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International	- On 02.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated
Labour	that the number of people in modern slavery has risen
Organization	significantly in the last five years. And, a podcast was shared
(ILO)	in the context of questions "Why is slavery still with us despite
	all the efforts to eradicate it? And what should we be doing
	about it?"
	Source:
	https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1642512354750414851
	(Access Date: 27.04.2023)
	(Ticeess Bate: 27.01.2023)
	On 02 04 2022, on the Twitter account of H.O. it was stated
	- On 03.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated
	that technology has the potential to promote equality, create
	decent jobs, and foster skills development and education for
	those at risk of being left behind. And, in this context, a podcast
	was shared.
	Source:
	https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1642829453410664448
	(Access Date: 27.04.2023)
	On 05 04 2022 on the Twitter account of II O a link to the
	- On 05.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, a link to the
	ILOSTAT database which is the leading source for labour
	statistics was shared for those who want to know more about
	gender, wages or migrant workers' situation.
	Source:
	https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1643613538689089537

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

 On 06.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that the number of children without access to social protection is increasing year-on-year, leaving them at risk of poverty, hunger and discrimination. A video of ILO & UNICEF about this issue was shared.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1643916495775252480

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

- On 10.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that ILO works worldwide to promote and advance social justice. In this context, a video was shared about what social justice means for people around the world.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1645335808151375873

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 11.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that the pandemic had exposed the poor working conditions essential workers often face. According to the statement, the poor working conditions includes low pay, long hours, insecurity, and higher occupational safety and health risks. A podcast was shared about why are key workers undervalued.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1645773902180646912

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

- On 14.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that 3 out of 10 women of reproductive age live in countries without adequate maternity protection. A report of 2022, which is related this issue, was shared.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1646815564013387776

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 16.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, finding jobs is harder for women than for men, jobs tend to be paid less, none or little social protection, lack of affordable childcare and safe transport were stated as answers of the question "What's holding women back in the world of work?" An info story was shared about a gender gap of employment.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1647661290360299523

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 21.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was stated that 1.46 billion children under 15 years old receive no social protection, and this, leaves them vulnerable to poverty and child labour also increases. A brief excerpt from joint report of ILO and UNICEF, was shared in the context of "How can we help to reverse this negative trend?"

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1649329126677921800

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

 On 26.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ILO, it was specified that ILO Standards on Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) are vitally important and it was stated that there are millions of work-related deaths and injuries recorded every year globally.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ilo/status/1651189375655456769

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

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

 On 03.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk stressed that his Office will strengthen its work on Libya, where the human rights situation continues to deteriorate amid widespread violence by armed actors, ongoing political deadlock, and deepening curbs on civic space.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/human-rights-spotlight-libya-must-be-maintained-turk

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council had adopted 8 resolutions, had extended mandates on sale and sexual exploitation of children, Iran, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Belarus, and Syria.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/human-rightscouncil-adopts-eight-resolutions-extends-mandates-sale-andsexual (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Human Rights Council had adopted 13 resolutions, had extended mandates on Myanmar, Ukraine, racism and racial discrimination, working group on the Durban Declaration, and Mali, had appointed 10 mandate holders, and had closed 52. regular session.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/human-rightscouncil-adopts-13-resolutions-extends-mandates-myanmarukraine-racism-and (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

On 05.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, condemning the events that had led to the death of 39 migrants and asylum seekers at an immigration detention centre in northern Mexico, UN experts had called for prompt, thorough and independent investigations into the tragedy.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/mexico-unexperts-call-investigations-migrant-deaths-ciudad-juarez (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 06.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN torture prevention body SPT found Kazakhstan needs to strengthen effective torture prevention measures.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/kazakhstanneeds-strengthen-effective-torture-prevention-measures-untorture (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 06.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, an UN expert condemned brutal attacks on Palestinians at Al-Aqsa Mosque perpetrated by Israel.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/israel-unexpert-condemns-brutal-attacks-palestinians-al-aqsa-mosque

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 10.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers had closed 36. session after adopting concluding observations on Reports of El Salvador, Morocco, Nigeria and the Philippines.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/committee-rights-migrant-workers-closes-thirty-sixth-session-after-adopting-concluding (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 13.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN torture prevention body SPT announced that they were to conduct their first visit to Madagascar.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-torture-prevention-body-conduct-first-visit-madagascar

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

- On 14.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN experts had stated that "Repressive enforcement of Iranian hijab laws symbolizes gender-based persecution".

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/repressive-enforcement-iranian-hijab-laws-symbolises-gender-based

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 17.04.2023, on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk made a comment on sentencing of Vladimir Kara-Murza in Russia.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/commentun-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-sentencing-vladimir-karamurza (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 17.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, Committee against Torture had opened 76. session in Geneva.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/committee-against-torture-opens-seventy-sixth-session-geneva

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, in dialogue with Brazil, experts of the Committee against Torture had praised reduction in provisional prison sentences, had raised issues concerning prison overcrowding and excessive use of force against Afro-Brazilians.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/dialogue-brazilexperts-committee-against-torture-praise-reductionprovisional-prison (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 20.04.2023, according to the new on the website of OHCHR, an UN expert urged Tajikistan to leave past behind and uphold freedom of religion and belief.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-experturges-tajikistan-leave-past-behind-and-uphold-freedomreligion-and (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 21.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination had commended Tajikistan on improved treatment of migrants and asylum seekers, had asked questions on discrimination against the Pamiri minority and human rights defenders.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/experts-committeeelimination-racial-discrimination-commend-tajikistanimproved (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

 On 27.04.2023, according to the news on the website of OHCHR, UN Human Rights Chief had urged UK to reverse "deeply troubling" Public Order Bill.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-human-rights-chief-urges-uk-reverse-deeply-troubling-public-order-bill (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)

