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<b>NAME OF THE INSTITUTION / MONITORING PERIOD</b>	<b>01.03.2025-01.04.2025</b>
<b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.03.2025, according to the news on the website of International Labour Organization (ILO), ILO Office for Türkiye organized a tripartite workshop in Ankara to discuss the establishment of a national focal point under the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy. According to the news, workshop discussions focused on the practical steps needed to set up a national focal point, leveraging existing tripartite structures to enhance policy coherence, and fostering stronger collaboration between public institutions, social partners, and businesses. Lastly, it was stated in the news that the insights gathered during the workshop will inform the roadmap for establishing the focal point, contributing to Türkiye's ongoing efforts to advance responsible business conduct and further align with global labour standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/t%C3%BCrkiye-moves-forward-responsible-business">https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/t%C3%BCrkiye-moves-forward-responsible-business</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p>
<b>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.03.2025, on the website of Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the document titled “<i>The right to development and the human rights economy</i>” was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p>

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/right-development-and-human-rights-economy>

(Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 03.03.2025, on the website of the OHCHR, the document titled “*International arms transfers and human rights*” was published.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/tools-and-resources/international-arms-transfers-and-human-rights>

(Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the OHCHR, it was stated that regarding Gaza, experts condemned Israeli decision to re-open ‘*gates of hell*’ and unilaterally change conditions of truce deal.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/gaza-experts-condemn-israeli-decision-re-open-gates-hell-and-unilaterally> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 07.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, Volker Türk addressed Human Rights Council on International Women’s Day and he expressed that structural discrimination against women and girls must be dismantled, piece by piece.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/03/hc-turk-addresses-human-rights-council-international-womens-day> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 10.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, Volker Türk's statement about that technology must support people with disabilities - not deepen discrimination, was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/03/hc-turk-technology-must-support-people-disabilities-not-deepen> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 12.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, Volker Türk addressed the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions at the annual meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. On the website, his speech was also published.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/03/hc-turk-addresses-global-alliance-national-human-rights> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)

- On 12.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, a UN expert called for regulation of neurotechnologies to protect right to privacy.

**Source:**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/un-expert-calls-regulation-neurotechnologies-protect-right-privacy> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="539 181 1394 772"><p>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the OHCHR, it was announced that a report titled “<i>‘More than a human can bear’: Israel’s systematic use of sexual, reproductive and other forms of gender-based violence since 7 October 2023</i>” was published by Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/more-human-can-bear-israels-systematic-use-sexual-reproductive-and-other">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/more-human-can-bear-israels-systematic-use-sexual-reproductive-and-other</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p></li><li data-bbox="539 907 1394 1265"><p>- On 18.03.2025, on the website of the OHCHR, comment by UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk on the Israeli airstrikes on Gaza was shared.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/comment-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-israeli-airstrikes-gaza">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/comment-un-human-rights-chief-volker-turk-israeli-airstrikes-gaza</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p></li><li data-bbox="539 1400 1394 1825"><p>- On 18.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, Special Rapporteur warned of mass ethnic cleansing in the West Bank and stated that tragedy foretold and stain on our collective humanity.</p><p><b>Source:</b></p><p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/tragedy-foretold-and-stain-our-collective-humanity-special-rapporteur-warns">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/tragedy-foretold-and-stain-our-collective-humanity-special-rapporteur-warns</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OHCHR, experts warned that European Commission measures to simplify business environment must align with UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/european-commission-measures-simplify-business-environment-must-align-un">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/european-commission-measures-simplify-business-environment-must-align-un</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>UN Women</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.03.2025, on the website of UN Women, a press release highlighting the contents of the UN Women’s latest report “<i>Women's Rights in Review 30 Years After Beijing</i>” was shared. According to the Report, in 2024 nearly a quarter of governments worldwide reported a backlash on women’s rights. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/03/one-in-four-countries-report-backlash-on-womens-rights-in-2024">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/03/one-in-four-countries-report-backlash-on-womens-rights-in-2024</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 07.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, a new report prepared by UNICEF, Plan International and UN Women entitled “<i>Girl goals: What has changed for girls? Adolescent girls’ rights over 30 years</i>” was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/03/fast-facts-30-years-of-uneven-progress-for-adolescent-girls">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/03/fast-facts-30-years-of-uneven-progress-for-adolescent-girls</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous’s speech at the UN commemoration of International Women’s Day taken place in the UN General Assembly Hall, was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/speech/2025/03/speech-we-must-choose-rights-equality-empowerment-for-all-women-and-girls">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/speech/2025/03/speech-we-must-choose-rights-equality-empowerment-for-all-women-and-girls</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 10.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, UN Women Executive Director Sima Bahous’s speech at the opening of the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/speech/2025/03/speech-we-will-not-back-down-a-turning-point-to-push-forward-for-rights-equality-and-empowerment-for-all-women-and-girls">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/speech/2025/03/speech-we-will-not-back-down-a-turning-point-to-push-forward-for-rights-equality-and-empowerment-for-all-women-and-girls</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 11.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, it was announced that UN Member States adopted the resolution titled “<i>Political Declaration on the occasion of thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women</i>” during the opening of the CSW69. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2025/03/as-the-69th-commission-on-the-status-of-women-opens-member-states-adopt-strong-political-">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/statement/2025/03/as-the-69th-commission-on-the-status-of-women-opens-member-states-adopt-strong-political-</a></li> </ul>
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[declaration-committing-to-respect-protect-and-promote-rights-equality-and-empowerment-for-all-women-and-girls](#)

(Access Date: 24.03.2025)

- On 11.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, up-to-date data regarding women's leadership and political participation was shared. According to these data, as of 1 January 2025, only 18 countries have a woman Head of State, and 16 countries have a woman Head of Government, and there are only nine countries in which women hold 50 per cent or more of the positions of Cabinet Ministers leading policy areas.

