (AI) that enhances workplace productivity and worker well-being at the “<i>AI Action Summit</i>” in Paris on 10 February. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-director-general-calls-placing-decent-work-heart-automation-and-ai (Access Date: 25.02.2025) - On 20.02.2025, on its X account, ILO reposted the tweet of United Nations about World Day of Social Justice and in that tweet, it was stated that around the world, people continue to grapple with deep inequalities and we need a human-centered response that advances social justice for everyone, everywhere. Source: https://x.com/UN/status/1892440544607154676 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)
<p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, on the website of Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), “<i>Briefer on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain</i>” was published. Source:

<p>(OHCHR)</p>	<p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/brochures-and-leaflets/briefer-human-rights-and-artificial-intelligence-military-domain (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on the website of OHCHR, “<i>Fact Sheet No. 39: Right to Social Security</i>” was published. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/fact-sheets/fact-sheet-no-39-right-social-security (Access Date: 25.02.2025) - On 06.02.2025, on the website of OHCHR, “<i>Guiding Principles on Sanctions, Business and Human Rights</i>” was published. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/guiding-principles-sanctions-business-and-human-rights (Access Date: 25.02.2025) - On 10.02.2025, on the website of OHCHR, “<i>Key asks for state regulation of AI</i>” was published. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/key-asks-state-regulation-ai (Access Date: 25.02.2025) - On 11.02.2025, on the website of OHCHR, HC Türk’s message to the 7th intersessional on human rights and the 2030 Agenda was shared. Source:
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<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/02/hc-turk-message-7th-interessional-human-rights-and-2030-agenda> (Access Date: 25.02.2025)

- On 11.02.2025, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts warned that US proposal to ‘take over’ Gaza would shatter fundamental rules of international order.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/us-proposal-take-over-gaza-would-shatter-fundamental-rules-international> (Access Date: 25.02.2025)

- On 18.02.2025, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, experts urged humane treatment and immediate release of Israeli hostages and arbitrarily detained Palestinians.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/experts-urge-humane-treatment-and-immediate-release-israeli-hostages-and> (Access Date: 25.02.2025)

- On 20.02.2025, on the website of OHCHR, Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice - Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/58/28) was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/country-reports/ahrc5828-human-rights-situation-occupied-palestinian-territory-including> (Access Date: 25.02.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24.02.2025, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, HC Türk opened the Human Rights Council with the words that <i>“We need the politics of wisdom, rooted in facts, the law, and compassion.”</i> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/02/hc-turk-opens-human-rights-council-we-need-politics-wisdom-rooted (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p>
<p>UN Women</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, on the website of UN Women in the Frequently Asked Questions section, an article was shared on causes and impact of female genital mutilation and how to end it. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/faqs/faqs-on-female-genital-mutilation-causes-impact-and-how-to-end-it (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, <i>“Press briefing by UN Women on the situation of women and girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo”</i> was shared. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-briefing/2025/02/press-briefing-by-un-women-on-the-situation-of-women-and-girls-in-the-democratic-republic-of-congo (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, an interview with an expert in responsible AI entitled <i>“How AI</i>

	<p><i>reinforces gender bias—and what we can do about it”</i> was published.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/interview/2025/02/how-ai-reinforces-gender-bias-and-what-we-can-do-about-it (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 05.02.2025, on the X account of the Organization, an information video on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://x.com/UN_Women/status/1887229715175362932 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 10.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous’s speech to the first regular session 2025 of the UN Women Executive Board took place in the UN headquarters, focusing on the Organization’s commitment to fulfil the triple mandate, deliver concrete results for women and girls, and maximize impact, was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/speech/2025/02/speech-our-commitment-fulfil-our-triple-mandate-deliver-concrete-results-for-women-and-girls-maximize-impact (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 19.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, a press release regarding the effect of the three years of war in Ukraine on women’s rights, safety and economic opportunities was published.</p>
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	<p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/02/three-years-of-full-scale-war-in-ukraine-roll-back-decades-of-progress-for-womens-rights-safety-and-economic-opportunities (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 25.02.2025, on the X account of the Organization, a short video of UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous’s speech at a UN Human Rights Council panel discussion on Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was shared. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://x.com/UN_HRC/status/1894130498265403532 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p>
<p>Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.02.2025, according to the press release published on the SPT website, the SPT announced that it was left with no choice but to postpone its planned first visit of the year to Serbia, owing to the lack of funding as a result of the ongoing UN liquidity crisis. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/un-torture-prevention-body-postpones-first-2025-visit-amid-un-liquidity (Access Date: 28.02.2025)</p>
<p>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.02.2025, on UNICEF's website, it was announced that the first regular session for 2025, where the new Strategic Plan 2026-2029 was also discussed, was completed. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unicef.org/executiveboard/stories/unicef-board-counts-down-new-strategic-plan-frs-2025</p>

