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| <p>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</p> | <p>01.12.2024-01.01.2025</p> |
| <p>International Labour Organization (ILO)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.12.2024, according to the news on the website of International Labour Organization (ILO), Palestinian authority allocated domestic funding for social allowances supporting persons with disabilities and older persons in the West Bank. It was also stated in the news that the rollout of lifecycle grants provides critical support to vulnerable groups amidst the ongoing crises, laying the groundwork for establishing rights-based social protection floors in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/palestinian-authority-allocates-domestic-funding-social-allowances (Access Date: 26.12.2024) - On 07.12.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that nature-based solutions can generate up to 32 million new jobs by 2030, but investments in skills needed according to the report of ILO, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/nature-based-solutions-can-generate-32-million-new-jobs-2030-investments (Access Date: 26.12.2024) |

- On 11.12.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, ILO's Social Dialogue Report 2024 highlighted how social dialogue can enable countries to pursue economic development alongside social progress, while ensuring fair and inclusive low-carbon and digital transitions.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/social-dialogue-key-economic-and-social-development-enabling-inclusive>

(Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 19.12.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, the ILO Tripartite Regional Knowledge Sharing Forum for Europe and Central Asia region convened in İstanbul, Türkiye bringing together representatives from Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Moldova, Greece, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Spain, and Türkiye along with strategic partners, including the UNDC Regional Office in İstanbul, the UNDP Hub in İstanbul, the OECD Istanbul Regional Centre, and the European Labour Authority. It was also stated in the news that the Forum served as a policy debate platform for exchanging knowledge, lessons learned, experiences and practices of ILO constituents addressing the challenge of transition to formality in the region. In addition to that, social dialogue, partnerships, institutional strengthening, and advanced digital tools highlighted as critical drivers of formalization.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/social-dialogue-partnerships-institutional-strengthening-and-advanced>

(Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 19.12.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, ILO visited employers' organizations in Syria to discuss economic recovery and private sector support. It was also stated in the news that the ILO's initiatives aim to create a sustainable foundation for economic growth, equipping Syrian employers and workers with the tools and resources needed to rebuild and thrive.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-visits-employers%E2%80%99-organizations-syria-discuss-economic-recovery-and> (Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 20.12.2024, on the website of ILO, it was stated that ILO resumed activities with emergency employment programme and the initiative marked a critical step in addressing the devastating socio-economic impact of the ongoing crisis on workers, employers, and their families while restoring vital services for the community.

Source:

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-resumes-activities-ground-gaza-through-emergency-employment-programme> (Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 24.12.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, the ILO Tripartite Regional Knowledge Sharing Forum for Europe and Central Asia region concluded with shared commitment to tackle informality, emphasizing collaborative and innovative approaches on social dialogue, evidence-based policy frameworks, digitalization and innovation and sector specific approaches.