On 06.04.2023, according to the news on SPT's website, experts from the SPT, after their second visit to the country, had suggested that Kazakhstan take more measures to protect detainees from torture and ill-treatment and that the national prevention mechanism plays an effective and important role in this regard. The SPT delegation visited prisons, investigation and temporary isolators, police and detention centers in

Kazakhstan during its last mission between March 26 and April 1. The SPT delegation held several meetings to support the work of the Kazakhstan National Prevention Mechanism (NPM), an independent torture watchdog in the country, and accompanied them on their visit to a detention facility. The SPT will submit to the Government of Kazakhstan a confidential report containing its observations and recommendations on the prevention of torture and ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty. As in all other States, the SPT encourages Kazakhstan to make this report public, as the State party did after the SPT 2016 visit.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/kazakhstanneeds-strengthen-effective-torture-prevention-measures-untorture (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 13.04.2023, according to the news on SPT's website, the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT) will visit Madagascar for the first time between 16-27 April to evaluate the treatment of people deprived of their liberty and the available safeguards to protect them from torture and ill-treatment. During its visit to Madagascar, the SPT delegation will meet with representatives of national authorities, the prosecution, the judiciary and civil society and will visit prisons, police stations and psychiatric facilities. At the end of the visit, the SPT delegation will present its preliminary and confidential observations to the Government of Madagascar and the National Independent Human Rights Commission (CNIDH).

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/un-torture-prevention-body-conduct-first-visit-madagascar

	(Access Date: 26.04.2023)
UN International	- On 30.03.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that
Children's	the number of children crossing the dangerous Darien jungle
Emergency Fund	between Colombia and Panama by foot, fleeing their homes
(UNICEF)	under the threat of violence or migrating in search of better
	opportunities, had increased seven-fold in the first two months
	of 2023 compared to the same period last year and the number
	of unaccompanied or separated children are continuing to
	grow.
	Source:
	https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/seven-fold-increase-
	number-children-walking-through-panamanian-jungle-
	towards-north (Access Date: 24.04.2023)
	- On 05.04.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that
	in Afghanistan more than 28 million people, including over 15
	million children, need humanitarian and protection assistance
	this year and Taliban's decision to ban Afghan women from
	working with the United Nations (and including UNICEF) will
	cost children's lives.
	Source:
	https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/talibans-decision-ban-
	afghan-women-working-united-nations-will-cost-childrens-
	<u>lives</u> (Access Date: 24.04.2023)
	- On 06.04.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that
	two months after two devastating earthquakes hit Türkiye and

northern Syria, 2.5 million children in Türkiye remain in need

of humanitarian support and are at risk of falling into poverty, child labour or child marriage.

Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/two-monthst%C3%BCrkiye-earthquakes-enormous-challenges-remain-25-million-children-need (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 13.04.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was announced that INTERPOL Secretary General Jürgen Stock and UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell have signed an agreement of cooperation that will support national governments around the world to prevent and address online child sexual exploitation and abuse and other child protection issues.

Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/interpol-and-unicefsign-cooperation-agreement-address-child-sexualexploitation-and (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, on the website of UNICEF, it was stated that 67 million children missed out on one or more vaccinations over three years due to service disruption caused by strained health systems and diversion of scarce resources, conflict and fragility, and decreased confidence, according to new report "The State of the World's Children 2023 For Every Child, Vaccination" released by UNICEF.

Source:

https://www.unicef.org/press-

releases/sowc_2023_immunization (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

UN Development Programme (UNDP)

 On 30.03.2023, on the website of UNDP, UNDP announced that it is supporting community-based health services to combat tuberculosis in Angola with Global Fund financing.

Source:

https://www.undp.org/stories/how-community-based-care-drives-angolas-progress-against-tb (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, on the website of UNDP, a statement on International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action has been published.

Source:

https://www.undp.org/speeches/mine-action-cannot-wait (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 11.04.2023, on the website of UNDP, it was announced that Bilan, the first all-female media team in Somalia, celebrated its first anniversary.

Source:

https://www.undp.org/press-releases/somalias-first-all-women-media-team-hits-first-year-anniversary

(Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 12.04.2023, on the website of UNDP, UNDP called on the Taliban de facto authorities to immediately revoke the decision banning Afghan women from working for the UN and reverse all measures restricting women's and girls' rights.

https://www.undp.org/speeches/statement-undpadministrator-taliban-ban-afghan-women-working-unitednations (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

- On 18.04.2023, on the website of UNDP, UNDP warned that restrictions on women's rights will worsen the economic catastrophe in Afghanistan.

Source:

 $\frac{https://www.undp.org/press-releases/undp-warns-restrictions-womens-rights-will-worsen-economic-catastrophe-}{}\\$

afghanistan (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of UNDP, United Nations had stated its next major step to prevent catastrophic oil spill in the Red Sea. UNDP has contracted the Boskalis subsidiary SMIT Salvage to transfer 1 million barrels of oil off a decaying tanker. It had been announced that the team's vessel Ndeavor sets sail to the Red Sea today and funding is urgently required.

Source:

 $\frac{https://www.undp.org/press-releases/united-nations-takes-}{next-major-step-prevent-catastrophic-oil-spill-red-sea}$

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of UNDP,
 UNDP will participate event which is 2023 ECOSOC Youth
 Forum on April 25-27, 2023.

Source:

https://www.undp.org/press-releases/undp-un-ecosoc-youth-

forum (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of UNDP, between 24-27 April, experts from national statistical offices, the private sector, civil society, scientific and academic communities, and international organizations will gather in Hangzhou, China for the UN World Data Forum 2023. UNDP will be organizing and co-organizing several sessions as part of the Forum.