	<p>(Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.02.2025, on the Organization's X account, recommendations were shared regarding children's acquisition of good digital habits. Source: https://x.com/UNICEF/status/1889368275769078204 (Access Date: 25.02.2025) - On 20.02.2025, on the Organization's website, a press release was shared regarding the devastating cost of war for all children in Ukraine. Source: https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/one-five-children-ukraine-has-lost-relative-or-friend-escalation-war-three-years-ago (Access Date: 25.02.2025)
<p>Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, according to the news on the website of Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), it was announced that opened its ninetieth session, hearing a statement from Andrea Ori, Chief of the Groups in Focus Section of the Human Rights Treaties Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and hearing the solemn declarations of eight newly elected Committee Members. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/news/committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-opens-ninetieth-session (Access Date:07.02.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 03.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, the Committee was briefed by representatives of civil society organizations on the situation of women’s rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nepal, Belarus and Luxembourg, it was also stated that the Committee would review these reports. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2025/02/civil-society-organizations-brief-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women (Access Date:07.02.2025) - On 05.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was stated that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the report of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on sexual violence in armed conflict in the eastern part of the country, presented under its exceptional reporting procedure. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-democratic-republic (Access Date:08.02.2025) - On 05.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was mentioned that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the seventh periodic report of Nepal, and with Committee Experts commending the State for increasing the representation of women in the public sector, while raising questions on the “<i>Chhaupadi</i>” practice affecting menstruating women and girls adversely, and Nepalese women’s right to
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	<p>confer citizenship to their children and register her family name at the birth of the child.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-nepal-increased (Access Date:08.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 07.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was reported that the Committee’s consideration of the ninth periodic report Luxembourg had been completed with Committee Experts congratulating the State on eliminating the gender pay gap however raising questions about pension payments for women and penalties for human traffickers.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-luxembourg (Access Date:10.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 10.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was announced that the Committee was briefed by representatives of non-governmental organizations on the situation of women’s rights in Sri Lanka, the report of which the Committee would review later.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2025/02/non-governmental-organizations-brief-committee-elimination-discrimination-against (Access Date:15.02.2025)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 11.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was reported that the Committee consideration of the combined fifth to ninth periodic report of Belize, and with Committee Experts commending the State for advancing education for women and girls, while raising questions on gender-based violence in the context of gang warfare and on access to healthcare for women and girls. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend-belize (Access Date:15.02.2025) - On 12.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was reported that the Committee’s consideration of the eighth periodic report of the Republic of the Congo completed with Committee Experts commending the State on the Mouébara Act which combatted violence against women, while raising questions on women’s access to justice and on clandestine abortions in the country. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-commend (Access Date:15.02.2025) - On 14.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CEDAW, it was reported that the Committee’s consideration of the sixth periodic report of Liechtenstein completed with Committee Experts praising the majority share of women in Government however asking about convictions for gender-
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	<p>based violence offences and investment measures promoting the rights of vulnerable women globally.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/meeting-summaries/2025/02/experts-committee-elimination-discrimination-against-women-praise (Access Date:15.02.2025)</p>
<p>Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on the website of Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), it was stated that the CRC issued its findings on Ecuador, Eritrea, the Gambia, Honduras, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Slovakia, after reviewing the seven States parties during its ninety eighth session. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/un-child-rights-committee-publishes-findings-ecuador-eritrea-gambia-honduras (Access Date: 12.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.02.2025, on the website of CRC, the Committee released a statement on children in Gaza. The Committee expressed deep regret that it had not had the opportunity to review Israel at a time when urgency is critical. It was also stated that the rights of children living under the effective control of the State of Israel were being gravely violated to an extent rarely seen in recent history. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/02/child-rights-committee-statement-children-gaza (Access Date: 15.02.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.02.2025, according to the news on the website of CRC, the Committee warned about that Children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were facing an unprecedented catastrophe, enduring grave violations, including summary executions, sexual violence, recruitment and abduction of children by parties to the conflict. The Committee also expressed its deep concern over the escalating violence in more villages in North and South Kivu, where armed groups were increasingly targeting displaced children and those in street situations. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/children-drc-endure-grave-violations-under-siege-un-committee-warns (Access Date: 22.02.2025) - On 20.02.2025, on the website of CRC, it was announced that the UN Human Rights Committee had ruled on a case involving three children living in Albania without birth registration or any legal identity. According to the news, the UN Human Rights Committee had found that Albania had violated the rights of three Roma children by failing to register their births, leaving them without legal recognition, and at risk of statelessness. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/02/albania-violated-roma-childrens-rights-denying-birth-registration-un-human (Access Date:22.02.2025)
<p>Global Alliance of National Human</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 21.02.2025, on its website, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) announced that GANHRI would actively participate in the 58th session of the