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| | <p>https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo%E2%80%99s-tripartite-regional-knowledge-sharing-forum-concludes-commitment (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 26.12.2024, according to the news on the website of ILO, the 2024 Steering Committee Meeting for the “An Integrated Model for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture in Hazelnut Harvesting in Türkiye” and the “Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Seasonal Agriculture in Hazelnut Harvesting in Türkiye” projects was held at the premises of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for Türkiye with the participation of relevant stakeholders and the contributions of social partners. The meeting discussed the project activities implemented so far and those planned for 2025, while gathering insights and recommendations from the social partners. <p>Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/2024-steering-committee-meeting-projects-aimed-ending-worst-forms-child (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Commission warned that brutality of past years must not be repeated, or Syria will be driven onto a new trajectory of atrocities. <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/brutality-past-years-must-not-be-repeated-or-syria-will-be-driven-new (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 04.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, related on “the international pursuit of sensible regulation of drugs” was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/hc-turk-international-pursuit-sensible-regulation-drugs (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 06.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, open letter from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, on human rights priorities for the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification was shared. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/open-letters/open-letter-united-nations-high-commissioner-human-rights-volker-turk-0 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 08.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Syria Commission urged incoming authorities to break the cycle of violence and usher in new rights-respecting era. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/never-again-un-syria-commission-urges-incoming-authorities-break-cycle (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 09.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human |
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| | <p>Rights, on press conference ahead of Human Rights Day on 10 December was shared. According to that, he called for end to senseless conflicts and suffering.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/turk-calls-end-senseless-conflicts-and-suffering (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 09.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, was shared. According to that, he said that voices of human rights defenders are crucial at these days.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/hc-turk-voices-human-rights-defenders-are-crucial-moment (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 10.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, High Commissioner for Human Rights's message to the 6th International Conference on Women, Peace and Security was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/hc-turk-message-6th-international-conference-women-peace-and (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 13.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination alarmed by Israel's blatant disregard for binding international orders, regarding Gaza.</p> |
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| | <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/gaza-un-committee-alarmed-israels-blatant-disregard-binding-international (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 16.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, the statement of Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, at 10th session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights was shared. According to that, he stated that business needs human rights and human rights need business.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/business-needs-human-rights-and-human-rights-need-business (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 16.12.2024, on the website of OHCHR, “Policy Brief - Climate Change, Mental Health and Human Rights” of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/policy-briefs/policy-brief-climate-change-mental-health-and-human-rights (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 16.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Syria Commission called for protection of civilians, humane treatment of ex-combatants and the safeguarding of evidence of crimes.</p> |
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| | <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/un-syria-commission-calls-protection-civilians-humane-treatment-ex (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 17.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, High Commissioner’s keynote address to Equal Rights Conference was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2024/12/high-commissioner-turk-keynote-address-equal-rights-conference (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 18.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, on the occasion of International Migrants Day, UN Committees stated that migrants with disabilities facing dual neglect.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements/2024/12/migrants-disabilities-facing-dual-neglect-un-committees (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 19.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Special Rapporteur on Torture documented Syrian violations for ICJ case.</p> <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/special-rapporteur-torture-documents-syrian-violations-icj-case (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Experts advocated for sovereignty, democratic reconstruction and respect for human rights, regarding Syria. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/syria-experts-advocate-sovereignty-democratic-reconstruction-and-respect (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 20.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Commission of Inquiry team visited Syria, welcomed encouraging signs by new authorities to engage on human rights issues, and urged protection of mass graves and evidence. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/un-commission-inquiry-team-visits-syria-welcomes-encouraging-signs-new (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
| UN Women | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 12.12.2024, on the Organization’s website in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section, an article was shared on how gender affects migration experiences, especially the unique challenges faced by immigrant women and girls. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/faqs/women-on-the-move-faqs-on-migration-and-gender (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 14.12.2024, on the Organization’s X account, the report link addressing gender equality across the sustainable development goals was shared. Source: https://x.com/UN_Women/status/1867687244246487141 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 16.12.2024, on the Organization’s website, International Migrants Day declaration was shared by addressing safe migration. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2024/12/empowerment-through-safe-migration (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 17.12.2024, on the Organization’s website, a press release was shared about the 288% increase in gender-based violence in Sudan. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2024/12/alarms-288-per-cent-rise-in-demand-for-gender-based-violence-services-in-the-last-12-months-in-sudan (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 18.12.2024, on the Organization’s X account, a statement was shared on how women and girls were affected by Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure. Source: https://x.com/UN_Women/status/1869130504538059075 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19.12.2024, on the Organization’s website, a press release was shared addressing the critical decline in women's representation in political leadership by 2024. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2024/12/only-five-women-elected-in-direct-presidential-elections-in-2024 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 20.12.2024, on the Organization's website, an announcement was made for the International Women's Day celebration with the theme of "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment", planned to be held on 8 March 2025. Source: https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/announcement/2024/12/international-womens-day-2025-for-all-women-and-girls-rights-equality-empowerment (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
| <p>Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.12.2024, according to the press release published on the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture’s (SPT’s) website, SPT called for urgent action to establish a torture prevention mechanism in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), following its first visit to the country from 1 to 7 December. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/drc-torture-prevention-mechanism-urgently-needed-amid-inhuman-prison (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.12.2024, according to the press release published on the SPT website, UN torture prevention experts have expressed their concerns regarding the poor living conditions of people deprived of liberty and the serious limitations in access to justice, after visiting the Plurinational State of Bolivia. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/bolivia-despite-progress-tackling-overcrowding-prisons-remains-pressing (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
| <p>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, on the website of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), it was stated that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined twelfth to fourteenth periodic report of Armenia, with Committee Experts commending the State’s national human rights strategy, and asking questions on progress made in adopting anti-discrimination legislation and access to education for the minority groups. Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/12/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-armenias-national-human (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 04.12.2024, on the website of the Committee, it was stated that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined twenty-third and twenty-fourth periodic report of Greece, and Committee Experts commended the State on its guide on reporting hate crimes, and asked questions on alleged excessive use of force against minorities by the police and violations of the rights of asylum seekers by the Hellenic Coast Guard. |

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/12/examen-de-la-grece-au-cerd-les-defis-lies-aux-discours-de-haine-la-poursuite-des>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

- On 05.12.2024, on the website of the Committee, it was stated that CERD concluded its consideration of the combined eighth and ninth periodic report of Kenya, with Committee Experts commending the State on its legal aid initiatives promoting access to justice, and asking questions on indigenous land rights and reported abuse of Kenyan migrant workers abroad.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/12/experts-committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-commend-kenyas-legal-aid>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

- On 13.12.2024, on the website of the Committee, CERD's statement released under its Early Warning and Urgent Action Procedures, expressing its alarm about Israel's flagrant disregard for its international legal obligations and International Court of Justice (ICJ) orders on provisional measures, and calling for urgent and decisive measures to address the catastrophic violence and worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, and the broader region, was published.

Source:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/gaza-un-committee-alarmed-israels-blatant-disregard-binding-international>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19.12.2024, on the website of the Committee, it was announced that CERD closed its 104th session and issued the concluding observations on Armenia, Ecuador, Greece, Kenya, Monaco, Saudi Arabia after reviewing the six States parties in its latest session. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/12/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-closes-one-hundred-and-fourteenth-session (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2024, on the Organization's website, statement by Regina De Dominicis, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and Special Coordinator for Refugee and Migrant Response in Europe, on progress in combating HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia, was shared. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unicef.org/turkiye/en/press-releases/we-have-come-too-far-let-complacency-derail-progress-towards-ending-hiv-aids-europe (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.12.2024, on the Organization's website, a call for a humanitarian aid fund of 9.9 billion US dollars aimed at supporting children affected by conflict and crisis in the world was shared. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unicef.org/turkiye/en/press-releases/unicef-appeals-us99-billion-humanitarian-funding-support-children-affected-conflict (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.12.2024, on the Organization's website, information was given about the report which discussed that, despite progress in birth registration, millions of children in Sub-Saharan Africa still do not have official ID. Source: https://www.unicef.org/turkiye/en/press-releases/birth-registration-steadily-increases-worldwide-150-million-children-still-invisible (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 21.12.2024, on the Organization's X account, information was given about Advika, a UNICEF-supported initiative that aims to prevent child marriage and keeps girls in India in school. Source: https://x.com/UNICEF/status/1870333429071401083 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 23.12.2024, on the Organization's X account, it was reported that many more children were killed in the recent airstrikes in Gaza and called for an immediate ceasefire. Source: https://x.com/UNICEF/status/1871297273423880415 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
| <p>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.12.2024, on the website of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), it was announced that an event was organized in collaboration between UNDP Türkiye and the Faculty of Political Science at Ankara University, as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. The event aimed to raise awareness about |