Source:

https://www.undp.org/events/un-world-data-forum-2023-undp-sessions (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

On 04.04.2023, on the website of CERD, in the statement issued by CERD, the Committee urged Tunisia's highest authorities to publicly condemn and distance themselves from racist hate speech by politicians and public and private figures. It also called upon the State party to combat all forms of racial discrimination and racist violence against black Africans, especially migrants from the south of the Sahara and black Tunisian citizens.

Source:

https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/tunisia-must-immediately-stop-hate-speech-and-violence-against-migrants (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 11.04.2023, on the website of CERD, it was announced that CERD had opened the 109. Session in Geneva. In the Session, it reviewed anti-discrimination efforts by Argentina, Niger, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation and Tajikistan.

Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)	https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2023/04/committee-elimination-racial-discrimination-opens-one-hundred-and-ninth-session-geneva (Access Date: 24.04.2023) - On 26.04.2023, according to the news on the website of GANHRI, new representatives of GANHRI Bureau were elected from APF and RINDHCA regions. Source: https://ganhri.org/new-representatives-of-ganhri-bureau-elected-from-apf-and-rindhca-regions/(Access Date: 28.04.2023)
European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)	 On 29.03.2023, on the website of CPT, CPT announced its 2024 periodic visit program. According to the program, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Czechia, Denmark, Slovenia, Norway, Ireland and Georgia were determined as the countries to be visited. Source: https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/le-comit%C3%A9-antitorture-du-conseil-de-l-europe-annonce-des-visites-p%C3%A9riodiques-dans-huit-pays-en-2024 (Access Date: 26.04.2023) On 30.03.2023, on the website of CPT, CPT published its general report on its activities covering the year 2022. In this report, the Committee calls on European states to put an end to unlawful practices. Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/the-council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-calls-for-an-end-to-illegal-pushbackpractices-and-for-increased-safeguards-against-ill-treatment

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of CPT,
 CPT had paid an ad hoc visit to Serbia on 21-30 March 2023.
 The main purpose of the visit was to examine the treatment of persons deprived of their liberty by the police.

Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-serbia

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 05.04.2023, according to the news on the website of CPT,
 CPT had made an ad hoc visit to Bulgaria on 21-31 March 2023. The focus of the visit was to review the implementation of longstanding CPT recommendations on the situation of persons deprived of liberty in psychiatric institutions and nursing homes.

Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-bulgaria

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 06.04.2023, according to the news on the website of CPT,
 CPT had made a periodic visit to Luxembourg between 27
 March - 4 April 2023. The main purpose of the visit was to examine the measures taken by the Luxembourg authorities in

the light of recommendations made by the Committee following its previous visits in 2009 and 2015.

Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-luxembourg (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 06.04.2023, according to the news on the website of CPT,
 CPT had made a visit to the United Kingdom on immigration issues between 27 March - 6 April 2023. The main purpose of the visit was to examine the treatment and detention conditions of persons held under immigration legislation, both in immigration removal centers and prison institutions.

Source:

https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-antitorture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-the-unitedkingdom (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

 On 29.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had participated in the first meeting in 2023 of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies' Network in Valetta.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/fra-joins-eu-justice-and-home-affairs-agencies-meeting (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 29.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA had spoken during a debate on the Spanish Ministry of
Equality's proposal to add information on racial or ethnic
origin in a nationwide survey that will be carried out in 2026.
 Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/spanish-equality-datasurvey-debate-capturing-ethnic-information

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 29.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had attended the European Migration Network (EMN)'s National Contact Points meeting and had presented the findings of its survey on the experiences in the EU of displaced people's fleeing Ukraine.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/ukraine-survey-resultspresented-european-migration-network

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 29.03.2023, on the website of FRA, FRA published its general guidance on establishing national independent mechanisms to monitor fundamental rights compliance at EU external borders in Croatian, English, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish and Spanish.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/new-language-versions-fras-guidance-monitoring-rights-borders-now-out

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 29.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA would speak during the opening session on democracy
and human rights of the European Commission and the
European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies
(EGE)'s public round-table discussion on challenges to
democracy posed by technological developments.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/opportunities-and-challenges-civic-participation-digital-age

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 30.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that
FRA held a hybrid meeting with NHRIs and the European
Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)
regarding the application of the EU Charter and monitoring
fundamental rights and the rule of law.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/applying-eu-charter-and-monitoring-fundamental-rights-and-rule-law

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

- On 31.03.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA had joined the Spring Academy of the Asser Institute on AI and international law and presented results of its recent report on bias in algorithms to staff at Europol.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/artificial-intelligence-and-fundamental-rights-presented-asser-institute

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA, FRA Director, Michael O'Flaherty, delivered a speech on "Protecting the rights of Roma: Europe's great challenge" at the "(Più) Partecipazione, Inclusione e Uguaglianza" event.

http://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2023/protecting-rights-romaeuropes-great-challenge (Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 14.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA,
 FRA had attended a conference organized by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) on "Civil society organizations defending and strengthening European democracy".

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2023/defending-andstrengthening-democracy (Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 17.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA,
 FRA Director, Michael O'Flaherty, had delivered a speech on "Celebrating Jewish Life: Honouring Dignity, Delivering Safety" at the European Conference on Antisemitism in Vienna.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2023/celebrating-jewish-life-honouring-dignity-delivering-safety

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 17.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA,
 FRA had taken part in the EU Victims' Rights Platform meeting in Brussels and presented findings from its "Underpinning victims' report: support services, reporting and protection".

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/eu-victims-rights-platform-meeting (Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 18.04.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would participate in the annual conference of European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN).