<p>Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</p>	<p>Human Rights Council and would support the participation of national human rights institutions in the sessions. The session would start with a high-level session with distinguished speakers such as UN General Assembly President H.E. Philemon Yang, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk. According to the announcement, a high-level discussion is expected to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as the final reports from the Universal Periodic Review.</p> <p>Source: https://ganhri.org/ganhri-engagement-at-the-58th-session-of-the-human-rights-council/ (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, on its website, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) shared its visit to Greece regarding the treatment and detention conditions of persons deprived of their liberty. It was stated that the visit was to follow up on the recommendations made by the Committee in 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023 and to review progress in their implementation. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/review-of-2024-activities-and-upcoming-visits-for-2025 (Access Date: 27.01.2025)</p>
<p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on the website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), a new Position Paper entitled “<i>Planned return hubs in third countries: EU fundamental rights law issues</i>” was published. In the Paper, it was stated that The EU’s plans to set up centres in non-EU countries for

	<p>migrants who had been ordered to leave the EU must respect fundamental rights law, legally binding agreements to protect people’s rights must be secured, and independent human rights monitoring systems must set up.</p> <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2025/planned-return-hubs-cannot-be-rights-free-zones (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 06.02.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had participated in a workshop on AI fundamental rights impact assessments held by AlgorithmWatch in Berlin.</p> <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2025/workshop-ai-fundamental-rights-impact-assessments (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 06.02.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had participated in a roundtable discussion on the forthcoming revision of EU legislation on returns, organized by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles in Brussels.</p> <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2025/roundtable-discussion-eu-laws-returns (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 10.02.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director would participate in the OSCE's annual conference on addressing antisemitism, organized by the OSCE Chairpersonship of Finland in consultation with OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Helsinki.</p> <p>Source:</p>
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	<p>https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/osces-annual-conference-antisemitism (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on ENNHRI’s LinkedIn account, a post was shared in collaboration with AGE Platform Europe and Equinet, emphasizing the need to strengthen legal frameworks to protect older persons’ rights, combat age discrimination, and establish an EU Age Equality Strategy. Source: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ennhri_humanrights-agediscrimination-equality-activity-7293300195901988865-r1dw/ (Access Date: 21.02.2025) - On 13.02.2025, on ENNHRI’s LinkedIn account, a post was published addressing concerns such as algorithmic bias, privacy risks, and impacts on democracy caused by artificial intelligence (AI) reshaping our lives, while highlighting the critical role of National Human Rights Institutions in overseeing AI systems within a human rights framework. Source: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ennhri_nhris-ai-humanrights-activity-7295748620757131265--1aY/ (Access Date: 21.02.2025)
<p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on EQUINET’s LinkedIn account, it was stated that age discrimination in Europe, despite increasing longevity, leads to issues such as poverty, social exclusion, and lack of participation; the need for an EU age equality strategy, addressing gaps in legal protection, and supporting a UN Convention on Ageing were emphasized, with a call to shift to