**Source:**

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/facts-and-figures/facts-and-figures-womens-leadership-and-political-participation>

(Access Date: 24.03.2025)

- On 11.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, a press release entitled "*Political leadership roles in 2025: Men continue to dominate*" was published.

**Source:**

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2025/03/political-leadership-roles-in-2025-men-continue-to-dominate>

(Access Date: 24.03.2025)

- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, it was announced that Government of India and UN Women co-hosted an event focused on "*Digital and Financial Inclusion for Women's Empowerment*" during CSW69.

**Source:**

	<p><a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/news/2025/03/advancing-digital-and-financial-inclusion-of-women-csw69-event-highlights-pathways-to-womens-economic-empowerment">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/news/2025/03/advancing-digital-and-financial-inclusion-of-women-csw69-event-highlights-pathways-to-womens-economic-empowerment</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Organization, it was announced that UN Women hosted a side-event on "<i>For ALL Women and Girls: The Beijing+30 Action Agenda</i>" during CSW69. At the event, an action agenda containing six key actions to accelerate progress on women's rights was announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/news/2025/03/for-all-women-and-girls-csw69-event-announces-action-agenda-to-accelerate-progress-on-womens-rights">https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/news/2025/03/for-all-women-and-girls-csw69-event-announces-action-agenda-to-accelerate-progress-on-womens-rights</a>  (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.03.2025, according to the press release published on the SPT website, the SPT hails the setting up of the national preventive mechanisms in Benin, Madagascar, Nigeria, and South Africa as a significant step in advancing and fulfilling their obligations under the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/un-torture-prevention-body-welcomes-establishment-national-preventive">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/un-torture-prevention-body-welcomes-establishment-national-preventive</a>  (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>

<p><b>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the joint statement of a group of UN experts regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, entitled “<i>Sixty years of progress at risk: Time to stop instrumentalising racism and xenophobia</i>” was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/03/sixty-years-progress-risk-time-stop-instrumentalising-racism-and">https://www.ohchr.org/en/statements-and-speeches/2025/03/sixty-years-progress-risk-time-stop-instrumentalising-racism-and</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.03.2025, the “<i>Girl Goals: What Has Changed for Girls? Adolescent girls’ rights over 30 Years</i>” report link was shared on UNICEF’s X account.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://x.com/UNICEF/status/1897812652979544161">https://x.com/UNICEF/status/1897812652979544161</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 21.03.2025, an article was shared on the Organization's website about ways to support children of displaced families in the Democratic Republic of Congo.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.unicef.org/stories/4-ways-unicef-supporting-children-democratic-republic-congo">https://www.unicef.org/stories/4-ways-unicef-supporting-children-democratic-republic-congo</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 21.03.2025, a press release was shared on the Organization's website regarding the deprivation of the right to education of approximately 400,000 girls as the new school</li> </ul>

	<p>year begins in Afghanistan, thus bringing the total number to 2.2 million.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/new-school-year-starts-afghanistan-almost-400000-more-girls-deprived-their-right">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/new-school-year-starts-afghanistan-almost-400000-more-girls-deprived-their-right</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 24.03.2025, a statement was shared on the Organization's website regarding the situation of Haitian children affected by the war.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/enduring-hope-haitis-children-midst-chaos">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/enduring-hope-haitis-children-midst-chaos</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 24.03.2025, a statement was shared stating that the deadly attacks in Ukraine left no place safe for children.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/deadly-attacks-affecting-children-ukraine-tragic-reminder-nowhere-safe">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/deadly-attacks-affecting-children-ukraine-tragic-reminder-nowhere-safe</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 24.03.2025, a press release was shared on the Organization's website regarding the fact that progress in reducing child deaths and stillbirths is under threat, according to two new reports published by the United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME).</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/decades-progress-reducing-child-deaths-and-stillbirths-under-threat-warns-united">https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/decades-progress-reducing-child-deaths-and-stillbirths-under-threat-warns-united</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
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<p><b>UN Development Programme (UNDP)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, UNDP shared on its website that Türkiye ranked 45th among 193 countries in the Human Development Index in its website's 2023-2024 Human Development Report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.undp.org/tr/turkiye/press-releases/undpnin-yeni-raporuna-gore-turkiye-insani-gelismede-193-ulke-arasinda-45inci-sirada">https://www.undp.org/tr/turkiye/press-releases/undpnin-yeni-raporuna-gore-turkiye-insani-gelismede-193-ulke-arasinda-45inci-sirada</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.03.2025, GANHRI announced on its website that the GANHRI Annual Meeting and Conference, which was held on 10-12 March 2025 and was attended by more than 250 representatives from national human rights institutions, United Nations agencies, states and civil society. The meeting began with speeches by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, the President of the Human Rights Council and the UN Administrator Jürg Lauber. Following the conference, a final declaration was adopted, reaffirming commitments regarding the human rights of women and girls and guiding the National Human Rights Institutions in their local and collective efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://ganhri.org/global-ganhri-convenes-annual-meeting-amidst-pressures-on-international-law-and-the-multi-lateral-system/">https://ganhri.org/global-ganhri-convenes-annual-meeting-amidst-pressures-on-international-law-and-the-multi-lateral-system/</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.03.2025, GANHRI announced on X account that within the scope of the GANHRI Annual Meeting held from 10 to 12 March 2025, the President of the Moroccan National Human</li> </ul>