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/european-criminal-law-academic-network-hold-annual-conference

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 20-21.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA, FRA and the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union organized a Conference on "Institutional Protection of Fundamental Rights in Times of Crises" to take place in Lund.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/conference-institutional-protection-fundamental-rights-times-crises

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of FRA,
FRA Director, Michael O'Flaherty, had delivered the keynote
speech on "Building a resilient human rights system" at the
Conference on Institutional Protection of Fundamental Rights
in Times of Crises.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2023/building-resilient-human-rights-system (Access Date: 25.04.2023)

- On 24.04.2023, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would speak during an online roundtable event on human rights and the environment in international development financing.

Source:

http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2023/human-rights-andenvironment-international-development-financing-roundtable (Access Date: 25.04.2023)

European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

On 03.04.2023, according to the news on the Twitter account of ENNHRI, ENNHRI had spoken at the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA). They said that they welcomed all steps for a UN Convention on older persons' rights and that OEWGA was vital to this. They also emphasized NHRIs vital role in promoting & protecting these rights.

Source:

https://twitter.com/ennhri/status/1643241704286289920

(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

On 11.04.2023, according to the news on the website of ENNHRI, ENNHRI members had voted to regarding the exclusion of the Russian NHRI at Extraordinary General Assembly.

Source:

https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-members-vote-to-exclude-the-russian-nhri-at-extraordinary-general-assembly/
(Access Date: 28.04.2023)

- On 14.04.2023, according to the news on the website of ENNHRI, the Swedish Institute for Human Rights formally

had applied for international accreditation status. ENNHRI welcomed this important step for the institution and towards further strengthening the human rights framework in Sweden.

Source:

https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ennhri-welcomes-the-accreditation-request-of-the-swedish-institute-for-human-rights/ (Access Date: 28.04.2023)

European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

On 07.04.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that the power of Equality Bodies to represent victims of discrimination in courts strengthens their capacity to effectively restore justice and when that power lacks, they sometimes strategically cooperate with other bodies or organizations that work on equality & rights. In addition to this, a case was shared from the EQUINET 2023 Calendar. According to shared information, in that case, Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman) of the Czech Republic had collaborated with an NGO to restore justice for a Romani social worker who was discriminated against.

Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/16442865695645204 49 (Access Date: 27.04.2023)

 On 07.04.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that EQUINET supports Equality Bodies in their work to achieve Roma equality, inclusion & participation across Europe and this perspective presents concrete examples of Equality Bodies' work. An EQUINET Perspective publication of 2020 was shared again in this context.

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/16443743370576977

93 (Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 14.04.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, 5 key priorities of DisQo: Anti-Discrimination & Health Equity for stronger action against racism & discrimination to achieve health equity was shared. These 5 priorities are; to recognize the problem, to focus on people, to pay attention to the language we use, to make sure it's measurable, to work together and to take action.

Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/16468812324398940

19 (Access Date: 27.04.2023)

 On 18.04.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that inclusive communication is key to ensuring equal access to information for all. And, it was informed that a report and a checklist was published on how to make digital materials accessible & easy-to-read text.

Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/16482717153597603

84 (Access Date: 27.04.2023)

 On 19.04.2023, on the Twitter account of EQUINET, it was stated that Equality Bodies that have the power to start an Actio Popularis can better tackle structural discrimination & ensure equality. And an EQUINET Discussion Paper was shared.

Source:

https://twitter.com/equineteurope/status/16487089684018503

68 (Access Date: 27.04.2023)

The Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights

 On 06.04.2023, according to the post on the official Twitter account of the Council of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, Annual Report 2022 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers has been published.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights
https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/news//asset_publisher/j0QMuy0LrTts/content/the-secretarygeneral-of-the-council-of-europe-secretary-general-calls-forincreased-political-will-to-implement-the-european-court-sjudgments (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 06.04.2023, on the official Twitter account of the Council
of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was stated that
Committee of Ministers had held thematic discussion on the
abolition of the death penalty.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights/status/16439222657618 94404?cxt=HHwWiMC-keilsdAtAAA

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 14.04.2023, on the official Twitter account of the Council
of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that
a thematic factsheet on "Excessive Formalism by Courts" was
issued by the Department for the Execution of Judgments of
the European Court of Human Rights.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights

https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/news/-

/asset_publisher/j0QMuy0LrTts/content/new-thematic-

<u>factsheet-on-excessive-formalism-by-courts</u>

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 19.04.2023, on the official Twitter account of the Council
of Europe Directorate of Human Rights, it was announced that
a webinar titled "AI and gender: preventing bias, promoting
equality" organized by the Committee on Artificial Intelligence
of the Council of Europe was held.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

 On 06.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, ahead of International Roma Day, a call for greater efforts at all levels to solve the multiple challenges faced by Roma women, aggravated by long-standing social and economic exclusion was shared.

Source:

https://twitter.com/osce_odihr/status/1643946276134764545

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 12.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, it was stated that civil society reporting is vital to tackle hate crime effectively and understand the needs of victims. In this context, ODIHR called for submission of data.

https://twitter.com/osce_odihr/status/1646160002925699074

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, it was stated that National Human Rights Institutions are key players in protecting our rights, particularly in times of crisis. A link to ODIHR's work with national human rights institutions to help safeguard human rights for all was shared.

Source:

https://twitter.com/osce_odihr/status/1649048846155264007

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

On 27.04.2023, on the Twitter account of ODIHR, in the context of how can the system to resolve election disputes in Western Balkans be strengthened, it was informed that ODIHR & OSCE Mission to Skopje were discussing this with representatives of election management, judiciary & civil society and other participants through funded project on Support to Electoral Reforms in the Western Balkans.