	<p>a model based on human rights, dignity, autonomy, and participation.</p> <p>Source: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/equineturope_age-humanrights-dignity-activity-7293289549336584192-5ESc/ (Access Date: 21.02.2025)</p>
<p>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.02.2025, on the website of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe, it was announced that the Council of Europe Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CDCT) had produced a publication entitled “<i>Comparative Practices on the Use of Information Collected in Conflict Zones as Evidence in Criminal Proceedings.</i>” <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/counter-terrorism/-/launch-of-new-publication-on-how-to-use-conflict-zone-information-in-terrorism-trials (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.02.2025, on the website of the Directorate General it was announced that the third meeting of the Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment which consists of governments, intergovernmental organisations and civil society representatives, would be held in Strasbourg with the aim to examine the draft Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and discuss relevant developments in the Council of Europe and beyond. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/reykjavik-process-and-the-environment/-/third-meeting-of-the-multidisciplinary-group-on-the-environment (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>

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

- On 04.02.2025, on its website, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) announced that the OSCE observation mission had cancelled the observation due to Tajikistan's lack of assurance that international observers would be accredited.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/tajikistan/585277>

(Access Date: 20.02.2025)

- On 06.02.2025, on the Office's X account, a link to the "*Hate Crimes Against Indigenous People*" report in celebration of Sami National Day was shared.

Source:

https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/1887476906506822081

(Access Date: 20.02.2025)

- On 11.02.2025, on the Office's X account, the link to the "*Handbook for Monitoring and Encouraging Women's Electoral Participation*", emphasizing women's right to vote and be elected was shared.

Source:

https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/1889260902173577473

(Access Date: 20.02.2025)

- On 19.02.2025, on the Office's X account, the link to the 6th Report on Monitoring Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in Selected OSCE Participating States was shared.

Source:

https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/1892155372699361753

(Access Date: 20.02.2025)

<p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.02.2025, on the Commission’s website, a message from Hugh de Kretser, the Chair of the Commission, regarding the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Committee’s two recent decisions on human rights violations against refugees in Australia was shared. In the message, it was emphasized that Australia should adopt policies in line with human rights and take a leading role in protecting refugees. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/e-bulletin/presidents-message-february-2025 (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 05.02.2025, on the Commission’s website, the National Children’s Commissioner Anne Hollonds’ statements expressing concern about the negative impact of rising antisemitism on Jewish children in Australia were shared. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/national-childrens-commissioner-deeply-concerned-wellbeing-children (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 18.02.2025, on the Commission’s X account, an interview given by Giridharan Sivaraman, the Australian Race Discrimination Commissioner, to The Guardian was shared. Source: https://x.com/AusHumanRights/status/189169763241578935 2 (Access Date: 24.02.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19.02.2025, on the Commission's website, news on the new bans introduced by the Australian and New South Wales State governments were shared. In the news article, it was stated that the new laws on hate crimes introduced in response to increasing antisemitic attacks raised concerns about human rights such as freedom of expression, the right to peaceful assembly and mandatory sentences. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/explainer-national-and-nsw-hate-crime-laws (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.02.2025, on the Commission's website, the report submitted to the UN on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in Great Britain was published. It was stated that the report focused on issues such as adequate housing, adequate food, family life and social security and includes recommendations to the governments of England and Wales in line with the Commission's legal mandate. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/economic-social-and-cultural-rights-great-britain-2025-submission-united-nations (Access Date: 10.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.02.2025, on the Commission's website, a news article was shared stating that the Commission called on the governments of England and Wales to take action against labour exploitation related to the abuse of worker visa schemes in the UK. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/uk-and-welsh-governments-must-tackle-labour-exploitation-and-access-food-warns (Access Date: 10.02.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.02.2025, on the Commission’s website, it was reported that a judge had ruled that foster families could bring discrimination and whistleblowing claims and that this decision was supported by the Commission. Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/judge-rules-foster-carers-are-able-bring-discrimination-and-whistleblowing-claims (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 20.02.2025, on the Commission’s X account, an updated tracker tool with more than 200 assessments of the UK and Welsh Governments' human rights actions was shared. Source: https://x.com/EHRC/status/1892525883157581959 (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 21.02.2025, on the Commission’s website, it was reported that the Commission had written to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and the National Health Service (NHS) Fife regarding access to single-sex changing facilities for NHS staff. Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/equality-regulator-engages-scottish-government-and-nhs-fife-regarding-staff (Access Date: 24.02.2025)
<p>Danish Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.02.2025, on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, a publication exploring the institutional