	<p>Rights Council, Amina Bouayach, was elected as the new GANHRI President, and the President of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Alyson Kilpatrick, was elected as GANHRI Secretary.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://x.com/Ganhri1/status/1899928067226620235">https://x.com/Ganhri1/status/1899928067226620235</a>  (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 12.03.2025, the CPT shared on its website, in the context of the Committee’s fourth visit to the French overseas territories, it had visited 19 police and gendarmerie establishments, three prisons, and three hospitals in November and December 2023, and that a report had been published on this visit. In this new report, it condemned the overcrowding and violence in prisons in Guadeloupe and French Guiana (France). It also regretted the lack of psychiatric care facilities adapted to the needs of involuntary patients in these two overseas territories.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-deplores-overcrowding-and-violence-in-prisons-in-guadeloupe-and-french-guiana-france-">https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-deplores-overcrowding-and-violence-in-prisons-in-guadeloupe-and-french-guiana-france-</a>  (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 14.03.2025, the CPT shared on its X account within the scope of the 116th General Assembly, the reports of Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain were accepted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://x.com/CoE_CPT/status/1900594768557597099">https://x.com/CoE_CPT/status/1900594768557597099</a>  (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>

**European Union  
Agency for  
Fundamental  
Rights (FRA)**

- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), it was announced that FRA took part in a workshop organized by the European Asylum Agency in Bucharest on enhancing Romania's child protection system.

**Source:**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2025/discussing-guardianship-and-age-assessment-unaccompanied-children-romania>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

- On 06.03.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA spoke at a national event on challenges and perspectives of setting up a National Human Rights Institution in Italy.

**Source:**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2025/towards-nhri-italy>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

- On 07.03.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA Director, Sirpa Rautio, addressed the EU's Justice and Home Affairs Council, and delivered a speech on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights with a particular focus on funding to promote, protect and enforce fundamental rights.

**Source:**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/speech/2025/application-eu-charter-fundamental-rights-funding-promote-protect-and-enforce>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 10.03.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would take part in the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities meeting in Geneva, where EU’s disability commitments would be reviewed. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/un-disability-convention-committee-meeting-review-eu-disability-commitments">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/un-disability-convention-committee-meeting-review-eu-disability-commitments</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would take part in the regular meeting of the National Roma Contact Points in Brussels organized by the European Commission, and provide an update on its Roma survey 2024. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/fra-roma-survey-be-discussed-during-national-roma-contact-points-meeting">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/fra-roma-survey-be-discussed-during-national-roma-contact-points-meeting</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of FRA, FRA’s new report entitled “<i>towards Integrated Child Protection Systems - Challenges, promising practices and ways forward</i>” was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2025/integrated-child-protection">https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2025/integrated-child-protection</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 25.03.2025, on the website of FRA, it was announced that FRA would take part in a policy dialogue on strengthening Equality Bodies to safeguard human rights hosted by The European Policy Institute in Skopje.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/policy-dialogue-strengthening-equality-bodies">https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2025/policy-dialogue-strengthening-equality-bodies</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.03.2025, on the website of ENNHRI, a statement was issued regarding participation in the General Assembly and related meetings, held within the framework of GANHRI’s annual gatherings. The statement highlighted discussions on strengthening national human rights institutions in Europe, enhancing cooperation within the network, contributing to the development of the new Strategic Plan, and assessing recent developments in the field of human rights.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/new-ennhri-representatives-take-office-following-general-assembly-with-new-european-office-holders-confirmed-by-ganhri/">https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/new-ennhri-representatives-take-office-following-general-assembly-with-new-european-office-holders-confirmed-by-ganhri/</a>  (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 17.03.2025, on the website of ENNHRI, a statement was issued emphasizing that the European Internal Security Strategy should be shaped in line with the principles of fundamental rights, democracy, and the rule of law. The statement called for security policies to be addressed with a human rights-based approach and for the strengthening of the role of national human rights institutions in this process.  <b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ensuring-security-while-upholding-fundamental-rights-ennhri-urges-a-human-rights-based-approach-in-european-internal-security-strategy/">https://ennhri.org/news-and-blog/ensuring-security-while-upholding-fundamental-rights-ennhri-urges-a-human-rights-based-approach-in-european-internal-security-strategy/</a>  (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> </ul>

**European  
Network of  
Equality Bodies  
(EQUINET)**

- On 03.03.2024, on EQUINET's LinkedIn account, a statement was issued emphasizing that the Directives on Standards For Equality Bodies, should be effectively implemented in all Member States as part of Zero Discrimination Day. The statement called for an increase in the independence, powers, and resources of these institutions in the fight against discrimination.