Source:

https://twitter.com/osce_odihr/status/1651203755751231489

(Access Date: 27.04.2023)

Australian Human Rights Commission

On 04.04.2023, on the Commission's website, the National Children's Commissioner called for action after an investigation into child maltreatment in Australia. The nationwide survey reportedly paints a sad picture of the scale and impact of child maltreatment, revealing that two-thirds of respondents had been maltreated in their childhood. Anne Hollonds, the National Commissioner for Children, stated that

a national agreement could be drawn up to prioritize the welfare of children. She also mentioned that an evidence-based, inclusive National Strategy for Child Welfare which is built on the foundations of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child can implemented.

Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/mediareleases/national-childrens-commissioner-calls-action-aftershocking-research (Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 12.04.2023, on the Commission's website, it has been announced that a webinar will be held on 10.05.2023, on "Reinventing Schools to Promote Learning and Prosperity for All". In the related announcement, it was stated that the webinar advocated that it is time to redesign schools and make them places that focus entirely on the health, well-being and learning of the child.

Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/join-webinar-reinventing-schools (Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 26.04.2023, on the Commission's website, Australia's Age Discrimination Commissioner said that thousands of elderly Australians are robbed and scammed of millions of dollars every year due to the dysfunctional enduring power-of-attorney (EPOA) framework. The Commissioner invited State and territory attorney generals to commit to resolving the issue at the Standing Council of Attorneys General meeting in Darwin. Australia is a federal state and because of that, each jurisdiction in Australia has different laws and regulations about enduring power of attorney. There is no national EPOA register where

information can be easily accessed about who holds these powers. This causes significant confusion for many older people, as well as bankers, lawyers, finance and other professionals who need to process financial transactions and legal documents. Announcing that the Federal Government will pay for the development of a national perpetual power of attorney registration system, the Commissioner urged state and territory attorneys to stop procrastinating and become change makers.

Source:

https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/state-ag-inaction-enables-power-attorney-parasites-commissioner (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

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

 On 30.03.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) published a statement on the genocide committed by Armenians against Azerbaijani Turks in 1918, on March 31, the Day of the Genocide of Azerbaijanis.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3815/statement-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-on-the-31-march-day-of-genocide-of-azerbaijanis (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 31.03.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, a hybrid format conference dedicated to March 31, the Day of the Genocide of Azerbaijanis, was held in Guba at the initiative of the Ombudsman.

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3817/a-hybrid-format-conference-dedicated-to-march-31-the-day-of-the-genocide-of-azerbaijanis-was-held-in-guba-at-the-initiative-of-the-ombudsman- (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 03.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, The United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Central Asia had held an online event on "Women and Cybercrime". A staff member from the Ombudsman spoke at this event. The necessity of international cooperation and exchange of experience was emphasized for more effective organization of activities in the field of protection of women's rights and the fight against cybercrime.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3823/a-staff-member-ofthe-ombudsman-office-spoke-at-an-online-event-on-womenand-cybercrime (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 04.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, Ombudsman appealed to the international community regarding 4 April - the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. Regarding Armenia's laying of mines in liberated areas, the appeal was made to the international community to take a decisive position regarding the elimination of the existing problem and to support the demining process once again.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3824/appeal-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-to-the-international-community-regarding-4-

<u>april-the-international-day-for-mine-awareness-and-assistance-in-mine-a#</u> (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 10.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, The Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) had held an international conference on "International Humanitarian Law and Promoting Mental Health in the Armed Forces" in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Ms. Raida Amirbayova, the Head of the Monitoring Unit at the Ombudsman Office, took part in the international training, which was attended by 23 representatives from 10 countries.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3839/a-staff-member-of-the-ombudsman-office-participated-in-the-international-conference- (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 12.04.2023 according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, within the framework of the autism awareness month-long campaign, the Ombudsman's Western Regional Center had held an awareness event on "Protection and Promotion of the Rights of People with Autism" with the participation of children with autism.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3843/the-western-regional-center-of-the-ombudsman-organized-an-educational-event-on-promotion-and-protection-of-the-rights-of-people-with-autism- (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 13.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, The Ombudsman's Southern Regional Center had held an educational event on "Public Awareness in Promoting Gender Equality" jointly with the Masalli District Executive Authority.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3845/an-educationalevent-on-public-awareness-in-promoting-gender-equalitywas-held-in-the-masalli-district- (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 15.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, the Ombudsman issued a statement condemning the act of burning the Azerbaijani flag at the opening ceremony of the European Weightlifting Championship held in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, on April 14. The Ombudsman invited international organizations, especially the International Weightlifting Federation and the International Olympic Committee, to react strongly to this action and to take decisive steps in accordance with the current international regulations.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3854/opinion-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-related-to-burning-of-the-national-flag-of-azerbaijan-during-the-european-weightlifting-championship-in-armenia (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 18.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, a statement was made on the 30th anniversary of the massacre that Armenia carried out in April 1993 in the village of Başlibel in the Kelbajar district. After discovering the location of 62 civilians who had to take shelter in a cave to save their lives during the occupation of Bashlibel village, they were subjected to an armed attack by Armenia and became victims of the crime of genocide.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3858/appeal-of-the-commissioner-for-human-rights-ombudsman-of-the-republic-of-azerbaijan-to-the-international-community-regarding-the-30th-anniversary-of-the-bashlibel-massacre-

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, with the initiative of the Ombudsman, an event was organized in the Ministry of Justice for convicted children as a vulnerable group of the population.