	<p>framework of human rights protection and promotion in Jordan, entitled “<i>The human rights system and state actors of Jordan</i>” was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/human-rights-system-state-actors-jordan (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.02.2025, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Danish Institute for Human Rights and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia initiated cooperation in support of the recently established Armenian National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting, and Follow-up (NMIRF). <p>Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/news/new-partnership-ministry-foreign-affairs-armenia-initiated (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>German Institute for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, on the Institute’s website, it was stated that the Institute's website will now also be available in English. <p>Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/lets-talk-about-human-rights-unsere-website-jetzt-auch-auf-englisch (Access Date: 10.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 08.02.2025, on the Institute’s X account, it was reported that a large number of children and young people are employed in the catering, agriculture and care sectors in Germany, often working longer than permitted by the Youth Employment Protection Act.

Source:

<https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/kinderarbeit--in-deutschland-100.html> (Access Date: 10.02.2025)

- On 10.02.2025, on the Institute's website, a news article titled Biodiversity, Nature Conservation and Human Rights was shared. In the news article, it was stated that biological diversity is decreasing at an increasing rate worldwide and this situation has many effects on humans.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/biologische-vielfalt-naturschutz-und-menschenrechte> (Access Date: 10.02.2025)

- On 12.02.2025, on the Institute's website, the news on the adoption of the National Action Plan against Labour Exploitation and Forced Labour by the Federal Government of Germany was shared. In the news article, it was stated that this step was welcomed by the Institute and called on the future government to rapidly implement the measures in the plan.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschenrechtsinstitut-begruesst-staerkung-der-zivilgesellschaft-im-kampf-gegen-arbeitsausbeutung-und-zwangsarbeit>
(Access Date: 24.02.2025)

- On 13.02.2025, on the Institute's website, it was stated that the Violence Assistance Act was adopted by the Federal Assembly of Germany on 31 January 2025 and that the approval of the

	<p>Federal Council (Bundesrat) is awaited. In the news article, it was stated that the adoption of this law is seen as a historical milestone in terms of protecting and supporting victims of violence in Germany and the vote to be held on 14 February 2025 is of great importance.</p> <p>Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/gewalthilfegesetz-meilenstein-fuer-den-schutz-von-frauen-und-maedchen-vor-gewalt-bundesrat-muss-jetzt-zustimmen (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.02.2025, on the Institute’s website, a press release was posted on the Institute's website calling on politics and authorities to fully investigate the racist attack of 19 February 2020 in which nine people were killed. <p>Source: https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/5-jahre-hanau-institut-fordert-vollstaendige-aufklaerung-und-oeffentliche-debatte (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>Georgian Ombudsman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.02.2025, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, a statement about the incidents of ill-treatment and use of excessive force by the police against citizens, journalists and politicians was released. In the statement, it was expressed that the Public Defender condemned all types of unlawful actions by the police, especially cases of ill-treatment and the Public Defender would legally respond to each case. <p>Source:</p>

