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**Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**

**Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

**Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

**Technical assistance and capacity-building**

## Communications report of Special Procedures\*\*

**Communications sent, 1 June to 30 November 2018;  
Replies received, 1 August 2018 to 31 January 2019**

Joint report by the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; the Working Group of Experts on people of African descent; the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus; the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic; the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on right to development; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities; the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; the Special Rapporteur on the right to education; the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea; the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; the Special Rapporteur on the right to food; the Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic,

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social and cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers; the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons; the Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali; the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; the Special Rapporteur on minority issues; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967; the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance; the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material; the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence; the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights; the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation; and the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice.

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## Abbreviations

|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| African Descent                                 | Working Group of Experts on people of African descent                                                                                                                                                      |
| Albinism                                        | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism                                                                                                                               |
| Arbitrary detention                             | Working Group on Arbitrary Detention                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Belarus                                         | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus                                                                                                                                             |
| Burundi                                         | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi                                                                                                                                             |
| Business enterprises                            | Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises                                                                                                   |
| Cambodia                                        | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia                                                                                                                                            |
| Central Africa                                  | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic                                                                                                                        |
| Côte d'Ivoire                                   | Independent Expert on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights                                                                                          |
| Cultural Rights                                 | Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights                                                                                                                                                         |
| Development                                     | Special Rapporteur on the right to development                                                                                                                                                             |
| Disability                                      | Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities                                                                                                                                              |
| Disappearances                                  | Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances                                                                                                                                                    |
| Discrimination against women                    | Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice                                                                                                                          |
| DPR Korea                                       | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea                                                                                                           |
| Education                                       | Special Rapporteur on the right to education                                                                                                                                                               |
| Environment                                     | Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment                                                                |
| Eritrea                                         | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea                                                                                                                                             |
| Extreme poverty                                 | Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights                                                                                                                                                     |
| Food                                            | Special Rapporteur on the right to food                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Foreign debt                                    | Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights |
| Freedom of expression                           | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression                                                                                                       |
| Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association                                                                                                                        |
| Freedom of religion                             | Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief                                                                                                                                                        |
| Haiti                                           | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti                                                                                                                                               |
| Hazardous substances and wastes                 | Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes                                                            |
| Health                                          | Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health                                                                              |
| Human rights defenders                          | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders                                                                                                                                              |
| Housing                                         | Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context                                               |
| Independence of judges and lawyers              | Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers                                                                                                                                               |
| Indigenous peoples                              | Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples                                                                                                                                                     |
| Internally displaced persons                    | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons                                                                                                                                     |
| International order                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                          | Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order                                                                     |
| International Solidarity                                 | Independent Expert on Human Rights and International solidarity                                                                                           |
| Iran                                                     | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran                                                                       |
| Leprosy                                                  | Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members                                      |
| Mali                                                     | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali                                                                                               |
| Mercenaries                                              | Working Group on the use of mercenaries                                                                                                                   |
| Migrants                                                 | Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants                                                                                                        |
| Minority issues                                          | Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues                                                                                                                     |
| Myanmar                                                  | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar                                                                                            |
| OPT                                                      | Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967                                                    |
| Older persons                                            | Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons                                                                                  |
| Privacy                                                  | Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy                                                                                                                |
| Racism                                                   | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance                                             |
| Sale of children                                         | Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material |
| Sexual orientation and gender identity                   | Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity                                      |
| Slavery                                                  | Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery                                                                                                       |
| Somalia                                                  | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia                                                                                            |
| Sudan                                                    | Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan                                                                                          |
| Summary executions                                       | Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions                                                                                      |
| Terrorism                                                | Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism                                    |
| Torture                                                  | Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment                                                               |
| Trafficking                                              | Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children                                                                               |
| Truth justice, reparation & guarantees on non-recurrence | Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation & guarantees of non-recurrence                                                          |
| Unilateral coercive measures                             | Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights                                                |
| Violence against women                                   | Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences                                                                                 |
| Water and Sanitation                                     | Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation                                                                               |

