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 Addendum

 Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received

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  **I. Introduction**

1. The present report contains observations by the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions on communications sent between 1 March 2015 and 29 February 2016 and responses received from States and other actors between 1 May 2015 and 30 April 2016. During the period under review, the Special Rapporteur sent a total of 115 communications to 44 States and 2 other actors. 104 communications were sent jointly with other mandates, while 11 communications were sent by this mandate alone. Of all communications sent, 68 were urgent appeals and 47 were allegation letters.
2. It has been a long-term practice of the mandate to report to the Council on the communications sent to States and the replies received, initially in the main body of annual reports, and later in addendums. In 2005 the Special Rapporteur tabulated communications for the first time. This predated the practice of Special Procedures more broadly issuing a joint communications report at each session of the Human Rights Council, (most recently A/32/53), which was a welcome development. The Special Rapporteur takes the opportunity in this, his final submission to the Council, to reflect briefly on the practice. In this report, he retains the tabulated record of communications, while at the same time adds some analysis of the trends of communications sent, replies received, and some general reflections on certain of the subjects raised.
3. The communications procedure of the Special Rapporteur’s mandate is something which takes a great deal of time, and it is important for the Council to be regularly apprised of the substance of this work in a manner that is useful and engaging. From the perspective of individual cases taken up, and from the perspective of reforms that might result from these illustrative examples of State practice, it is important that there be some kind of follow-up to the initial communication.
4. The joint communications report provides basic statistics with respect to the responsiveness of States overall to different mandates. With respect to this mandate, the Special Rapporteur received responses to 53 out of 115 communications sent within the reporting period. He thanks all Governments who have replied to his communications for their cooperation. 62 of the communications are yet to be responded to. In this period, the Special Rapporteur also received replies to 8 previous communications, i.e. sent prior to the reporting period for which he is grateful. This means the overall timely response rate for communications sent by this mandate is 46 per cent. While slightly higher than the system-wide reply rate for Special Procedures communications (42 per cent in 2015), it should be much higher. Moreover it should be noted that some of the responses included in this number are also purely procedural in nature
5. In its resolution 26/12, the Human Rights Council urged States “[t]o cooperate with and assist the Special Rapporteur in the performance of his or her tasks, to supply all necessary information requested by him or her and to react appropriately and expeditiously to his or her urgent appeals, and those Governments that have not yet responded to communications transmitted to them by the Special Rapporteur to do so without further delay”. Therefore, the Special Rapporteur reiterates his appeal to all Governments to respond to communications in a timely manner so as to assist and cooperate with his mandate efficiently in accordance with Human Rights Council Resolution 26/12.
6. However, the most meaningful follow-up on the contents of the communications between the Special Rapporteur and a particular State, including—vitally—the response of the Government, can often be done by the source of the original information (in most cases either a lawyer representing the victim of his/her family, or a national human rights organisations). The Special Rapporteur believes that it is important that the sources are routinely and automatically informed after the suitable delay of confidentiality has elapsed both of the fact that a communication was sent and whether a response has been received. The system should be set up in such a way that the source automatically receives copies of or links to the relevant correspondence once it is available.
7. The Special Rapporteur notes the role that could be played in this regard by NHRIs and Ombudspersons as well as UN human rights offices or country teams. Such institutions play a valuable role in following up on the recommendations made by Special Rapporteurs during their country visits, but could be perhaps more directly involved in the process of communications, once the initial communication, along with any reply from the Government, have been made public. The possibility that they are also given the automatic notification mentioned in the previous paragraph should be investigated.
8. In his final observations on communications report, the Special Rapporteur has experimented with a slightly different format, attempting to offer some follow-up information and commentary on the communications sent as part of his mandate. It will be a question for his successor as to whether this is a practice to continue. The Special Rapporteur would welcome feedback from States, NGOs and other users on whether this format works for them and how it can be improved
9. This report compiles in two tables the correspondence sent and received during the period under review: Tabulation (A) of cases transmitted and replies received to communications sent during the reporting period, and Tabulation (B) of cases transmitted to States concerning alleged violations of death penalty safeguards. At the end of each tabulation, the Special Rapporteur offers his observations on the communications sent and the replies received during the reporting period.