	<p>https://ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-politsiis-mkhridan-arasatanado-mopqrobasa-da-dzalis-gadametebis-faktebtan-dakavshirebit (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p>
<p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.02.2025, on the Commission’s website, it was stated that the Commission was authorised to participate in an “<i>amicus curiae</i>” (friend of the court) capacity in a case involving the alleged discrimination and unconstitutionality of a child under 18 years of age in not inheriting a lease from his deceased mother. Source: https://www.ihrec.ie/ccommission-granted-leave-to-appear-as-amicus-curiae-in-case-of-child-tenancy/ (Access Date: 24.02.2025)
<p>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.02.2025, according to the statement published on the Commission’s website, ICHR condemns the escalation of Israel’s aggressive policies in the occupied West Bank, as well as the ongoing military operations and their expansion into the Jenin and Tulkarm refugee camps in the northern West Bank for over ten days and calls for urgent international intervention to stop Israeli military operations in camps of the Northern Occupied West Bank. Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11524.html (Access Date: 28.02.2025) - On 10.02.2025, press release issued by the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI) about rejecting

	<p>statements on forced displacement and calling on the international community to take a firm stance published on the Commission's website.</p> <p>Source: https://cdn1.ichr.ps/cached_uploads/download/2025/02/10/nhri-press-release-1739187843.pdf (Access Date: 28.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 13.02.2025, a factsheet titled “<i>Targeting of the Cultural and Historical Heritage by Israel’s Aggression against the Gaza Strip</i>” published on the Commission’s website. The factsheet provides an initial overview of the damage caused to the most notable archaeological and cultural sites in the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/reports/11539.html (Access Date: 28.02.2025)</p>
<p>Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)- Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)</p>	<p>- On 05.02.2025, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)-Islamic Human Rights Council's message to celebrate the “<i>World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025</i>” was published on the Organization's website, calling on the international community to combat discrimination and religious intolerance worldwide.</p> <p>Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/585 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 06.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, on the occasion of the “<i>International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2025</i>”, a call was included to end all forms of violence against women, including Female Genital</p>

	<p>Mutilation, in accordance with international human rights standards.</p> <p>Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/587 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 18.02.2025, on the website of the Organization, news was shared regarding the rejection of the legislative proposals of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)-Christian Muslim Rights Committee in France, which aims to ban Muslim female athletes from wearing religious clothes, including headscarves, during sports competitions, as a discriminatory, disproportionate practice that violates the fundamental freedoms stipulated in international human rights law.</p> <p>Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/589 (Access Date: 25.02.2025)</p>
<p>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</p>	<p>- On 10.02.2025, on the website of United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), it was stated that OCHA warns that drought conditions are looming in several areas of Somalia due to prolonged extreme dry conditions, with hundreds of thousands of families likely to be affected.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-egypt-lebanon-somalia (Access Date:14.02.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 11.02.2025, according to news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that OCHA’s latest reporting also indicated that there had been a significant increase in the number of Palestinian children killed in the West Bank due to Israeli violence over the past two years, compared with the preceding 18 years since OCHA began systematically documenting casualties in 2005. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-ukraine-0 (Access Date:15.02.2025) - On 13.02.2025, according to the news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that during a briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Yemen by Tom Fletcher, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator urged Security Council to protect aid workers and sustain Yemen’s humanitarian lifeline. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-urges-security-council-protect-aid-workers-and-sustain-yemens-humanitarian (Access Date:16.02.2025) - On 17.02.2025, according to news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that as the UN and its humanitarian partners continued to deliver across the Gaza Strip, the scale of needs remains overwhelming, requiring urgent and sustained support. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-sudan-occupied-palestinian-territory-syria-ukraine
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	<p>(Access Date:19.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.02.2025, according to news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that remarks at the joint launch of the 2025 Sudan Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan and Regional Refugee Response Plan urged support for Sudan by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-urges-support-sudan-says-civilians-paying-highest-price</p> <p>(Access Date:19.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.02.2025, on the website of OCHA, it was mentioned that casualties continued to be reported due to ongoing operations by Israeli forces in Tulkarm and Jenin, in the West Bank. It was also stated that in the Tulkarm refugee camp, Israeli authorities reportedly announced that over a dozen houses are to be demolished. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-democratic-republic-congo-sudan-occupied-palestinian-territory</p> <p>(Access Date:20.02.2025)</p>
<p>Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, on the website of Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), it was stated that a consultative meeting titled “<i>Qatar’s Work Environment: A Review of 2024 and Outlook for 2025</i>”, held at the NHRC headquarters with the coordinators of its community offices, representing the African, Indian, Nepalese, and Filipino communities.