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| | <p>combating violence against women and discuss the opportunities and risks presented by digitalization in this context. The event highlighted the opportunities offered by the digital world for women and girls, as well as the risks it poses.</p> <p>Source: https://www.undp.org/tr/turkiye/press-releases/undp-ve-ankara-universitesinden-kadinlara-yonelik-siddet-konusunda-farkindalik-olusturmak-icin-guc-birligi (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 17.12.2024, on the website of UNDP, it was shared that Monica Merino, UNDP’s Resident Representative in Türkiye, made her first visit to the earthquake-affected provinces of Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, and Hatay following her appointment in November 2024.</p> <p>Source: https://www.undp.org/tr/turkiye/news/undp-turkiye-mukim-temsilcisi-ilk-ziyaretini-deprem-bolgesine-yapti (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</p> | <p>- On 02.12.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was shared that more than 4,000 participants from around the world had gathered at the 13th UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, focusing on the protection of human rights in business operations. The forum addressed pressing global issues such as climate change, technology and artificial intelligence, the rights of indigenous peoples, access to justice, and human rights due diligence.</p> <p>Source: https://ganhri.org/protecting-human-rights-in-business-nhris-contribute-to-2024-un-forum/ (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 04.12.2024, on the website of GANHRI, it was shared that GANHRI Bureau meeting in Doha, Qatar, was hosted by GANHRI President Maryam Al Attiyah, to discuss progress and opportunities for strengthening support to NHRIs. The meeting highlighted updates from regional networks and working groups, progress reports on activities, governance, and finance, discussions on maximizing cooperation, and the adoption of the 2025 draft work plan and provisional budget. Additionally, the governance adaptation and the election of the new President and Secretary to be held at the GANHRI General Assembly in March 2025 were discussed. The Bureau also received updates from the GANHRI Subcommittee on Accreditation (SCA) and discussed strategic priorities and key themes for the upcoming GANHRI General Assembly Meeting, planned for 10-12 March 2025. <p>Source: https://ganhri.org/bureau-meeting-concludes-in-doha-reviews-future-priorities-and-reaffirms-support-for-independent-accreditation-process/ (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</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 02.12.2024, on the website of European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), it was shared that Committee had visited to Georgia from 18-29 November 2024 included an examination of the treatment and safeguards provided to individuals under police custody, including those detained during the visit, as well as in psychiatric hospitals. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-visits-georgia (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |

- On 03.12.2024, on its website, CPT published the report on its periodic visit to Hungary conducted from 16 to 26 May 2023, along with the responses of the Hungarian authorities to the report. The report addressed the treatment of individuals held under police custody, in the Forensic Observation and Psychiatric Institute (IMEI), and in psychiatric hospitals, as well as the lack of legal procedures ensuring effective protection against informal returns of foreign nationals.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2023-periodic-visit-to-hungary-1> (Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 04.12.2024, on its website, CPT announced the publication of the responses provided by the Ukrainian authorities to the Ukraine Visit Report was released on 26 April 2024.

Source:

<https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-the-response-of-the-ukrainian-authorities-to-the-report-on-the-2023-visit>
(Access Date: 26.12.2024)

- On 06.12.2024, on its website, CPT announced that it had conducted an ad hoc visit to Spain from 25 November to 5 December 2024, focusing on prison and police establishments in Catalonia. The visit specifically examined the detention conditions of inmates and the use of restraint measures, particularly mechanical fixation for security and medical purposes. The preliminary findings of the visit were shared with the competent authorities.

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| | <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-visits-spain (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 12.12.2024, on its website, CPT published the report on its periodic visit to Denmark conducted from 23 May to 3 June 2024. The report examined the treatment and detention conditions of prisoners, foreign nationals detained under immigration legislation, and psychiatric patients. It highlighted complaints received regarding the excessive use of force during apprehensions and the overly tight handcuffing from behind, both at the time of arrest and during transport in police vehicles. The report also recommended greater use of alternative measures to imprisonment, such as electronic monitoring and community sanctions. <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-publishes-report-on-its-2024-periodic-visit-to-denmark (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 13.12.2024, on its website, CPT published the report on its ad hoc visit to Italy in April 2024, along with the responses of the Italian authorities. The report addressed the treatment and detention conditions of foreign nationals held in four closed pre-removal centers (Centri di permanenza per il rimpatrio or CPRs) in Milan, Gradisca, Potenza, and Rome. It criticized the conditions faced by foreign nationals and the widespread practice of administering over-the-counter psychotropic medications diluted with water. <p>Source:</p> |
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| | <p>https://www.coe.int/tr/web/cpt/-/anti-torture-committee-publishes-report-on-ad-hoc-visit-to-italy (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, on the website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), it was announced that FRA had participated in a virtual event hosted by the Secretariat of Governing Bodies to the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) on the occasion of International Day of People with Disabilities, to discuss how to fully implement Sustainable Development Goal 16 for people with disabilities. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/marketing-international-day-people-disabilities (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 03.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had participated in the European Migration Forum that focused on role of civil society in implementing the EU's Migration and Asylum Pact. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-signposts-fundamental-rights-safeguards-eus-migration-and-asylum-pact (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 04.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had provided a training on fundamental rights in connection with the use of biometrics in airports, to the representatives of EU Member States, Frontex and the European Commission, in Vienna Airport. |