Source:

https://ombudsman.az/en/view/news/3864/on-the-initiativeof-the-ombudsman-an-event-was-held-at-the-correctionalinstitution-of-the-penitentiary-service-of-the-ministry-ofjustice- (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria

On 28.03.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva had sent another letter to Nikola Stoyanov, Minister for Economy and Industry, and Stoil Alipiev, Chairman of the Commission for the Protection of Competition (CPC), regarding the indexation of monthly fees for mobile services. Recently, all three mobile operators increased their monthly tariffs by 15.3%. The Ombudsman stated that the increase in question was absolutely unacceptable. The Ombudsman also underlines that the indexation clause does not make it possible for consumers to assess the economic consequences of entering into a contract.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/the-ombudsman-draws-the-attention-of-the-cpc-to-unfair-terms-and-unfair-trade-pr-2017 (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 30.03.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, in 2022, nearly 74,500 citizens and representatives of organizations had applied to the Ombudsman institution for assistance or protection. 31,900 of the applications were made in the form of collective petitions or complaints in certain situations. In addition, 25,523 citizens were heard in the reception offices organized by the Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman in the capital and throughout the country. The number of complaints made in 2022 has exceeded 15,000, and this is an absolute record in the Institution's 17-year history.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/close-to-74500-citizens-turned-to-the-ombudsman-for-assistance-in-2022-2018

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 06.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva had referred to Prosecutor General Ivan Geshev, Caretaker Minister of Health Dr. Asen Medzhidiev and Acting National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) Governor Dr. Yordanka Penkova in relation to a journalistic investigation and complaints about breaches of the right of patients with oncological diseases.

https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/the-ombudsman-refers-to-the-prosecutor-general-mh-and-nhif-to-inspect-the-treat-2023

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 07.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva had sent a letter to Sofia City Council President Georgi Georgiev and Sofia Mayor Yordanka Fandakova warning that the Institution continues to receive complaints from citizens regarding the latest amendments to the Regulation on Conditions and Procedures for the Use of Public Cities. In this letter, the Ombudsman draws attention to the issues related to transport passes for pensioners and persons aged over 68, persons with disabilities.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CoEHumanRights

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 13.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Ombudsman Diana Kovacheva had conveyed an opinion to the Minister of Finance, Rositsa Velkova, in connection with the draft law amending and supplementing the Tax and Social Insurance Procedure Code (TSIPC), which was published for public comment. The Ombudsman stated that this draft law would result in a disproportionate restriction of the rights of citizens who are parties to the transfer of property or motor vehicle transactions, at the expense of facilitating the collection of fines.

https://www.ombudsman.bg/en/n/the-ombudsmansuspension-of-real-estate-transactions-due-to-unpaid-finesrestri-2026 (Access Date: 26.04.2023) **Equality** and On 04.04.2023, on the website of the Commission, the news Human stated that, upon the request of the British Minister for Women **Rights** and Equality, the Commission had submitted its advice to the **Commission** Minister for the clarification of the "protected characteristic of of Great Britain sex" in the Equality Act 2010. (EHRC) Source: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/ourwork/news/clarifying-definition-%E2%80%98sex%E2%80%99-equality-act (Access Date: 14.04.2023) On 14.04.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, it was announced that the "Public Sector Equality Duty Technical Guidance" had been refreshed with the latest statutes and case law. It was stated that this guide aims to help public institutions better understand their equality duty. Source: https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1646801010222940160?cxt= HHwWgIC-4eWyztotAAAA (Access Date: 19.04.2023) On 17.04.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, it was announced that approximately one in twenty mothers made redundant during pregnancy, on maternity leave or returning from maternity leave. It was also announced that the increased protections offered by the "Protection from Redundancy Bill", which started the Lords Committee Stage, were welcomed.

https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1647872923225538561?cxt= HHwWgoC-_avstd4tAAAA (Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 19.04.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, it was stated that the "Online Safety Bill" was an important step to better regulate the online world, to protect children and to examine illegal online content. It was also stated that the protection area of the bill should be balanced with the rights to freedom of expression and privacy.

Source:

https://twitter.com/EHRC/status/1648567174406045696?cxt= HHwWgIC8rYrH8eAtAAAA (Access Date: 19.04.2023)

- On 20.04.2023, on the Commission's website, it was announced that the Equality and Human Rights Commission had assisted in financing the "TB v The Met" case within its mandate to provide legal aid to victims of discrimination under Article 28 of the Equality Act 2006. A spokesperson for the Equality and Human Rights Commission stated that they have longstanding concerns about the disproportionate use of stop and search by the police and will continue to monitor the issue.

Source:

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/ourwork/news/statement-case-tb-v-met

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 24.04.2023, on the Commission's website, a statement was made regarding the "Illegal Migration Bill", which is considered to have the risk of violating international obligations to protect human rights and exposing individuals to serious harm. The Commission stated that provisions providing for the detention of children and pregnant women, and removing protections for victims of trafficking and modern slavery are particularly worrying. The Commission have published a further briefing to advise on the equality and human rights implications of the proposed law.

Source:

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/ourwork/news/statement-illegal-migration-bill-ahead-housecommons-report-stage (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

The Danish Institute for Human Rights

On 04.04.2023, on the website of Institute, the Danish Institute for Human Rights published the "Report on the International Seminar on National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up in the Field of Human Rights". The relevant report can be accessed from the "publications" section of the official website of the Institution.

Source:

https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/report-internationalseminar-national-mechanisms-implementation-reportingfollow-field (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 18.04.2023, on the website of Institute, the Danish Institute for Human Rights announced that, according to a survey done by the Institute, during the election campaign in 2022, three out of four parliamentary candidates, especially women and young people, had experienced harassment and threats. The Institute recommended counseling to be arranged for the candidates to have guidance for handling and reporting of the harassment and threats.

https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/tre-fire-folketingskandidateroplever-chikane-trusler (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 18.04.2023, according to the post on the official Twitter account of the Institute, the Institute had launched a new "Right to Defend Rights" tool to systematically monitor progress on the enabling environment for human rights defenders in accordance with human rights norms and standards.