**Source:**

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/equineteurope\\_equalitybodies-fundamentalrights-independence-activity-7302327240871006208-e-qs/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAABq0n5IB0oJhAVBnV8IgvITCEh3F7lcADoI](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/equineteurope_equalitybodies-fundamentalrights-independence-activity-7302327240871006208-e-qs/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABq0n5IB0oJhAVBnV8IgvITCEh3F7lcADoI)

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

- On 12.03.2025, on EQUINET's website, a statement was issued announcing that three webinars will be organized throughout 2025, aiming to inform equality bodies and civil society organizations about how to assess the discrimination risks of artificial intelligence systems under the Artificial Intelligence Act. The webinars will cover legal frameworks and technical standards, with the goal of promoting the 'equality-by design' approach.

**Source:**

<https://equineteurope.org/webinar-series-equality-by-design-empowering-equality-bodies-and-civil-society-on-the-interface-between-technical-standards-and-legal-requirements/>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.03.2025, on EQUINET’s website, a statement was issued emphasizing that climate change is not only an environmental crisis but also a justice issue that deepens social inequalities. The statement introduced a new report addressing how equality bodies can promote justice and inclusivity in climate policies, exploring how climate change exacerbates inequalities, relevant legal frameworks, and examples of good practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://equineteurope.org/climate-change-and-its-equality-implications-in-focus-a-guide-for-equinet-members-starting-to-work-on-the-climate-equality-nexus/">https://equineteurope.org/climate-change-and-its-equality-implications-in-focus-a-guide-for-equinet-members-starting-to-work-on-the-climate-equality-nexus/</a></p> <p>(Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.03.2025, on the website of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of Council of Europe, it was announced that the Council of Europe’s Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) held its annual Breakfast Roundtable on the topic of women’s health and sport to discuss initiatives and practical solutions to ensure that women and girls’ health is factored in in practical terms in sports. The event brought together athletes, experts, medical doctors and representatives from unions and other sports organisations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/epas-spotlights-women-s-health-and-sport">https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/epas-spotlights-women-s-health-and-sport</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Directorate General, it was announced that, in a move to enhance its case law accessibility, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has expanded its Knowledge Sharing Platform to include new</li> </ul>

	<p>language versions in Romanian, Turkish, and Ukrainian.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/european-court-of-human-rights-expands-its-knowledge-sharing-platform-to-three-more-languages">https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/european-court-of-human-rights-expands-its-knowledge-sharing-platform-to-three-more-languages</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 14.03.2025, on the X account of the Directorate General, it was announced that the Council of Europe has adopted the Convention on the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer on 12 March 2025.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://x.com/CoE_RuleofLaw/status/1900471761398890659">https://x.com/CoE_RuleofLaw/status/1900471761398890659</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 19.03.2025, on the website of the Directorate General, it was announced that the European Committee of Social Rights has published its new report entitled “<i>Social Rights and the Cost-of-Living Crisis: A Review of the States’ Parties ad hoc reports</i>”.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/council-of-europe-highlights-social-rights-challenges-amid-cost-of-living-crisis">https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/council-of-europe-highlights-social-rights-challenges-amid-cost-of-living-crisis</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 19.03.2025, on the website of the Directorate General, it was announced that the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers has published the Annual Report on the execution of the European Court of Human Rights’ judgments and decisions.</p> <p><b>Source:</b></p>
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	<p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/-/secretary-general-more-needs-to-be-done-to-implement-the-european-court-s-judgments">https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/-/secretary-general-more-needs-to-be-done-to-implement-the-european-court-s-judgments</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 05.03.2025, the final reports of the ODIHR observation missions on the early presidential and parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan 2024 were published on the website of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/azerbaijan/586800">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/azerbaijan/586800</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 06.03.2025, the final report of the ODIHR election observation mission on the Bosnia and Herzegovina local elections 2024 was published on the Office's website. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/bih/586806">https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/bih/586806</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 08.03.2025, on the Office's website, OSCE leaders celebrated International Women's Day and called for equality and empowerment for all women and girls. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/secretariat/586866">https://www.osce.org/secretariat/586866</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 13.03.2025, the link “<i>Democracy and Human Rights in OSCE-ODIHR Annual Report 2024</i>” was shared on the Office’s X account. <b>Source:</b></li> </ul>

	<p><a href="https://x.com/osce_odihhr/status/1900192418151985377">https://x.com/osce_odihhr/status/1900192418151985377</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.03.2025, the Office's website emphasized the need for greater efforts to combat the challenges of anti-Muslim intolerance and hatred, on the occasion of the International Day Against Islamophobia.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/587478">https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/587478</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 17.03.2025, a summary of what was discussed at the conference held on the role of the media in conflicts and humanitarian crises on the basis of international law was given on the Office's website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/587528">https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship/587528</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.03.2025, the final report of the ODIHR election observation mission on the Moldova 2024 presidential election and constitutional referendum was published on the Office's website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.osce.org/odihhr/elections/moldova/588014">https://www.osce.org/odihhr/elections/moldova/588014</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 03.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a news related to Race Discrimination Commissioner Giridharan Sivaraman’s call for urgent reforms to combat systemic racism</li> </ul>

was published. The article highlighted the National Anti-Racism Framework, which includes 63 recommendations for education, healthcare, and justice.

**Source:**

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/we-must-not-risk-going-backwards-racism> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)

- On 04.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a news article on Australia's Disability and Age Discrimination Commissioners criticized NSW and WA for not adopting the National Construction Code (NCC) accessibility standards for new homes was shared. In the article, it is also stated that these standards, already in place in other states, ensure homes are accessible for older people and those with disabilities.