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| | <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fundamental-rights-training-use-biometrics-airports (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 05.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would participate in a high-level conference on <i>“the effectiveness of Ombudsman institutions and National Human Rights Institutions in addressing contemporary human rights challenges”</i>, organized by the Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the institution. <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/effectiveness-ombudsman-institutions-and-nhris (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 09.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA, in collaboration with the European Commission, would organize the <i>“2nd Annual EU CharterXchange”</i> with the aim to enhance the application of the rights enshrined in the EU Charter for Fundamental Rights. <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/2nd-annual-eu-charterxchange (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 12.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would speak on a panel about protecting and promoting equality through the implementation of the AI Act, at the high-level conference on <i>“Coding Equality into the EU AI Act - Equality Bodies rising to the Challenge”</i> organized by EQUINET. |
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| | <p>Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2024/conference-explores-equality-eu-ai-act-and-equality-bodies (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 13.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had launched a new online information platform for civil society organizations, lawyers, data protection authorities and national human rights institutions entitled “<i>EU IT Systems for Migration and Policing</i>” that aims to raise awareness about the fundamental rights safeguards and implications of the EU’s IT systems for migration and policing and their interoperability. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fundamental-rights-and-eus-it-systems-migration-and-policing (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 20.12.2024, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director Sirpa Rautio had taken part in “<i>The Law of Force or the Force of Law? The Crisis of the Global Human Rights System and Ways to Overcome It</i>” titled conference, organized by the Ukrainian Commissioner for Human Rights in Kyiv. Source: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2024/fra-director-takes-part-international-rights-conference-kyiv (Access Date: 25.12.2024) |
| <p>European Network of National Human</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 18.12.2024, on European Network of National Human Rights Institutions’s (ENNHRI website, it was reported that the European Union (EU) Asylum and Migration Pact had been |

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| <p>Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p> | <p>adopted, introducing provisions for the establishment of independent monitoring mechanisms under the Border Management and Asylum Procedures Regulations. ENNHRI called on EU Member States to actively involve National Human Rights Institutions in the establishment of these mechanisms and to ensure full compliance with human rights standards. ENNHRI also emphasized that these mechanisms should be independent, adequately resourced and capable of effectively monitoring human rights violations.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/nhris-call-on-eu-states-to-ensure-safeguards-when-establishing-national-monitoring-mechanisms-under-new-migration-pact/ (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 19.12.2024, on ENNHRI’s website, it was reported that ENNHRI had participated as an observer in the 101st meeting of the Executive Committee on Human Rights (CDDH) of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, where it had presented its recommendations to the deliberations on the right to environment and the protection of civil society space and had called on member states to establish a binding instrument recognizing the right to a healthy environment and to strengthen the protection of civil society and human rights defenders.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-calls-on-council-of-europe-to-introduce-binding-instrument-on-the-right-to-a-healthy-environment-and-more-civic-space-protection/ (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
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| <p>European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.12.2024, on European Network of Equality Bodies’s (EQUINET) website, “<i>Understanding the New EU Directives on Standards for Equality Bodies – Advocating for a successful transposition: Civil Society Toolkit</i>” was published. The toolkit aims to encourage the participation of civil society organizations in national harmonization strategies and to ensure that equality bodies are equipped with the necessary independence, authority and resources to combat discrimination and promote equality through the full and effective implementation of the standards of the directives. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://equineteurope.org/publications/understanding-the-new-eu-directives-on-standards-for-equality-bodies-advocating-for-a-successful-transposition-civil-society-toolkit/?preview=true (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.12.2024, on the website of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe, it was announced that Venice Commission had held its final plenary session of 2024 and had adopted five opinions, one being regarding Türkiye, two draft “<i>amicus curiae</i>” briefs for the European Court of Human Rights and reviewed a draft report on regulating spyware in a manner compliant with the rule of law and human rights. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/venice-commission-final-2024-plenary-key-opinions-adopted (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.12.2024, on the website of the Directorate General, “<i>Statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Human Rights Day 2024</i>” was published. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/let-this-human-rights-day-be-the-turning-point-we-need (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 13.12.2024, on the website of the Directorate General, it was announced that the Council of Europe’s Consultative Council of European Judges’ (CCJE) new Opinion (Opinion No. 27) on the disciplinary liability of judges was published. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/renforcer-la-responsabilit%C3%A9-disciplinaire-des-juges-tout-en-prot%C3%A9geant-leur-ind%C3%A9pendance (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 18.12.2024, on the website of the Directorate General, it was announced that the Council of Europe Cybercrime Convention Committee had released a new report entitled “<i>Assessing Article 19 Budapest Convention on the search and seizure of stored computer data: Assessment Report.</i>” Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/new-report-on-search-and-seizure-of-stored-computer-data-in-74-countries-a-critical-step-in-combating-cybercrime-and-obtaining-electronic-evidence (Access Date: 25.12.2024) |
| <p>OSCE Office for Democratic</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 06.12.2024, on the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights’s (ODIHR) website, the results |

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of the appointment of four high-level officials who would lead the OSCE Secretariat and institutions, including Feridun Sinirlioğlu, who was elected OSCE Secretary General, were shared.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/582298>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

- On 11.12.2024, on the Office's website, information was given about the first OSCE conference of ODIHR and the OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, which aimed to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day, marked annually on 9 December.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/ocea/582643>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

- On 11.12.2024, on the Office's website, information was given about the roundtable meeting held by the OSCE Presence in Albania and the Central Election Commission to discuss election principles such as the confidentiality of votes.

Source:

<https://www.osce.org/presence-in-albania/582676>

(Access Date: 24.12.2024)

- On 11.12.2024, on the Office's X account, information was given about the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Recommendations for Teaching and Learning about the Persecution and Genocide of the Roma during the Nazi Era.