 II. Tabulation (A) of cases transmitted and replies received to communications sent during the reporting period

1. In Tabulation (A) all communications have been grouped by country, with countries listed alphabetically according to their names in English. The electronic version of the present document has each communication sent and reply received hyperlinked, and clicking on them will open the communication sent and the reply from the concerned State, respectively, as uploaded on the OHCHR website. All communications are also available in the Special Procedures communication reports.
2. Each communication is referenced as urgent appeal (UA), allegation letter (AL), joint urgent appeal (JUA) and joint allegation letter (JAL). This is followed by the date when the communication was issued, as well as the case number and, when applicable, the State’s reply.

 A. Violations alleged

1. In Tabulation (A) on communications and replies, the violations are classified into the following categories, using the short versions in parentheses:

(a) Non-respect of international standards on safeguards and restrictions relating to the imposition of capital punishment (“Death penalty safeguards”);

(b) Death threats and fear of imminent extrajudicial executions by State officials, paramilitary groups, or groups cooperating with or tolerated by the Government, as well as unidentified persons who may be linked to the categories mentioned above, when the Government is failing to take appropriate protection measures (“Death threats”);

(c) Deaths in custody owing to torture, neglect, or the use of force, or fear of death in custody due to life-threatening conditions of detention (“Deaths in custody”);

(d) Deaths due to the use of force by law enforcement officials or persons acting in direct or indirect compliance with the State, when the use of force is inconsistent with the criteria of absolute necessity and proportionality (“Excessive force”);

(e) Deaths due to attacks or killings by security forces of the State, or by paramilitary groups, death squads, or other private forces cooperating with or tolerated by the State (“Attacks or killings”);

(f) Violations of the right to life during armed conflict, especially of the civilian population and other non-combatants, contrary to international humanitarian law (“Armed conflict”);

(g) Expulsion, refoulement, or return of persons to a country or a place where their lives are in danger (“Expulsion”);

(h) Lack of investigation or accountability, leading to impunity, lack of compensation or concerns for the rights of victims (“Impunity”).

 (i) Concerns about a legislative framework (“Legislation”).

 B. Character of replies received

1. The replies received have been classified according to the following six categories designed to assist the Human Rights Council in its task of evaluating the responses received to the communications sent within the reporting period and the effectiveness of the mandate:

(a) “No response” denotes the absence of a response to a communication sent within the reporting period;

(b) “Recent communication” denotes the absence of a response to a communication sent within the past 60 days;

(c) “Acknowledgement of receipt” refers to a reply acknowledging receipt that the communication was received and/or that it has been transmitted to the relevant State authorities;

(d) “Addresses some substantive issues” characterizes a reply that provided information on certain substantive issues raised in the communication;

(e) “Substantive response” denotes a reply that is responsive to the allegations and that substantively clarifies the facts. It does not, however, imply that the action taken necessarily complies with international human rights law.

(f) “Translation awaited” indicates that a response has been received, but has not yet been translated by the relevant services of the United Nations.