**Source:**

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/commissioners-slam-nsw-and-wa-govts-over-shameful-inaction-accessible> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)

- On 05.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a message from Hugh de Kretser, the Chair of the Commission, on rising racism in Australia was shared. In the message, it was emphasized Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's prioritization of antisemitism following recent violent attacks on Jewish communities. It was also highlighted the increase in Islamophobia, particularly against Muslim, Arab, and Palestinian communities, and the ongoing systemic racism faced by First Nations people, in the message.

**Source:**

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/e-bulletin/presidents-message-march-2025> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 07.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a statement emphasizing the need for a diverse approach to women's safety was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/australian-women-are-diverse-so-approach-womens-safety-should-be-well">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/australian-women-are-diverse-so-approach-womens-safety-should-be-well</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 15.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a news item on the Commission's observance of the International Day to Combat Islamaphobia was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/australian-human-rights-commission-observes-international-day-combat">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/media-releases/australian-human-rights-commission-observes-international-day-combat</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 24.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a report titled “<i>Collateral Damage</i>”, which provides a human rights perspective on Australia's COVID-19 response was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/ahrc-covid-report-provides-reality-check-human-rights-during-pandemic">https://humanrights.gov.au/about/news/opinions/ahrc-covid-report-provides-reality-check-human-rights-during-pandemic</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, guidance for General Practitioners (GPs) regarding their equality duties was shared. The guidance outlines GPs' obligations under the Equality Act 2010, ensuring equal treatment and fair access to</li> </ul>



<p><b>(EHRC)</b></p>	<p>healthcare for all patients, regardless of protected characteristics.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/new-advice-gps-their-equality-duties">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/news/new-advice-gps-their-equality-duties</a>          (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, guidance related to GP practices' compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) was shared. The guidance explains the duty's aims, such as eliminating discrimination, advancing equal opportunities, and fostering good relations.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/guidance/how-gp-practices-can-comply-psed">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/guidance/how-gp-practices-can-comply-psed</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 14.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, it was shared that the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) sent letters to all McDonald's franchises in Britain, reminding them of their legal duties under the Equality Act 2010. In the article, it is also stated that the letters outline the steps franchises must take to prevent discrimination, harassment, and victimization, warning them of enforcement action if they fail to comply.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/mcdonalds-franchises-warned-equality-regulator-comply-legal-duties-or-risk-enforcement-action">https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/mcdonalds-franchises-warned-equality-regulator-comply-legal-duties-or-risk-enforcement-action</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>

<p><b>Danish Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, it was announced that the Institute and the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights have signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-signs-memorandum-understanding-ukrainian-parliamentary">https://www.humanrights.dk/news/danish-institute-human-rights-signs-memorandum-understanding-ukrainian-parliamentary</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of the Institute, a policy brief regarding the Institutes’s recommendation for Denmark to establish a national rapporteur on human trafficking was published. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://menneskeret.dk/viden/udgivelser/policy-brief-danmark-boer-etablere-national-rapportoer-paa-menneskehandelsomraadet">https://menneskeret.dk/viden/udgivelser/policy-brief-danmark-boer-etablere-national-rapportoer-paa-menneskehandelsomraadet</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>German Institute for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.03.2025, on the website of the Institute, a news article was shared stating that the organization opposes deportations to Afghanistan, citing severe human rights risks under the Taliban regime. It emphasizes that such deportations violate international human rights standards, urging Germany to continue relocating vulnerable groups, especially women and journalists. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/schutzbeduerftige-aufnehmen-abschiebungen-menschenrechtlich-nicht-vertretbar">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/schutzbeduerftige-aufnehmen-abschiebungen-menschenrechtlich-nicht-vertretbar</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Institute, a news article was shared stating that the organization urged Berlin to strengthen its commitment to inclusive education. It is also stated that the organization criticized plans for new special schools, arguing that they contradict the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and contribute to social inequalities. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/berlin-muss-konsequent-kurs-auf-schulische-inklusion-nehmen">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/berlin-muss-konsequent-kurs-auf-schulische-inklusion-nehmen</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 21.03.2025, on the website of the Institute, a news article was shared highlighting Institute’s call for stronger actions to combat anti-Black racism in Germany. The article stresses the need for government measures across various sectors and urges the implementation of recommendations from the UN Decade for People of African Descent. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/antischwarzer-rassismus-in-deutschland-mutige-massnahmen-fuer-einen-echten-wandel-sind-dringend-erforderlich">https://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/aktuelles/detail/antischwarzer-rassismus-in-deutschland-mutige-massnahmen-fuer-einen-echten-wandel-sind-dringend-erforderlich</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Georgian Ombudsman</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.03.2025, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, Public Defender's Statement on International Women's Day was published. According to that, The Public Defender of Georgia called on the authorities to strengthen their efforts and</li> </ul>