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| | <p>Source: https://x.com/osce_odihr/status/1866836055141519532 (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 13.12.2024, on the Office's website, information was given about the “<i>Sixth Interim Report on Violations of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in Ukraine</i>”, which included interviews with 94 victims and witnesses in the second half of 2024 on violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the context of the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/583345 (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 16.12.2024, on the Office's website, information was given about the final report of the ODIHR election observation mission on the 2024 parliamentary elections in Mongolia.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/583408 (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 20.12.2024, on the Office's website; information was given about the report that included pressure on voters after the Georgian elections, concerns about the independence of state institutions, and concrete calls for action.</p> <p>Source: https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/584050 (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |
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| <p>Australian Human Rights Commission</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.12.2024, on the Australian Human Rights Commission's website, an opinion piece by the Disability Discrimination Commissioner Rosemary Kayess was shared. The piece stated that it was time for disability reform to become an election commitment and that the upcoming election in Australia is an opportunity for politicians to commit to generational disability reform that achieves equal rights for all. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/its-time-disability-reform-became-election-commitment (Access Date: 20.12.2024) - On 10.12.2024, on the Commission's website, the message of Commission President Hugh de Kretser regarding 10 December Human Rights Day was shared. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/e-bulletin/presidents-message-december-2024 (Access Date: 20.12.2024) - On 10.12.2024, on the Commission's website, a statement by National Children's Commissioner Anne Hollonds was shared. The statement stated that as tensions following the successful passage of the social media ban in Australia come to an end, there is still a significant amount of work to be done to improve children's safety and well-being. The statement also noted that Australia ranks a low 32 out of 38 member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in terms of child well-being. Source: https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/after-social-media-ban-job-done-child-safety-and-wellbeing |
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| | <p>(Access Date: 20.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.12.2024, on its website, the Commission published a statement on the results of the report titled “<i>Not Just an Afterthought</i>”, which was published following a series of inspections of immigration detention centres where women are held in Australia in April and May. According to the statement, the Commission called for significant reform of the country’s immigration detention system after the report revealed that women’s rights, safety and well-being were being widely disregarded. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/women-immigration-detention-serious-risk-harassment-and-violence (Access Date: 20.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 19.12.2024, the its website, Commission reported that the interim report of the Commission's study on racism in Australian universities, titled “<i>Respect at Uni</i>”, had revealed a number of concerns from both students and staff about experiences of racism on university campuses. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/commission-delivers-interim-report-racism-australian-universities (Access Date: 23.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Equality and Human Rights Commission</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 17.12.2024, the Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain (EHRC) shared on its social media account that a technical guide to preventing sexual harassment in the workplace had recently been updated. It was stated that the |

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| <p>of Great Britain (EHRC)</p> | <p>guide explained the legal responsibilities of employers and outlines practical steps that can be taken to prevent sexual harassment.</p> <p>Source: https://x.com/EHRC/status/1868993825093378162 (Access Date: 20.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Danish Institute for Human Rights</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 09.12.2024, on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, results of a survey conducted on behalf of the Institute, the Norwegian Human Rights Institution and the Swedish Human Rights Institute entitled “<i>Exploring Human Rights Awareness, Attitudes, and Perception in Scandinavia</i>” was shared with the public. According to the results; many Danes are unaware of their own rights, 53 percent cannot name an example of a human right, and the same applies to 42 percent of Norwegians and 35 percent of Swedes. <p>Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/danskere-ved-mindre-menneskerettigheder-nordiske-naboer (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.12.2024, on the website of the Institute; it was announced that the Danish Institute for Human Rights published a handbook on human rights, in cooperation with Greenland Council for Human Rights, aimed at professionals in civil society organizations, authorities, advocacy institutions and others who work with human rights in Greenland. <p>Source: https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/ny-haandbog-styrke-kendskabet-menneskerettigheder-groenland (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 11.12.2024, on the website of the Institute, it was announced that the Danish Institute for Human Rights had initiated a new partnership with the Human Rights Defender’s Office of the Republic of Armenia, with the focus on cooperation within the areas of equality and non-discrimination and human rights education. Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/news/new-partnership-human-rights-defenders-office-republic-armenia-initiated (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 16.12.2024, on the website of the Institute, an analysis of recommendations to UN Member States from international human rights mechanisms on the topic of climate change, prepared by the Danish Institute for Human Rights, entitled “<i>Human Rights Obligations and Adaptation to Climate Change</i>” was published. Source: https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/human-rights-obligations-adaptation-climate-change (Access Date: 24.12.2024) |
| <p>German Institute for Human Rights</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, on the German Institute for Human Rights's website, the Institute shared news that the “<i>Monitoring Violence Against Women</i>” report was published by the gender-specific violence reporting center of the German Institute for Human Rights. It was stated in the news that the report had comprehensive content prepared with data from 16 states between the years 2020 - 2022. |

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/erster-monitor-gewalt-gegen-frauen-strategien-standards-und-mehr-geld-dringend-noetig> (Access Date: 17.12.2024)

- On 06.12.2024, a statement was shared on the Institute's website stating that the Institute and the Bochum Center for Disability Studies jointly called for concrete measures to enable people with disabilities to live a life of their own choosing on the occasion of December 10, International Human Rights Day.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/menschen-mit-behinderungen-ein-selbstbestimmtes-leben-ermoeglichen> (Access Date: 17.12.2024)

- On 09.12.2024, on the Institute's website it was announced that the Institute had submitted its ninth report on the development of the human rights situation in Germany to the Bundestag. The report addressed five issues closely related to human rights: protection of refugees, homelessness, exclusion of people with disabilities from the labour market, exploitative working conditions of migrant workers and the human rights responsibilities of companies. The report was published in English and German.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/menschenrechtsschutz/berichterstattung/menschenrechtsbericht> (Access Date: 17.12.2024)

- On 10.12.2024, on the Institute's website, the statement made on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the UN Convention Against Torture was published.