	<p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/hol-byy-alaaml-fy-dol-ktr-lkaaa-tshaory-maa-mnsky-mkatb-algalyat-ballgn-alotny-lhkok-alansannhrc8f6j/page (Access Date:11.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 11.02.2025, according to news on the website of NHRC, it was mentioned that participating in the 14th National Sports Day events, Maryam Al-Attiyah, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee, emphasized there was a need to issue an international document on the right to sport as one of the fundamental human rights and one of the practices that protected the right to health and the right to life, and that sport is a tool that promoted peace and international understanding in the spirit of mutual respect among people in terms of diversity of gender, faith, culture and religion.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/khlal-almshark-fy-faaalyat-alyom-alryady-lldol14-mrym-alaaty-ndaao-asdar-sk-doly-yaan-balhk-fy-alryadnhrcXFG2/page (Access Date:14.02.2025)</p>
<p>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)</p>	<p>- On 01.02.2025, on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East’s (UNRWA) X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, the operation, which started on 21 January 2025, continued as of 28 January 2025, and that 16 Palestinians had been killed and more than 60 people had been injured so far.</p> <p>Source:</p>

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1885629172632158627>

(Access Date: 24.02.2025)

- On 03.02.2025, on the Agency's website, an official statement was issued regarding the Jenin Camp. In the statement, it was stated that a large part of the camp was destroyed by controlled explosions.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/official-statement-situation-jenin-camp> (Access Date: 24.02.2025)

- On 07.02.2025, on the Agency's X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, The Israeli Parliament's legislation banning the Agency has started to enter into force, and in this context, a ban on contact between the Agency and the Israeli authorities has been imposed.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1887910027215679939>

(Access Date: 24.02.2025)

- On 10.02.2025, on the Agency's website, a news article about forced displacement in the West Bank was shared. It was reported that 40.000 Palestinian refugees were displaced in the West Bank due to the Iron Wall operation, refugee camps became uninhabitable due to intense airstrikes and armed clashes, the Agency's communication with Israel was cut off and humanitarian aid was at risk.

Source:

