

QUICK GUIDE TO ADDRESSING SEXUAL RIGHTS ISSUES DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW ON IRAQ

These Guides include:

- A list of issues mentioned in the National Report, the Compilation of official UN Documents and the Summary of Other Stakeholders Submissions, with references to the particular paragraphs in which they can be found.
- In those cases in which the Sexual Rights Initiative has submitted reports, we have included an Annex with our recommendations.

References in the two working languages of the Council (English and French) have been kept in their original language.

Issues are highlighted-References in the National Report are *in Italics*.

Recommendations -including those from UN treaty-monitoring bodies, are at the end of the document.

All sexual rights issues that do not relate specifically to women are referred to in this Guide. Sexual rights' issues referring specifically to women -as well as other women's issues- are referred to in the Guide on Women's Issues

ISSUE	N Report	Compilation	Summary
Sexual orientation and gender identity			Lack of protection to gays or those supposed to be MSM. Mutilations, harassment, death threats (32) Underreported killings of homosexuals (30)
Sexual Violence			Foreign laborers abused and sexually mistreated by employers (59)
Trafficking Forced prostitution		Abuse of migrant workers (23)	Source and destination country. Commercial sexual exploitation (23)
Trafficking/sexual exploitation/violence against children		Sex slaves (23)	

OP-CRC-SC (Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography) ratified.

Sexual orientation / gender identity

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) indicated that there have been a number of **assassinations of homosexuals** in Iraq and that it is believed that such incidents are **underreported** because families are **unwilling to admit that targeted members were homosexuals, for fear of further abuse.** (Para 30, Compilation)

For Amnesty International (AI), the government has failed to provide **adequate protection to men who identify themselves as gay, or who are assumed by their attackers to engage in same-sex sexual relations.** Many were mutilated and their bodies dumped in the streets and many others were forced to flee Iraq after receiving death threats (Para 32, Summary)

Sexual Violence

JS2¹ mentioned that there are reports that **foreign laborers** in the Kurdistan region **are being abused and sexually mistreated** by employers and employment agencies. (Para 59, Summary)

Trafficking /Forced prostitution

In 2008, UNAMI it expressed concerns about the reports of **human trafficking and complaints of abuse of migrant workers** in Iraq (Para 23, Compilation). Jubilee Campaign (JC) mentioned that Iraq is a **source and destination country of trafficking** for the purposes of **commercial sexual exploitation** () (Para 23, Summary)

See Recommendations, JS8 (23); JC (23)

Trafficking/sexual exploitation/violence against children

In 2006, UNAMI received information of **children trafficked outside Iraq to work as sex slaves**, () (Para 23, Compilation)

See Recommendations, CRC (24)

Suggested Questions and Recommendations

CRC

§ To increase preventive measures and its efforts to ensure the rehabilitation and reintegration of **children living and/or working on the streets** (Para 24, Compilation)

JS8²

§ Promulgating a **law to combat human trafficking** taking into account international human rights instruments and **setting up a high commission** to combat human trafficking (Para 23, Summary)

JC

§ That more **shelter and resources** are needed for victims of human trafficking (Para 23, Summary)

SRI

§ To introduce specific legal measures to prevent and sanction **violence against persons engaging same-sex consensual practices**, accompanied by sensitization campaigns to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender expression or identity.

§ To take all necessary legislative, administrative and judicial measures to promote and guarantee the fully **protection of child against sexual exploitation, slavery and trafficking**, giving special attention to vulnerable groups, like ethnic minorities, migrant and street children.

¹ JS2 The Iraq Foundation (IF), Washington D.C., USA; Human Rights Organization, Muthana, Iraq; The Mawtinee Organization for Human Rights Education, Salah El-Din, Iraq; Iraq Institute to Support Democracy, Karbala, Iraq; The Human Rights & Civil Society Organization, Baghdad, Iraq; The Yazidi Fraternity & Solidarity Association, Mosul, Iraq; AL-Safa Organization for Development & Friendship between People, Anbar, Iraq; The National Iraqi Organization for Human Rights, Missan, Iraq; The Human Rights Organization of Kurdistan (HROK), Dahouk, Iraq; Women Empowerment Center, Sulaimaniya, Iraq; The Humane Organization for Human Rights, Kut, Iraq; Al-Fajer Organization for the Development of Civil Society, Thi-Qar, Iraq; The Popular Rescue Organization, Erbil, Iraq; The Rased Center for Human Rights, Najaf, Iraq; The Omeed Organization, Baghdad, Iraq; The Iraqi Firdaws Organization, Basra, Iraq; Humanitarian Women's Rights Center, Diwaniya, Iraq; The Akad Association for Humanitarian Relief, Baghdad, Iraq

² Coalition of 7 Organisations