	<p>take effective steps to ensure the protection of women's rights in the country.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/250308103522sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-kalta-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/250308103522sakhalkho-damtsvelis-gantskhadeba-kalta-saertashoriso-dghestan-dakavshirebit</a>  (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 11.03.2025, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, it was announced that at the General Assembly of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) held in Geneva, Switzerland, the Public Defender of Georgia was awarded a re-accreditation certificate, which confirms the full compliance of the Public Defender's Office with the requirements set out in the UN Paris Principles and as a result, the Public Defender's Office has been recredited with “A” status for a period of 5 years.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparats-a-statusi-kidev-ertkhel-mienicha">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakartvelos-sakhalkho-damtsvelis-aparats-a-statusi-kidev-ertkhel-mienicha</a> (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 19.03.2025, on the website of Georgian Ombudsman, the Public Defender of Georgia echoed the denial of access for certain media representatives to some meetings. It was stated that the Public Defender emphasizes the special function of the media to disseminate information in the field of public interest, which, in turn, is a necessary condition for the awareness of society and formation of a democratic state. It was also announced that the Public Defender, within the framework of his mandate, will examine the above-mentioned case and calls</p>
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	<p>on all parties to ensure equal access for media representatives to the events that are of public interest, so as not to restrict the public's right to receive comprehensive information.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-ghonisdziebebze-kritikuli-mediis-tsarmomadgenlebis-ardashvebis-fakts-ekhmaureba">https://www.ombudsman.ge/eng/akhali-ambebi/sakhalkho-damtsveli-ghonisdziebebze-kritikuli-mediis-tsarmomadgenlebis-ardashvebis-fakts-ekhmaureba</a>          (Access Date: 26.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a news article regarding the Commission's appeal against a High Court judgement finding that the State had failed to provide adequate accommodation to international protection applicants was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-to-fully-contest-states-appeal-of-high-court-ruling-on-rights-of-unaccommodated-international-protection-applicants/">https://www.ihrec.ie/commission-to-fully-contest-states-appeal-of-high-court-ruling-on-rights-of-unaccommodated-international-protection-applicants/</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, a news article was shared stating that a study by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and the Economic and Social Research Institute highlighted that households with disabled members face significant financial burdens. In the news article, it is stated that the study found that the cost of disability consumes up to 59% of disposable income, and up to 93% for those with severe disabilities, increasing the risk of poverty and exacerbating inequality.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/disabled-households-forced-to-spend-majority-of-disposable-income-on-disability/">https://www.ihrec.ie/disabled-households-forced-to-spend-majority-of-disposable-income-on-disability/</a></p>

	<p>(Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, on the website of the Commission, research report titled “<i>Adjusting Estimates of Poverty for the Cost of Disability</i>” was published.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ihrec.ie/documents/adjusting-estimates-of-poverty-for-the-cost-of-disability/">https://www.ihrec.ie/documents/adjusting-estimates-of-poverty-for-the-cost-of-disability/</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>The Independent Commission for Human Rights of Palestine (ICHR)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 09.03.2025, according to the statement published on the Commission’s website, ICHR in collaboration with Law for Palestine and the Community Action Center in Al Quds University, hosted a webinar titled “<i>Gaza/West Bank: Expanding Genocide, UNRWA Ban and Defiance of International Institutions – What Protection Measures Are Needed for Palestinians?</i>” on 28.02.2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/category-1/11586.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/category-1/11586.html</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 18.03.2025, a statement published on the Commission’s website about condemnation of Israel’s massacres in Gaza and calling international society for urgent action. According to the statement, the Israeli attacks have resulted in the killing of at least 420 civilians, including more than 130 children and a large number of women, in addition to over 500 others suffering serious injuries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11605.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11605.html</a> (Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 24.03.2025, a statement published on the Commission’s website about condemnation the killing of Walid Khaled Ahmad (17 years old) and holding the occupation authorities fully responsible. According to the statement, ICHR calls for the formation of an independent international investigation committee to examine the circumstances of Walid’s death and the deaths of other prisoners in Israeli prisons, and to address the violations comprehensively.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11616.html">https://www.ichr.ps/en/statements/11616.html</a>  (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)- Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 08.03.2025, the Organization's website celebrated <i>'International Women's Day 2025'</i> by making an urgent call to end Israel's systematic attacks on Palestinian women and to hold Israeli occupation forces accountable for their grave violations against women and girls in the Gaza Strip.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/591">https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/591</a>  (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.03.2025, a message of satisfaction regarding the Syrian Arab Republic's re-membership in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation was shared on the Organization's website.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/592">https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/592</a>  (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 15.03.2025, the Organization shared a message on its website celebrating the '<i>International Day Against Islamophobia 2025</i>' with efforts to prevent increasing trends of religious intolerance and to criminalize discrimination, hatred and violence against Muslims based on international human rights law. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/593">https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/593</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 18.03.2025, the Organization shared a message on its website condemning the unjustified violation of the ceasefire by Israeli occupation forces in the Gaza Strip and the deliberate targeting of Palestinian civilians. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/594">https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/594</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li>   <li>- On 21.03.2025, a statement was shared on the Organization's website condemning systematic racial discrimination against Palestinians and all forms of racial discrimination, including Islamophobia and hatred based on religion, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2025. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/595">https://www.oic-iphrc.org/home/article/595</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> </ul>
<p><b>United Nations Office for the</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.03.2025, according to news on the website of OCHA, it was stated that the Kerem Shalom, Zikim and Erez crossings</li> </ul>