## Other abbreviations

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| AL  | Letter of allegation       |
| JAL | Joint letter of allegation |
| JUA | Joint urgent appeal        |
| UA  | Urgent appeal              |
| OL  | Other letter               |

## I. Introduction

1. Special procedures are mandated by the Human Rights Council to report to it on their activities (see Appendix).
2. In 2009, the sixteenth annual meeting of special procedures mandate holders decided that a joint communications report would be prepared (cf. A/HRC/12/47, paras 24-26), with this decision being reconfirmed by the seventeenth annual meeting of special procedures in 2010 in order to avoid duplication, rationalize documentation, allow examination of cross cutting issues and ensure that the content of communications and any follow-up would feed into the universal periodic review mechanism more effectively. Mandate holders decided that the report should contain summaries of communications and statistical information (A/HRC/15/44, para. 26-27).
3. The Outcome of the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council calls on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to maintain information on special procedures in a comprehensive and easily accessible manner, and encourages the use of modern information technology to reduce the circulation of paper (A/HRC/RES/16/21, Annex, paras. 29 and 60).
4. All short summaries of allegations communicated to the respective State or other entity are made available on the Special Procedures communications website, link to which is included in paragraph 13 of the present report. The communications sent and responses received are also accessible electronically through hyperlinks. Communications are reproduced in the language in which they were sent. Replies received in Arabic, Chinese or Russian are included with translations into English, where available.
5. This website now reports all urgent appeals, and letters of allegations sent by special procedures mandate holders between 1 June and 30 November 2018 and replies received until 31 January 2019. Communications sent before 1 June 2018 are reported in A/HRC/39/27, A/HRC/38/54, A/HRC/37/80, A/HRC/36/25, A/HRC/35/44, A/HRC/34/75, A/HRC/33/32, A/HRC/33/32 corr.1, A/HRC/32/53, A/HRC/31/79, A/HRC/30/27, A/HRC/29/50, A/HRC/28/85, A/HRC/27/72, A/HRC/26/21, A/HRC/25/74, A/HRC/24/21, A/HRC/23/51, A/HRC/22/67, A/HRC/22/67 corr.1 and corr.2, A/HRC/21/49, A/HRC/20/30, A/HRC/19/44 and A/HRC/18/51 respectively and are also made available on the dedicated website.
6. As part of this report, the special procedures communications website also includes replies received between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019 relating to communications sent by special procedures mandate holders before 1 June 2018. Some of these replies supplement information communicated earlier by the respective State.
7. The present report contains urgent appeals sent by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and joint urgent appeals sent by them together with other mandates. It does not contain other types of communications issued by these mandates, which are processed according to their own distinctive procedures, and are reported in the annual reports of these two working groups.
8. The names of some alleged victims have been obscured in order to protect their privacy and prevent further victimization. Names of victims who would otherwise have their identities protected are mentioned only when the individual concerned or their direct family has expressly consented or requested to have his or her name in the public report. In the original communications, the full names of the alleged victims were provided to the Government concerned. Names of alleged perpetrators have systematically been darkened in State replies to preserve the presumption of innocence.

9. In total 314 communications were sent during this reporting period to 96 countries and other non-State actors to which 144 replies were received from 62 countries and other actors as listed below:

| <i>Name of countries</i>   | <i>Number of communications sent</i> | <i>Replies received</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Algeria                    | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Argentina                  | 3                                    | 3                       |
| Armenia                    | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Australia                  | 4                                    | 3                       |
| Bahrain                    | 2                                    | 2                       |
| Bangladesh                 | 4                                    | 0                       |
| Belgium                    | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Brazil                     | 9                                    | 6                       |
| Burundi                    | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Cambodia                   | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Cameroon                   | 3                                    | 2                       |
| Canada                     | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Chad                       | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Chile                      | 1                                    | 1                       |
| China                      | 13                                   | 10                      |
| Colombia                   | 3                                    | 2                       |
| Comoros                    | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Cuba                       | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Djibouti                   | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Ecuador                    | 2                                    | 2                       |
| Egypt                      | 6                                    | 4                       |
| El Salvador                | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Eritrea                    | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Ethiopia                   | 1                                    | 0                       |
| France                     | 4                                    | 4                       |
| Gabon                      | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Gambia                     | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Ghana                      | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Guatemala                  | 5                                    | 1                       |
| Haiti                      | 3                                    | 0                       |
| Honduras                   | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Hungary                    | 4                                    | 1                       |
| India                      | 8                                    | 0                       |
| Indonesia                  | 2                                    | 2                       |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 5                                    | 2                       |
| Iraq                       | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Ireland                    | 1                                    | 1                       |

| <i>Name of countries</i> | <i>Number of communications sent</i> | <i>Replies received</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Israel                   | 3                                    | 2                       |
| Italy                    | 5                                    | 0                       |
| Japan                    | 4                                    | 4                       |
| Jordan                   | 2                                    | 0                       |
| Kazakhstan               | 3                                    | 3                       |
| Kenya                    | 3                                    | 0                       |
| Kosovo                   | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Kyrgyzstan               | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Latvia                   | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Lebanon                  | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Libya                    | 2                                    | 0                       |
| Malaysia                 | 4                                    | 1                       |
| Maldives                 | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Malta                    | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Mauritania               | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Mexico                   | 10                                   | 4                       |
| Morocco                  | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Mozambique               | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Myanmar                  | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Nepal                    | 4                                    | 0                       |
| Netherlands              | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Nicaragua                | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Niger                    | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Nigeria                  | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Other actors             | 35                                   | 10                      |
| Pakistan                 | 5                                    | 4                       |
| Paraguay                 | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Peru                     | 2                                    | 0                       |
| Philippines              | 4                                    | 1                       |
| Poland                   | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Republic of Korea        | 3                                    | 1                       |
| Romania                  | 2                                    | 1                       |
| Russian Federation       | 10                                   | 9                       |
| Saudi Arabia             | 9                                    | 7                       |
| Sierra Leone             | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Slovakia                 | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Somalia                  | 1                                    | 0                       |
| South Africa             | 1                                    | 1                       |
| South Sudan              | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Spain                    | 1                                    | 1                       |

| <i>Name of countries</i>                             | <i>Number of communications sent</i> | <i>Replies received</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sri Lanka                                            | 4                                    | 0                       |
| Sudan                                                | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Switzerland                                          | 2                                    | 2                       |
| Syrian Arab Republic                                 | 3                                    | 0                       |
| Tajikistan                                           | 1                                    | 0                       |
| Thailand                                             | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Togo                                                 | 2                                    | 2                       |
| Tunisia                                              | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Turkey                                               | 8                                    | 7                       |
| Turkmenistan                                         | 2                                    | 0                       |
| Uganda                                               | 4                                    | 1                       |
| Ukraine                                              | 3                                    | 1                       |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 6                                    | 6                       |
| United Republic of Tanzania                          | 2                                    | 0                       |
| United States of America                             | 10                                   | 0                       |
| Uruguay                                              | 1                                    | 1                       |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)                   | 6                                    | 5                       |
| Viet Nam                                             | 5                                    | 1                       |
| Yemen                                                | 4                                    | 0                       |

10. During the period, 35 communications were also sent to ‘Other actors’, for e.g businesses, international bodies, agencies and non-State actors to which 10 replies was received.

11. These communications concerned 841 alleged identified victims of which 517 are male, 165 are female and 159 others.

12. In preparing the statistics included in this report, uniform reporting periods have been used, reflecting all communications sent between 1 June and 30 November 2018, and responses received in relation to these communications up to 31 January 2019.