	<p>https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/large-scale-forced-displacement-west-bank-impacts-40000-people (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 12.02.2025, on the Agency’s website, news was shared about that Israeli security forces used the Agency's health centre as a temporary detention centre during a search and arrest operation on 12 February 2025. The news item noted that this incident was a new development in the flagrant violation of the inviolability of United Nations facilities. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/west-bank-israeli-security-forces-use-unrwa-health-centre-temporary-detention-site-southern-West-Bank (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 12.02.2025, on the Agency’s X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that the operation launched by Israeli forces in Jenin Camp on 21 January 2025 was the longest Israeli operation in the West Bank since the Second Intifada. Source: https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1890022283739013490 (Access Date: 24.02.2025) - On 15.02.2025, on the Agency’s website, the speech delivered by Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency, at the Munich Security Conference was shared. Source:
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	<p>https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/press-conference-remarks-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 17.02.2025, on the Agency’s website, the speech by Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency at the fourth meeting of the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution was shared. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-philippe-lazzarini-commissioner-general-unrwa-fourth-meeting (Access Date: 24.02.2025)- On 18.02.2025, on the Agency’s website, it was reported that Israeli Forces personnel from the Jerusalem Municipality had forcefully entered the UNRWA Kalandia Training Centre and had ordered its immediate evacuation. It was stated in the news report that this situation is a violation of the right to education, as well as a violation of the privileges and immunities of the UN. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/children-and-young-people-east-jerusalem-denied-their-right-education (Access Date: 24.02.2025)- On 21.02.2025, on the Agency’s X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, according to an assessment report published by the World Bank, the United
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	<p>Nations and the European Union, reconstruction and recovery in Gaza will require approximately 53 billion US dollars.</p> <p>Source: https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1892968949522059669 (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p> <p>- On 22.02.2025, on the Agency’s X account, a portion of the speech given by the Agency’s Director of West Bank Affairs, Roland Friedrich, to the UN News Service was shared. The post included information stating that the ongoing Israeli operation has directly impacted children's access to education in the West Bank, with 13 UNRWA schools having been non-operational since January 21, affecting approximately 5,000 children.</p> <p>Source: https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1893178912718422296 (Access Date: 24.02.2025)</p>
<p>OHCHR Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p>	<p>- On 04.02.2025, on the X account of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' Working Group on Business and Human Rights, a post was shared announcing an event held with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) focusing on the business sector’s responsibility for women’s rights in the context of artificial intelligence, new technologies, and the energy transition.</p> <p>Source: https://x.com/WGBizHRs/status/1886671117504438751 (Access Date: 21.02.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 12.02.2025, on the website of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' Working Group on Business and Human Rights, a statement was issued calling on the EU to strengthen the implementation and monitoring processes of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) to make it more inclusive and effective. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/business/workinggroupbusiness/2025-02-12-Statement-wg-bhr-eu.pdf</p> <p>(Access Date: 21.02.2025)</p>
<p>Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.02.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O’Flaherty conducted a visit to Greece from 3 to 7 February 2025, during which he focused on the protection of human rights in the context of border control operations and on the human rights of Roma. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/greece-the-commissioner-calls-for-accountability-for-human-rights-violations-committed-at-the-borders-and-intensified-efforts-to-honour-the-human-rights-of-roma</p> <p>(Access Date: 28.02.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.02.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O’Flaherty intervened on 12.02.2025 in three hearings before the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights in the cases of <i>R.A. and Others v. Poland</i>, <i>H.M.M. and Others v. Latvia</i>, and <i>C.O.C.G. and Others v. Lithuania</i>, in which he encouraged

the Court to use the opportunities of these cases to provide clear guidance on ensuring that non-refoulement obligations are honoured without exception. The documents of third party interventions has been published on the website of Commissioner.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/commissioner-of-flaherty-intervenes-in-three-hearings-concerning-summary-returns-of-asylum-seekers-from-lithuania-latvia-and-poland-to-belarus> (Access Date: 28.02.2025)

- On 20.02.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, the decision by the Administration of the United States of America to suspend international aid has a negative impact on millions of people around the world, including in Europe. According to the statement, Council of Europe member states should redouble their efforts to uphold the Organisation's principles. In this context, Commissioner O'Flaherty calls on the member states to ensure that human rights and democracy do not wither under financial pressure.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/us-aid-freeze-is-leaving-a-void.-europe-must-fill-it> (Access Date: 28.02.2025)

- On 25.02.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O'Flaherty released three memorandum examining the human rights situation of Roma and Traveller communities in Finland, Ireland and Slovakia. Each memorandum presents country-specific findings and recommendations based on the Commissioner's visits to these countries, addressing pressing human rights concerns faced by the communities.

	<p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/commissioner-of-flaherty-recommends-stronger-action-to-uphold-the-human-rights-of-roma-and-travellers-in-finland-ireland-and-slovakia (Access Date: 28.02.2025)</p>
<p>Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.02.2025, according to the news on the website of Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), it was announced that a report published that day, GRETA called on Liechtenstein to improve the identification of victims of human trafficking and to step up efforts to prevent and combat trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-publishes-its-third-report-on-liechtenstein (Access Date:07.02.2025)</p>