<p><b>Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</b></p>	<p>remain closed for cargo for the third consecutive day. It was stated that Israeli authorities had rejected UN attempts to collect humanitarian supplies that crossed Kerem Shalom before the closure. Also OCHA notified given the huge needs in Gaza, keeping the crossings closed would have devastating consequences for a population that has just begun to recover from months of deprivation and hunger.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-syria-0">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-syria-0</a>  (Access Date:11.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 05.03.2025, according to the news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that OCHA warned the recent closure of all crossings for cargo has undone critical progress made in delivering vital, life-saving aid to people in Gaza since the ceasefire came into effect on 19 January. It was stated that food security in Gaza was also at risk of deterioration. It was also mention that, the Humanitarian partners have warned that at least 80 community kitchens could soon run out of supplies if the disruption to aid flows continues.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-3">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-3</a>  (Access Date:11.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 07.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, OCHA warned that the operation by Israeli forces in the northern West Bank continues to have dire humanitarian consequences.It was mentoned that In Tulkarm, Israeli authorities have begun demolishing more than 16 buildings in</p>
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the Nur Shams refugee camp, after demolishing more than twenty-four houses in the area last week, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) reported.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-democratic-republic-congo-4>

(Access Date:11.03.2025)

- On 11.03.2025, according the news on the website of OCHA, it was stated that OCHA warned the cargo closure affecting the Gaza Strip imposed by Israeli authorities over the past 10 days is already reversing progress made during the first six weeks of the ceasefire. Fuel for backup generators at water and health facilities has reportedly run low, cooking gas prices have risen, and distribution of flour, fresh produce, and shelter supplies has been disrupted.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-syria-sudan-mozambique>

(Access Date:18.03.2025)

- On 13.03.2025, according to the news on the website of OCHA, it was reported that the number of displaced people is reaching new highs as violence escalates in Haiti. It also mentioned that, according to the International Organisation for Migration, more than 40,000 people were displaced in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area in just three weeks - between 14 February and 5 March.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied->

[palestinian-territory-haiti-sudan](#) (Access Date:19.03.2025)

- On 14.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, it was reported that settler violence has displaced more West Bank families. OCHA warned that settler violence is escalating in certain areas across the West Bank, causing casualties, property damage and placing communities at high risk of displacement.

**Source:**

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

(Access Date:20.03.2025)

- On 18.03.2025, according to the news on the website of OCHA, during a briefing to the Security Council about the humanitarian situation in Occupied Palestinian Territory, Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, stated that airstrikes had resumed across the entire Gaza Strip. He also mentioned that new evacuation orders issued by Israeli forces, and once again, the people of Gaza living in abject fear. He also urged restoration of ceasefire in Gaza.

**Source:**

<https://www.unocha.org/news/renewed-airstrikes-gaza-un-relief-chief-urges-restoration-ceasefire>

(Access Date: 20.03.2025)

- On 24.03.2025, according to the news on the website of the OCHA, Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator,

	<p>stated that the UN continued to receive horrific reports from Gaza of more health workers, ambulances and hospitals attacked as they try to save survivors. The news also mentioned that UNRWA estimates that 124,000 people have been newly displaced in just a few days.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-democratic-republic-congo-sudan-ukraine">https://www.unocha.org/news/todays-top-news-occupied-palestinian-territory-lebanon-democratic-republic-congo-sudan-ukraine</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Qatar National Human Rights Committee (NHRC)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 13.03.2025, according to news on the website of NHRC, it was mentioned that the Chair of the National Human Rights Committee, Meryem El-Attiyah, speaking at the opening of the General Assembly of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions in Geneva, the challenges facing national human rights institutions around the world were immense and serious. El-Attiyah also shared a survey conducted by the Global Alliance of Human Rights Institutions in 2024, in which national human rights institutions in all regions reported serious threats to their members and other human rights defenders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/during-the-opening-of-ganhri-general-assembly-in-geneva-maryam-al-attiyah-national-institutions-around-the-world-face-enormous-and-serious-challengesnhrcj4fg/page">https://www.nhrc-qa.org/news/during-the-opening-of-ganhri-general-assembly-in-geneva-maryam-al-attiyah-national-institutions-around-the-world-face-enormous-and-serious-challengesnhrcj4fg/page</a> (Access Date: 17.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the near East</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 04.03.2025, on the X account of Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency, a post stating that Israel's decision to halt aid to Gaza threatens the lives of civilians who have been exhausted by the brutal 16-month-long</li> </ul>

<p>(UNRWA)</p>	<p>war and that such aid should never be used as a weapon of war was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://x.com/unlazzarini/status/1896844844825231446?s=48&amp;t=ccWRJzS530FizJwwxUAeMg">https://x.com/unlazzarini/status/1896844844825231446?s=48&amp;t=ccWRJzS530FizJwwxUAeMg</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 06.03.2025, on the website of the Agency, a news article was shared stating that the Israeli Security Forces began the demolition of more than 16 buildings today in Nur Shams Camp in Tulkarm, northern West Bank, and that many houses in other refugee camps in the region had also been demolished in recent weeks. It was stated that due to the <i>"Iron Wall"</i> operation, which began on 21 January and is described as the longest and most destructive operation in the region, approximately 40,000 Palestinians have been forced to leave their homes, and the refugee camps have been almost completely emptied.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/west-bank-large-scale-house-demolitions-ongoing-israeli-forces">https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/west-bank-large-scale-house-demolitions-ongoing-israeli-forces</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 08.03.2025, on the X account of the Agency, a video about women's message about the war was shared.</p> <p><b>Source:</b>  <a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1898252392610640075">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1898252392610640075</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <p>- On 10.03.2025, on the website of the Agency, a news article was shared stating that Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner</p>
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	<p>General of the Agency, delivered press remarks in Geneva addressing several critical issues.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/press-remarks-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-0">https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/press-remarks-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-0</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 10.03.2025, on the Agency's X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, the Israeli Forces large-scale operation in northern West Bank is causing the largest population displacement since the 1967 war and 48.405 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1898841721984766263">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1898841721984766263</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 15.03.2025, on the Agency's X account, a post stating that 660.000 children, half of them UNRWA students, are out of school due to the war in Gaza.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b> <a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1900849455881928914">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1900849455881928914</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 15.03.2025, on the Agency's X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, the Israeli Forces large-scale operation that started on 21 January in the West Bank continues with operations in Nur Shams, Tulkarm and</li></ul>
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Jenin camps and as of 9 March, more than 35,000 Palestinians remain displaced. According to the post was shared, no supplies have entered Gaza since 2 March when the Israeli authorities announced a halt to humanitarian aid and on 9 March the Israeli Minister of Energy and Infrastructure announced an order to cut off electricity. The post also included information that 48.503 Palestinians have ben reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023.