## II. Statistics on communications and replies by mandate

| Mandate                                         | Reporting period:<br>1 June to 30 November 2018 |                               |                | Reporting period:<br>1 June 2006 to 30 November 2018 |                               |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
|                                                 | Communications sent                             | replied to by 31 January 2019 | response rate# | Communications sent                                  | replied to by 31 January 2019 | response rate# |
| African Descent                                 | 6                                               | 4                             | 67%            | 39                                                   | 25                            | 64%            |
| Albinism                                        | 1                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 10                                                   | 2                             | 20%            |
| Arbitrary Detention (+)                         | 99                                              | 45                            | 46%            | 1692                                                 | 947                           | 56%            |
| Belarus*                                        | 0                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 13                                                   | 10                            | 77%            |
| Burundi **                                      | 0                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 6                                                    | 0                             | 0%             |
| Business                                        | 35                                              | 15                            | 43%            | 206                                                  | 117                           | 57%            |
| Cambodia                                        | 10                                              | 2                             | 20%            | 49                                                   | 11                            | 22%            |
| Central African Republic                        | 0                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 1                                                    | 0                             | 0%             |
| Cultural rights                                 | 6                                               | 3                             | 50%            | 116                                                  | 80                            | 69%            |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea           | 3                                               | 2                             | 67%            | 15                                                   | 6                             | 40%            |
| Disability                                      | 14                                              | 5                             | 36%            | 74                                                   | 48                            | 65%            |
| Disappearances (+)                              | 25                                              | 6                             | 24%            | 439                                                  | 198                           | 45%            |
| Education                                       | 5                                               | 1                             | 20%            | 98                                                   | 63                            | 64%            |
| Environment                                     | 36                                              | 19                            | 53%            | 140                                                  | 76                            | 54%            |
| Eritrea                                         | 1                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 7                                                    | 3                             | 43%            |
| Executions                                      | 61                                              | 24                            | 39%            | 1514                                                 | 741                           | 49%            |
| Food                                            | 4                                               | 1                             | 25%            | 263                                                  | 115                           | 44%            |
| Foreign debt                                    | 3                                               | 3                             | 100%           | 28                                                   | 20                            | 71%            |
| Freedom of opinion and expression               | 130                                             | 61                            | 47%            | 3246                                                 | 1729                          | 53%            |
| Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association | 79                                              | 37                            | 47%            | 1257                                                 | 721                           | 57%            |
| Haiti **                                        | 0                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 13                                                   | 3                             | 23%            |
| Hazardous substances***                         | 24                                              | 16                            | 67%            | 155                                                  | 94                            | 61%            |
| Health                                          | 43                                              | 20                            | 47%            | 750                                                  | 448                           | 60%            |
| Housing                                         | 17                                              | 11                            | 65%            | 355                                                  | 185                           | 52%            |
| Human rights defenders                          | 122                                             | 62                            | 51%            | 3454                                                 | 1940                          | 56%            |
| Independence of judges and lawyers              | 27                                              | 20                            | 74%            | 1236                                                 | 687                           | 56%            |
| Indigenous peoples                              | 32                                              | 15                            | 47%            | 477                                                  | 278                           | 58%            |
| Internally displaced persons                    | 4                                               | 3                             | 75%            | 42                                                   | 21                            | 50%            |
| International order                             | 3                                               | 2                             | 67%            | 36                                                   | 28                            | 78%            |
| International solidarity                        | 5                                               | 1                             | 20%            | 20                                                   | 14                            | 70%            |
| Islamic Republic of Iran                        | 4                                               | 2                             | 50%            | 177                                                  | 99                            | 56%            |
| Leprosy                                         | 1                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 1                                                    | 0                             | 0%             |
| Liberia **                                      | 0                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 2                                                    | 0                             | 0%             |
| Mercenaries                                     | 12                                              | 6                             | 50%            | 86                                                   | 35                            | 41%            |
| Migrants                                        | 27                                              | 7                             | 26%            | 328                                                  | 202                           | 62%            |
| Minority issues                                 | 32                                              | 18                            | 56%            | 328                                                  | 188                           | 57%            |
| Myanmar                                         | 3                                               | 1                             | 33%            | 121                                                  | 62                            | 51%            |
| Older persons                                   | 2                                               | 1                             | 50%            | 7                                                    | 4                             | 57%            |
| Palestinian territories occupied since 1967     | 3                                               | 2                             | 67%            | 56                                                   | 14                            | 25%            |
| Poverty                                         | 5                                               | 2                             | 40%            | 101                                                  | 70                            | 69%            |
| Privacy                                         | 13                                              | 6                             | 46%            | 45                                                   | 33                            | 73%            |
| Racism                                          | 29                                              | 11                            | 38%            | 186                                                  | 107                           | 58%            |
| Religion or belief                              | 25                                              | 12                            | 48%            | 522                                                  | 307                           | 59%            |
| Sale of children                                | 2                                               | 1                             | 50%            | 70                                                   | 29                            | 41%            |
| Sexual orientation and gender identity          | 12                                              | 4                             | 33%            | 30                                                   | 16                            | 53%            |
| Slavery                                         | 8                                               | 3                             | 38%            | 92                                                   | 51                            | 55%            |
| Somalia                                         | 1                                               | 0                             | 0%             | 21                                                   | 6                             | 29%            |