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/40-jahre-un-antifolterkonvention-auch-fuer-deutschland-bleibt-viel-zu-tun-1> (Access Date: 17.12.2024)

- On 10.12.2024, on the Institute's website, a statement by Nele Allenberg, Head of the Institute's Domestic/European Human Rights Policy Department, on the occasion of the current discussions on the return of refugees to Syria, was published. The statement included the following expressions: *“It is not possible to send back to Syria those who fled Syria and are recognized as refugees or those who received subsidiary protection due to the civil war. The fact that the discussion started so soon after the overthrow of Syrian dictator Assad reveals not only the lack of empathy for the enthusiastic and relieved Syrians, but also the lack of knowledge of the legal basis.”*

Source:

<https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/innenpolitische-debatte-verfehlt-jetzt-schlaegt-die-stunde-der-aussenpolitik>

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- On 17.12.2024, a post was shared on the Institute's social media account stating that one of the main themes of the Human

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| | <p>Rights Report presented to the President of the Bundestag on 6 December was “<i>The Significant Weakening of Refugee Protection in Germany</i>”.</p> <p>Source: https://bsky.app/profile/dimr.bsky.social/post/3ldinf7rrmk2i (Access Date: 19.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 18.12.2024, a statement was shared on the Institute's social media account on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).</p> <p>Source: https://bsky.app/profile/dimr.bsky.social/post/3ldlfj646k22e (Access Date: 19.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia</p> | <p>- On 03.12.2024, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, Public Defender’s statement on International Day of Persons with Disabilities was shared. According to that, the Public Defender once again called on the responsible agencies to unite their efforts to eliminate the systemic problems facing persons with disabilities that have not been resolved for years, to make special efforts to raise awareness of the public and target groups about persons with disabilities, to promote the protection of equal rights of persons with disabilities and their inclusion in society, to present the role and achievements of persons with disabilities and to provide information to the public about it, as well as to improve the substantive participation of persons with disabilities in the decision-making process and to ensure the creation of new mechanisms of participation, if necessary, and the strengthening of existing mechanisms and their effective implementation in practice.</p> |

Source:

<https://ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/241203053832sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-shezghuduli-shesadzleblobis-mkone-pirta-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit>

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- On 03.12.2024, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, Public Defender's Office echoed recent developments in schools. It was stated that is unacceptable for minors to become objects of reproach and threats when expressing protest, and it is also unacceptable for an unauthorized person to enter the school premises to call on children to leave school and to disrupt the study process.

Source:

<https://ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparati-mimdinare-dgheebshi-skolebshiganvitarebul-movlenebs-ekhmianeba>

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- On 03.12.2024, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, Public Defender's briefing on current developments was shared. It contains the following expressions: *“The polarization and confrontation in the country have reached an extremely dangerous level. Georgia is a small country, and in such conditions, the confrontation reaches all levels of society. Of course, the Government bears the primary responsibility, but the media also plays a special role, contributing to the formation of public opinion. The media must disseminate objective information free from hate speech. When expressing our opinions at the individual level, our opinions should not be*

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| | <p><i>imbued with hate speech, the desire to belittle and shame others. We are all equal before the law, everyone has the right to express his opinion, and the State is obliged to protect these fundamental rights.”</i></p> <p>Source: https://ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-brifingi-mimdinare-movlenebtan-dakavshirebit (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 26.12.2024, according to the news on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, Levan Ioseliani, Public Defender of Georgia, has met with Anri Okhanashvili, Minister of Justice of Georgia. It was stated that the main issue of discussion at the meeting was the rights situation of prisoners and challenges in penitentiary institutions. <p>Source: https://ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-shekhvedra-iustitsiis-ministrtan (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, on the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission’s (IHREC) website, the Commission shared news that the Commission had published a groundbreaking study on access to justice for people with disabilities in Ireland on December 3, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It was stated in the news that the study in question, which was prepared based on the experiences of disabled individuals while trying to access the justice system, revealed that many disabled individuals encounter overlapping obstacles while trying to access their legal rights. <p>Source:</p> |

<https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-study-finds-significant-barriers-to-justice-for-disabled-people-in-ireland/>

(Access Date: 19.12.2024)

- On 19.12.2024, on the Commission's website, the Commission reported that the Commission had written a letter to the Minister of Justice last week asking him to explain why they had declared a temporary pause in the issuance of final decisions on international protection for people seeking refugee status from Syria. The news included the following statements by Chief Commissioner Liam Herrick: *“The Irish Government must always ensure that decisions on asylum claims by Syrians comply with EU and international law. We are particularly concerned that any pause in the proper assessment of international protection claims could have significant and irreversible effects on the rights of refugees and their families.”*

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-deeply-concerned-at-states-temporary-pause-on-syrian-ipas-applications/>

(Access Date: 19.12.2024)

- On 19.12.2024, the Commission shared on its website that the Commission had published the 2nd edition of the *“Equality and Human Rights Duty in the Public Sector”* guide, with the aim of supporting public institutions in understanding and complying with their legal obligations.

Source:

<https://www.ihrec.ie/documents/implementing-the-public-sector-equality-and-human-rights-duty/>

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| <p>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="539 309 1394 940"> <p>- On 03.12.2024, according to the news published on the the Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine’s (ICHR) website, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, observed annually on November 29, the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions, in collaboration with the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR), organized an online symposium titled “<i>The Repercussions of Israel’s Ban on UNRWA in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.</i>”</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ichr.ps/en/media-center/11354.html</p> <p>(Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1075 1394 1433"> <p>- On 05.12.2024, according to the statement published on the Commission’s website, ICHR urgently appealed the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health for immediate action to support the health system in Northern Gaza Strip.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ichr.ps/en/category-1/11374.html</p> <p>(Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <li data-bbox="539 1568 1394 1926"> <p>- On 15.12.2024, according to the statement published on the Commission’s website, ICHR called for adherence to the law and preservation of civil peace on the disturbing events in Jenin Governorate.</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11402.html</p> <p>(Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 15.12.2024, according to the statement published on the Commission’s website, ICHR called on the international community to stop the Israeli targeting of humanitarian aid teams in the Gaza Strip. <p>Source: https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11405.html (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) - Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.12.2024, on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) - Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) website, 2024 International Human Rights Day message was shared, including a call for justice for the Palestinians by ending the impunity of the Israeli occupation forces for their documented war crimes in Gaza. <p>Source: https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/582 (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, the second issue of the “<i>HUMANIFESTO</i>” authored by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator was published. <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/humanifesto-edition-2 (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, remarks at opening session of “<i>A Year Since the Humanitarian Catastrophe in Gaza: Urgent Needs, Lasting Solutions</i>” conference by |