**Source:**

<https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1901206855252148685>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

- On 17.03.2025, the Agency's website published an article on the briefing of Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency, to the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Development Committees.

**Source:**

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/briefing-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-european-parliamentary-committees>

(Access Date: 25.03.2025)

- On 18.03.2025, on the Agency's website, the speech delivered by Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency, at the Brussels Conference on Syria was shared.

**Source:**

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-brussels> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 21.03.2025, on the Agency's X account, an informative post was shared about the latest situation in Gaza and the West Bank. The post included information that, on the night between 17-18 March, the Israeli Forces resumed airstrikes and bombardments across the Gaza Strip and as a result, around 500 people were reportedly killed, including more than 170 children. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903016275137225134">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903016275137225134</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 21.03.2025, on the X account of Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the Agency, a post stating that Israeli authorities had issued new demolition orders for 66 buildings in Jenin camp, deepening the humanitarian crisis in the West Bank and putting tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees at risk of long-term displacement was shared. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/1902772264015184137">https://x.com/UNLazzarini/status/1902772264015184137</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 21.03.2025, on the X account of the Agency, a video was shared about mothers in Gaza. <b>Source:</b> <a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903115979829436417">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903115979829436417</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</li> <li>- On 23.03.2025, on the X account of the Agency, a post stating that heavy rains have flooded makeshift tents in Gaza, leaving thousands with nowhere to go was shared.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903839162526044354">https://x.com/UNRWA/status/1903839162526044354</a></p> <p>(Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>OHCHR Working Group on Business and Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 20.03.2025, on the website of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, a statement was issued highlighting that the European Commission’s Omnibus Simplification Package is incompatible with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and weakens corporate human rights responsibilities, putting the EU’s leadership in this area at risk. The statement called for revisions to the package.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/european-commission-measures-simplify-business-environment-must-align-un">https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/03/european-commission-measures-simplify-business-environment-must-align-un</a> (Access Date: 25.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.03.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, in a letter to the Marshal of the Polish Senate, Commissioner O’Flaherty asks the Senate to refrain from adopting the draft law amending the Act on Granting Protection to Foreigners in Poland because it raises concerns as to its compatibility with human rights standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/poland-proposed-amendments-to-asylum-law-should-be-rejected-to-ensure-human-rights-observance-at-the-border-with-belarus">https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/poland-proposed-amendments-to-asylum-law-should-be-rejected-to-ensure-human-rights-observance-at-the-border-with-belarus</a></p> <p>(Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 11.03.2025, according to the statement published on the website of Commissioner, human rights should be an integral part of any peace talks on Ukraine and a plan is urgently needed to make human rights the guiding principle for all current and future peace efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/human-rights-should-be-an-integral-part-of-any-peace-talks-on-ukraine">https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/human-rights-should-be-an-integral-part-of-any-peace-talks-on-ukraine</a></p> <p>(Access Date: 24.03.2025)</p>
<p><b>Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 06.03.2025, according to the news on the website of GRETA, it was stated that the European Court of Human Rights in its judgment I.C. v. the Republic of Moldova reaffirmed the duty of the State to protect persons with intellectual disabilities from trafficking. In the case of I.C. v. the Republic of Moldova (Application No. 36436/22), delivered on 27 February 2025, the European Court of Human Rights found that the Moldovan authorities' failure to protect an intellectually disabled woman from labour exploitation and sexual abuse, and to effectively investigate her allegations, amounted to breaches of Articles 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment), 4 (prohibition of forced labour), 8 (right to respect for private and family life), and 14 (prohibition of discrimination) of the European Convention on Human Rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/european-court-of-human-rights-affirms-states-duty-to-protect-persons-with-intellectual-disabilities-from-human-trafficking-in-i.c.-v.-the-republic-of-moldova-judgment-1">https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/european-court-of-human-rights-affirms-states-duty-to-protect-persons-with-intellectual-disabilities-from-human-trafficking-in-i.c.-v.-the-republic-of-moldova-judgment-1</a></p> <p>(Access Date:10.03.2025)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On 11.03.2025, on the website of GRETA, it was announced that the latest report on Austria from the GRETA published.</li></ul> <p><b>Source:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-publishes-its-fourth-report-on-austria">https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/greta-publishes-its-fourth-report-on-austria</a></p> <p>(Access Date:15.03.2025)</p>
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