| <i>Mandate</i>                                              | <i>Reporting period:<br/>1 June to 30 November 2018</i> |                                      |                       | <i>Reporting period:<br/>1 June 2006 to 30 November 2018</i> |                                      |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                             | <i>Communications sent</i>                              | <i>replied to by 31 January 2019</i> | <i>response rate#</i> | <i>Communications sent</i>                                   | <i>replied to by 31 January 2019</i> | <i>response rate#</i> |
| Sudan                                                       | 0                                                       | 0                                    | 0%                    | 45                                                           | 11                                   | 24%                   |
| Terrorism                                                   | 43                                                      | 27                                   | 63%                   | 359                                                          | 185                                  | 52%                   |
| Torture                                                     | 81                                                      | 33                                   | 41%                   | 2388                                                         | 1315                                 | 55%                   |
| Trafficking in persons                                      | 7                                                       | 3                                    | 43%                   | 95                                                           | 52                                   | 55%                   |
| Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence | 5                                                       | 3                                    | 60%                   | 67                                                           | 38                                   | 57%                   |
| Unilateral coercive measures                                | 3                                                       | 1                                    | 33%                   | 7                                                            | 5                                    | 71%                   |
| Violence against women                                      | 18                                                      | 6                                    | 33%                   | 614                                                          | 333                                  | 54%                   |
| Water and sanitation                                        | 24                                                      | 12                                   | 50%                   | 132                                                          | 80                                   | 61%                   |
| Women in law and in practice                                | 27                                                      | 9                                    | 33%                   | 294                                                          | 139                                  | 47%                   |

(\*) mandate re-established in June 2012, (\*\*) mandate terminated, (\*\*\*) mandate name changed from 'toxic waste'

(+) These figures do not include communications on standard cases sent to Governments by the Working Group on arbitrary detention and the Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances.

(#) fractions in percentage are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Please note: Totals are higher than the actual number of communications sent or replies received in the given period, as many communications are sent jointly by two or more mandate holders.

### **III. Communications sent and replies received**

**Communications sent between 1 June and 30 November 2018 and their replies received until 31 January 2019. Also all replies received during this period to communications sent before 1 June 2018**

13. All communications and their replies are available through Special Procedures communications website at the link:

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org>

## Appendix

### Mandates of special procedures *(until 31 December 2018)*

| <i>Mandate title</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Human Rights Council resolution</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context                                               | 34/9                                   |
| Working Group of Experts on people of African descent                                                                                                                                                      | 36/23                                  |
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