Source:

https://defend.humanrights.dk/about

https://twitter.com/HumanRightsDK/status/164615056984365

0565 (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

German Institute for Human Rights

On 04.04.2023, on the website of Institute, the Institute called on the administrations to provide more information on children's rights due to the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child coming into force in Germany on April 5th. It was stated that children's rights, including the right to rest, leisure, play, active recreation and participation in cultural and artistic life, are still little known and it is very important to develop measures to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Source:

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/rechte-von-kindern-

bekannter-machen (Access Date: 19.04.2023)

- On 23.04.2023, on the website of Institute, an online birth certificate guide was published on the Institution's website for parents who did not receive a birth certificate for their children.

Claudia Kittel, head of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Monitoring Body working within the Institute, stated that according to Article 7 of the relevant Convention, every child must be registered immediately after birth and has the right to receive a birth certificate. In addition, she also stated that despite clear legal regulations, many children born in Germany were not given birth certificates, and this was especially true for newborn babies of refugee parents who could not prove their identities. The online guide for parents aims to close the gap in knowing very little about the responsible offices and procedures for birth registration.

Source:

https://www.institut-fuer-

menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/online-wegweiser-zur-

geburtsurkunde-fuer-eltern-ohne-papiere

autizmis-msoflio-dghestan-dakavshirebit

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

Georgian Ombudsman

- On 02.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender made a statement on World Autism Awareness Day.

Source:

 $\frac{https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-}{ambebi/230402082518sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-}$

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 03.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender had submitted an annual "Report on the Situation of Human Rights and Freedoms in Georgia in 2022" to the Parliament of Georgia. The report reviewed the challenges identified and progress made in the direction of protection of human rights as well as the state of

implementation of the recommendations issued by the Public Defender.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-angarishi-sakartveloshi-adamianis-uflebata-da-tavisuflebata-datsvis-mdgomareobis-shesakheb-2022

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that First Deputy Public Defender Tamar Gvaramadze had participated in the high-level consultations organized by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights in Amsterdam.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-pirvelma-moadgilem-evropis-sabchos-adamianis-uflebata-komisris-mier-organizebul-konsultatsiebshi-miigho-monatsileoba (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 05.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender Levan Ioseliani had met with Wolt couriers who are on a strike and listened to their problems related to their labor rights and discrimination.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-voltis-gafitsul-kurierebs-shekhvda

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

- On 06.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that the Public Defender of Georgia had addressed

the Presidents of the Football Federation of Georgia and the National Volleyball Federation of Georgia with a general proposal to examine the situation of covering the expenses of treatment of injuries by women's clubs, with the active involvement of all stakeholders, as well as to consider the introduction of an effective mechanism and for the protection of the health of women involved in sports within the framework of a case related to alleged gender-based discrimination.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelma-sportul-federatsiebs-sportshi-chartuli-kalebis-mimart-diskriminatsiis-tavidan-atsilebis-sakitkhze-zogadi-tsinadadebit-mimarta (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

- On 07.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that the Public Defender of Georgia had addressed the clinic "L.J. and Company LLC" with a recommendation relating to the elimination of gender-based discrimination.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhaliambebi/rekomendatsia-shps-lj-da-kompanis-klinikas-skesisnishnit-diskriminatsiis-faktis-dadgenis-shesakheb

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 07.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender of Georgia Levan Ioseliani, and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Georgia Nick Beresford, had signed a memorandum of understanding.

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhaliambebi/urtierttanamshromlobis-memorandumi-sakartvelossakhalkho-damtsvelsa-da-gaeros-ganvitarebis-programasundp-shoris (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 10.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that First Deputy Public Defender Tamar Gvaramadze had participated in the 13th session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) in New York, USA.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsvelis-pirvelma-moadgilem-daberebis-shesakheb-gaeros-tsevr-sakhelmtsifota-shoris-ghia-samushao-jgufis-sesiashi-miigho-monatsileoba (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 11.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender of Georgia had presented the 8th annual report on the situation of equality in Georgia. The report reviewed the obstacles encountered by women, persons with disabilities, representatives of religious and ethnic minorities and other vulnerable groups in terms of realization of their right to equality in various areas in 2022.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/qoveltsliurispetsialuri-angarishi-sakartveloshi-tanastsorobismdgomareobis-shesakheb-n8 (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

- On 12.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, Public Defender of Georgia Levan Ioseliani, and

Deputy Public Defender Natia Julakidze, had met with representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Georgia.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/gaerosmosakhleobis-fondis-unfpa-tsarmomadgenlebtan

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

On 19.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that the Public Defender's Office of Georgia had prepared a special report on the gender equality policy of the municipalities. The report evaluated the rights situation of women at the local level, existence of support mechanisms, women's involvement and participation in the decision-making process.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhaliambebi/munitsipalitetebis-genderuli-tanastsorobis-politikisshefaseba (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

 On 21.04.2023, according to the news on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that Levan Ioseliani, Public Defender of Georgia, had met with Kemlin Furley, Head of the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Office in Georgia.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/shekhvedragaeros-ltolvilta-umaghlesi-komisris-unhcr-sakartvelostsarmomadgenlobis-khelmdzghvaneltan

(Access Date: 24.04.2023)

- On 24.04.2023, on the website of Ombudsman, it was announced that The Public Defender's Office of Georgia, with the support of the USAID Rule of Law Program, has prepared a "Special Report on Administration of Justice relating to Child's Relationship with Both Parents." The document addressed challenges relating to children's relationship with both parents and the legal regulation and practice in the process of administration of justice relating to the cases of separation of the minor from the parent.

Source:

https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/spetsialuri-angarishi-bavshvis-orive-mshobeltan-urtiertobis-sakmeebze-martlmsajulebis-gankhortsieleba (Access Date: 24.04.2023)

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)

On 06.04.2023, on the website of the Commission the news stated that the Commission appeared before the High Court as amicus curiae (friend of the court) in two important cases regarding the human rights of persons who came to the country with seeking international protection. In these cases, where two applicants seeking international protection were not provided accommodation on arrival, Chief Commissioner Sinéad Gibney stated that "there are minimum standards that the State must provide by law to international protection applicants and that those whose basic needs are not met upon at the arrival will face the risk of poverty and exploitation."