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| | <p>Muhannad Hadi, Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, was shared.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/year-start-gazas-humanitarian-catastrophe-ocha-calls-urgent-action (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 04.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was stated that an estimated 305 million people around the world would require humanitarian assistance in the coming year, according to the Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) for 2025 published by OCHA. In the news, it was also stated that the appeal sought US\$47 billion to provide life-saving aid in 32 countries and nine refugee-hosting regions.</p> <p>Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/gho-2025-united-nations-and-humanitarian-partners-launch-us47-billion-appeal-2025-support-190 (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 04.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, in a statement made in Nairobi by Edem Wosornu, Director of Operations and Advocacy, on behalf of Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, it was stated that 305 million people would need urgent humanitarian assistance and protection by 2025. Of these 305 million people, 85 million live in Southern and East Africa, 59 million in the Middle East and North Africa, and 57 million in West and Central Africa.</p> <p>Source:</p> |
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<https://www.unocha.org/news/gho-2025-ocha-spotlights-critical-role-local-organizations-deliver-aid-effectively>

(Access Date: 25.12.2024)

- On 04.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, in a statement made in the launch of the Global Humanitarian Overview 2025 in Kuwait by Joyce Msuya, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, it was stated that more than 123 million people were forcibly displaced by conflict and violence by the middle of the year. She also mentioned that the wars of today are being fought with a callous disregard for human life and a lack of respect for international law. It was also stated that in Gaza, more women and children had been killed in the last year than the equivalent period of any other conflict over the past two decades.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/gho-2025-un-deputy-relief-chief-underscores-critical-role-humanitarian-diplomacy-reach-people> (Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 04.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was announced that a press conference was held for the launch of the OCHA Global Humanitarian Overview 2025. The full text of the Global Humanitarian Overview 2025 was shared on the website.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/gho-2025-un-relief-chief-says-scale-numbers-people-need-shameful>

(Access Date: 25.12.2024)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- On 06.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that after two months under Israeli siege, people in North Gaza governorate continued to flee deadly violence and deprivation to areas farther south. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-syria-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-haiti-somalia (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 10.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was announced that with conflicts and climate disasters miring millions of people around the world in humanitarian need, top United Nations officials had urged the global community to ramp up support for the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), during an annual pledging event. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/un-emergency-fund-needs-huge-surge-support-top-officials-say (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 11.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, the third issue of the “<i>HUMANIFESTO</i>” authored by Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator was shared. Source: https://www.unocha.org/news/humanifesto-edition-3 (Access Date: 24.12.2024) - On 11.12.2024, according to the news on the website of OCHA, during a briefing to the Security Council about the |
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humanitarian situation in Yemen, Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, stated that Yemen had remained under the shadow of internal conflict, while facing new regional escalations of tension, a deepening economic crisis, and increased threats to the safety and security of UN and humanitarian staff. He also urged the Security Council to protect Yemen's lifelines.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-urges-security-council-protect-yemens-lifelines> (Access Date:25.12.2024)

- On 13.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, the expressions of Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Muhannad Hadi was shared. Hadi expressed concerns about the rapidly deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. In the statement, he said civilians are paying the price of the continuing exchange of fire between the parties.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-syria-occupied-palestinian-territory-myanmar-tropical-cyclone-chido> (Access Date: 25.12.2024)

- On 17.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that once again, Israeli authorities had denied a UN request to access besieged parts of North Gaza that day, including Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahiya and areas of Jabalya.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-syria-occupied-palestinian-territory-tropical-cyclone-chido-vanuatu> (Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 19.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was stated that OCHA had appealed to Security Council to ensure all aid relief routes are open in Sudan.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-appeals-security-council-ensure-all-aid-relief-routes-are-open-sudan>

(Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 23.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was mentioned that Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher had visited Damascus, Homs, Aleppo, Idlib, Ankara, Beirut, Nabatieh and Amman. It was also mentioned that Fletcher had called on international community to break cycle of the violence in Gaza.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/un-relief-chief-calls-international-community-break-cycle-violence-gaza>

(Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 24.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was stated that the UN Emergency Coordinator and Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, Tom Fletcher, made remarks regarding a report that addresses the bureaucracy within the humanitarian aid sector and a simplified and more efficient humanitarian system.

Source:

<https://www.unocha.org/news/simplified-and-more-efficient-humanitarian-system-message-usg-fletcher>

(Access Date: 23.12.2024)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24.12.2024, on the website of OCHA, it was reported that UN and partners had launched the 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan for Mozambique as well as a Flash Appeal for Cyclone Chido. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-syria-mozambique</p> <p>(Access Date: 22.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 01.12.2024, on the website of NHRC, it was stated that NHRC had participated in the 24th Session of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri, Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) had advocated for the governance of social media and various applications of artificial intelligence to mitigate potential negative impacts on the right to health, including mental and psychological well-being. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/allgn-alotny-lhkok-alansan-tshark-fy-aaamal-aldor-24-lhyy-hkok-alansan-balataaon-alaslamynhrcCTnu/page (Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, on the website of NHRC, it was announced that two students from Al-Arqam Girls' Academy, under the sponsorship of NHRC, had prepared a study on raising social awareness about the autism spectrum. <p>Source:</p> |