Source:

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-publishes-legal-arguments-in-high-court-international-protection-cases/

(Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 10.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Commission, the Commission had published the "Policy Statement on a Just Transition" containing 15 basic recommendations, emphasizing that climate change is a human rights and equality issue and that the move towards a climatefriendly economy should take place in a fair manner, without leaving anyone or anywhere behind.

Source:

https://www.ihrec.ie/national-just-transition-commission-must-be-established-as-a-matter-of-priority/

(Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 21.04.2023, on the website of the Commission the news stated that, the Commission appeared before the Supreme Court as amicus curiae (friend of the court) in a case regarding involuntary adoption and the constitutional rights of the child. In the stage at the Supreme Court, the Commission made statements by addressing several important human rights issues that arose in the case, including the interpretation of the relevant article of the Constitution, the extent of the courts' obligation to ascertain the views of the child and the best interests of the child.

Source:

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-appears-before-supremecourt-in-important-involuntary-adoption-case/

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)

 On 21.04.2023, on the website of the Commission, the Commission welcomed the decision of the High Court in a case that raised important questions about the State's duty towards International Protection applicants, in which the Commission participated as *amicus curiae* (friend of the court). The Afghan national who was the subject of the case applied for international protection in Ireland but was not provided with accommodation or other basic necessities upon arrival. He was told that accommodation would be provided once space became available. He was given a supermarket voucher to the value of €28. As a result, he lived on the streets for three weeks without State support. The High Court issued Declarations stating that the Minister's failure to provide International Protection applicants with material reception conditions was unlawful, and that amounted to a breach of the applicant's right to dignity under the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Source:

https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-welcomes-important-ruling-in-international-protection-case/ (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM)

On 29.03.2023, on the website of the Institution, The Norwegian National Human Rights Institution published its annual report. NIM works with many different human rights issues and the Institution makes specific recommendations to responsible authorities in various contexts. recommendations presented to Parliament in the Annual Report represent a small selection of issues that raise important human rights questions that NIM believes Parliament should pay particular attention to. The thematic issues covering the year 2022 are the elimination of human rights violations in the Fosen case, children and illegal drugs, hate speech and incitement, prison conditions for mentally handicapped prisoners, and the human rights responsibilities municipalities.

Source:

https://www.nhri.no/en/2023/recommendations-2022/

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Institution, Norwegian National Human Rights Institution organized an event named "Can Human Rights Protect Indigenous Peoples from Climate Damage? Experiences from the North and South". The main topic of the event was how the Sami people living in the northern part of Norway can be protected against the effects of climate change.

Source:

https://www.nhri.no/en/kalender/can-human-rights-protect-indigenous-peoples-from-climate-harm/

(Access Date: 26.04.2023)

The National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan

On 28.03.2023 and 30.03.2023, according to the news on the website of the Center, articles named "The Role and Status of Human Rights Education in The Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms by The Organization of Islamic Cooperation: Modern Trends" and "The National Preventive Mechanism as A Key Component of a Sustainable Democracy" were published in the journal called Democratization and Human Rights, respectively.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10310

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10287 (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 03.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Center, the press release related to World Autism Awareness
 Day was published and topics were covered regarding raising global awareness, addressing challenges, and fostering inclusivity for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10349 (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 04.04.2023, on the website of the Center, it was stated that
the work of publishing the draft Constitutional law "On the
Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan" in Braille was
carried out by the National Center of the Republic of
Uzbekistan for Human Rights and the Center for Sustainable
Development.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10370 (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Center, in Bukhara, training courses named "Combating Torture: International Practice and national experience" was organized at the initiative of the National Center for Human Rights, the Prosecutor General's Office, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10367 (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

 On 04.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Center, the European Parliament delegation led by Fulvio Martusciello, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for Central Asia and Mongolia, had conducted a visit to Uzbekistan.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10363 (Access Date: 17.04.2023)

On 20.04.2023, according to the news on the website of the Center, the participants of the International Conference "Prevention of Torture and Other Forms of Ill-Treatment: International and European Standards and Best Practices" in Almaty were informed about the referendum in Uzbekistan on constitutional reform.

Source:

https://nhrc.uz/en/news/m10583 (Access Date: 26.04.2023)

The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CDN)

On 04.04.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission,
National Caregivers Day was celebrated. In the related tweet
series, it is emphasized that caregivers have certain rights to
balance their job and care duties. Canadian employers should
support their employees by enacting policies and practices for
care leave, remote, flexible working and other measures to
ensure that caregivers human rights are recognized and
respected.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CdnHumanRights/status/16433298761354 93633?cxt=HHwWgoC-vZn0o84tAAAA

(Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 07.04.2023, on the Twitter account of the Commission, World Health Day was celebrated. The message celebrates progress in public health over the years, expressing that this year's World Health Day examines how to tackle the health challenges of today and tomorrow. It had been stated that it is necessary to strive for a more equitable and durable health system that does not leave anyone behind.

Source:

https://twitter.com/CdnHumanRights/status/16443015477302 68161?cxt=HHwWgsCzgffi3dEtAAAA

(Access Date: 19.04.2023)

On 17.04.2023, on the Commission's website, a joint statement of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) was published. According to the agreement signed between the Commission and the RCMP, the RCMP will implement a countermeasure plan to address and prevent systemic discrimination in the Training Academy. With this agreement, the RCMP is committed to taking protective measures to prevent and address racism.

Source:

https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/en/resources/joint-statement

(Access Date: 25.04.2023)