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| | <p>https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/sponsored-by-nhrc-students-from-al-arqam-academy-for-girls-prepare-research-on-autism-spectrum-awarenessnhrc82n4/page</p> <p>(Access Date: 22.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East (UNRWA)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2024, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East (UNRWA) shared on its social media account that the aid that had reached Gaza for 14 months is far from being sufficient for more than 2 million people. The post stated that while the attacks continue, people, including children, are facing hunger, living in shelters and tents, and relying on humanitarian aid, and that safe passage for aid, facilitation of a meaningful humanitarian response, and a ceasefire are urgently needed. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1863537222797894056</p> <p>(Access Date: 23.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 03.12.2024, Philippe Lazzarini, the Commissioner General of the Agency shared on his social media account that before the war, 1 in 5 families in Gaza had a disabled person and that during the war, these people with special needs continued to suffer silently. The post stated that the war had caused an epidemic of traumatic injuries and that Gaza had the highest number of child amputees per capita in the world, and that many of these children undergoing surgery without even anesthesia. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/1863868799956680739</p> <p>(Access Date: 23.12.2024)</p> |

- On 10.12.2024, on the Agency's website, the Agency shared the statements made by the Agency's Commissioner General, Philippe Lazzarini, on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Source:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/remarks-philippe-lazzarini-commissioner-general-unrwa> (Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 20.12.2024, a post was shared on the Agency's social media account stating that the Government of Sweden had announced its decision to stop funding the Agency. The post mentioned that the Agency is the backbone of humanitarian aid in Gaza and that this decision would have a direct impact on the field, including logistics, fuel and service delivery.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1870113190585024589>
(Access Date: 23.12.2024)

- On 20.12.2024, the Agency shared on its social media account that the vast majority of UN member states (137 countries) had voted to request a clarification from the International Court of Justice on the obligations of Israel in relation to international laws.

Source:

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1870032544072130830>
(Access Date: 23.12.2024)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 22.12.2024, the 152nd situation report on the Humanitarian Crisis in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem was shared on the Agency's website. Source: https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-152-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem (Access Date: 25.12.2024) - On 23.12.2024, an informative post was shared on the Agency's social media account about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, according to the United Nations (UN) Children's Fund (UNICEF), 160 children were killed in Gaza in just one month; according to the UN Satellite Center (UNOSAT), nearly 70% of the structures in Gaza were destroyed or damaged, and many UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) schools were damaged. Source: https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1871149551698030690 (Access Date: 23.12.2024) |
| <p>OHCHR Working Group on Business and Human Rights</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 02.12.2024, OHCHR Working Group on Business and Human Rights published a statement on its website on the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal chemical disaster, emphasizing that the disaster is not just a thing of the past but an ongoing environmental and human rights crisis. The statement said that the pollution continues to threaten the health of hundreds of thousands of people and that there are serious gaps in the provision of justice, and that the disaster demonstrates the consequences of multinational corporations practicing low safety standards. |

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| | <p>Source: https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/12/bhopal-lingering-legacy-contamination-and-injustice (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Council of Europe Commisioner for Human Rights</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.12.2024, according to the news published on the website of Council of Europe Commisioner for Human Rights, on Human Rights Day the Commissioner called for action to realize the Universal Declaration's vision. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/on-human-rights-day-the-commissioner-calls-for-action-to-realise-the-universal-declaration-s-vision (Access Date: 26.12.2024) - On 10.12.2024, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O’Flaherty had said that as Syria shifts, Council of Europe member states must avoid hasty returns of refugees. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/as-syria-shifts-council-of-europe-member-states-must-avoid-hasty-returns-of-refugees (Access Date: 26.12.2024) - On 11.12.2024, according to the news published on the website of Commissioner, Commissioner O’Flaherty had sent letters to the Prime Minister and to the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic about calling for the urgent extension of the law on compensation for victims of forced sterilizations conducted between 1966 and 2012, most of whom are Roma women. |

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| | <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/czech-republic-the-authorities-should-extend-the-law-on-compensation-for-victims-of-forced-sterilisations (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 20.12.2024, according to the news published on the website of Commissioner, in a letter addressed to the President of the Senate of Italy, Commissioner O’Flaherty had asked members of the Senate to refrain from adopting Bill 1236 on public security, unless it is substantially amended to ensure that it complies with Council of Europe human rights standards. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/the-commissioner-asks-the-italian-senate-to-amend-the-security-bill-to-safeguard-human-rights (Access Date: 26.12.2024)</p> |
| <p>Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 05.12.2024, on the website of Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), it was announced that a delegation of GRETA had carried out an evaluation visit to Montenegro on 2-5 December 2024, as part of the fourth evaluation round of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. <p>Source:</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-carries-out-fourth-evaluation-visit-to-montenegro (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 10.10.2024, on the website of GRETA, it was announced that some 20 representatives of Slovenian government agencies, public bodies and civil society had met in Ljubljana |

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| | <p>on 10 December 2024 to discuss the implementation of the Council of Europe Anti-Trafficking Convention, on the basis of the third evaluation report issued by GRETA and the related Committee of the Parties' recommendation had focused on trafficking victims' access to justice and effective remedies.</p> <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/slovenia-round-table-to-discuss-the-country-s-progress-in-combating-human-trafficking (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 11.12.2024, on the website of GRETA, it was stated that a delegation of GRETA had carried out an evaluation visit to the United Kingdom from 3 to 11 December 2024, as part of the fourth evaluation round of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. This new evaluation round of monitoring the implementation of the Convention focuses on vulnerabilities to human trafficking and measures taken by States Parties to prevent them, detect and support vulnerable victims, and punish the offenders.</p> <p>Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-s-fourth-evaluation-visit-to-the-united-kingdom (Access Date: 24.12.2024)</p> <p>- On 12.12.2024, on the website of GRETA, it was stated that a delegation of the GRETA had carried out an evaluation visit to Malta on 9-12 December 2024, as part of the fourth evaluation round of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.</p> <p>Source:</p> |
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| | <p>https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-carries-out-fourth-evaluation-visit-to-malta</p> <p>(Access Date: 25.12.2024)</p> |
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