 C. Tabulation (A)

| *Country* | *Type of communication[[2]](#footnote-3)\** | *Date and case* | *Subjects concerned* | *Reply and type of reply* | *Violations alleged* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Afghanistan | JAL | 17/12/2015([AFG 3/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_Afghanistan_17.12.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | No response | Attacks or killings |
| Australia | AL | 20/11/2015([AUS 8/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Australia_20.11.15_%288.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[07/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Australia_07.01.16_%288.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
| Bahrain | JUA | 23/11/2015([BHR 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Bahrain_20.11.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males | Addresses some substantive issues[23/02/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/BHR_23.02.16_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards  |
| Bangladesh | JAL | 10/04/2015([BGD 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_AL_Bangladesh_10.04.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (49 individuals) | Acknowledgement of receipt [17/04/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/Bangladesh_17.04.15_%281.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings, excessive force; Impunity |
|  | JAL | 30/04/2015([BGD 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_AL_Bangladesh_30.04.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males (journalists/bloggers) | Acknowledgement of receipt 05/07/2015 | Attacks or killings; death threats |
|  | JUA | 23/11/2015([BGD 8/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Bangladesh_20.11.15_%288.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males | No response | Death penalty safeguards  |
|  | JAL | 24/11/2015([BGD 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Bangladesh_24.11.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males (writers/publishers) | Acknowledgement of receipt [25/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Bangladesh_25.11.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
| Belarus | JUA | 17/04/2015([BLR 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Belarus_17.04.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (human rights lawyer) | Substantive response[12/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Belarus_12.06.15_%281.2015%29.pdf) | Death threats; Impunity |
| Brazil | AL | 21/07/2015([BRA 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Public_-_AL_Brazil_22.07.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Attacks or killings; excessive force |
|  | JUA | 09/10/2015([BRA 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Brazil_09.10.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defenders and indigenous community | Substantive response[09/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Brazil_09.12.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; death threats |
| Burundi | JUA | 30/04/2015([BDI 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Burundi_30.04.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (protesters, human rights defender) | Addressees some substantive issues [04/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Burundi_04.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive force; attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 13/11/2015([BDI 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Burundi_13.11.2015_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (including political activists and protesters) | Substantive response[07/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/BDI_07.01.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)Substantive response[29/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/BDI_29.01.16_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive force;attacks or killings; death in custody |
| Central African Republic | JAL | 02/09/2015([CAF 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_CAR_02.09.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (militias and soldiers) | No response | Attacks or killings, excessive force; death in custody  |
| Colombia | JUA | 20/08/2015([COL 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Colombia_20.08.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defender and farmer community) | Substantive response[25/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_25.09.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) | Death threats; attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 3/02/2015([COL 5/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_Colombia_03.02.16_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defenders) | Substantive response[28/04/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/COL_28.04.16_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; death threats |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | JAL | 10/12/2015([COD 5/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_RDC_10.12.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (including human rights defenders and political activists) | Acknowledgment of receipt[29/01/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/COD_29.01.16_%285.2015%29.pdf)Addresses some substantive issues[11/02/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/COD_11.02.16_%285.2015%29.pdf)Addresses some substantive issues[02/03/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/COD_02.03.16_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive force; attacks or killings; impunity |
| Dominican Republic | JUA | 30/04/2015([DOM 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Dom_Rep_30.04.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | 4 individuals (journalists) | No response | Death threats |
| Ethiopia | JUA | 12/05/2015([ETH 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Ethiopia_12.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 28/12/2015([ETH 5/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Ethiopia_28.12.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (protesters) | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings |
| Egypt | JUA | 10/04/2015([EGY 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Egypt_10.04.15_%285.2015%29_pro.pdf)) | 6 males  | Substantive response[07/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Egypt_07.05.15_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 29/05/2015([EGY 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Egypt_29.05.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Substantive Response[30/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Egypt_30.07.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 21/07/2015([EGY 11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Public_-_OL_Egypt_21.07.15_%2811.2015%29.pdf))  | Legislation | Substantive response[05/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Egypt_05.08.15_%2811.2015%29.pdf) | Legislation |
|  | JUA | 14/08/2015([EGY 12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Public_-_UA_Egypt_14.08.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Substantive Response[11/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Egypt_11.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
| El Salvador | JAL | 28/05/2015([SLV 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_El_Salvador_28.05.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males (human rights defender) | Substantive response[27/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/El_Salvador_27.07.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)Substantive response[11/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/El_Salvador_11.08.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
| The Gambia | JAL | 09/04/2015([GMB 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_AL_Gambia_09.04.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | 3 males | No response | Excessive force, attacks or killings; impunity  |
|  | JUA | 24/07/2015([GMB 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Public_-_UA_Gambia_24.07.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | Legislation | No response  | Legislation, death penalty safeguards |
| Guatemala | JAL | 25/11/2015([GTM 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Guatemala_25.11.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 9 male (human rights defender - environment) | Substantive response[14/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/GTM_14.03.16_%284.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; death threats |
|  | JUA | 07/01/2016([GTM 6/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_GTM_07.01.16_%286.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (human rights defender) | No response | Death threats; attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 26/02/2016([GTM 2/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_OL_GTM_26.02.16_%282.2016%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Acknowledgement of receipt06/04/2016 | Impunity |
| Honduras | JUA | 31/08/2015([HND 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Honduras_31.08.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 female (journalist and human rights defender) | No response | Death threats; Attacks or killings; impunity |
|  | JAL | 11/11/2015([HND 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Honduras_10.11.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 4 individuals (human rights defenders - LGBTI rights) | Substantive response[01/02/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/HND_01.02.16_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 14/01/2016([HND 1/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_HND_14.01.16_%281.2016%29.pdf)) | 6 individuals (human rights defenders; indigenous community) | Substantive response[04/04/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/HND_04.04.16_%281.2016%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; Death threats;Excessive force |
| India | UA | 17/04/2015([IND 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_India_17.04.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings, death threats |
|  | JUA | 25/09/2015([IND 11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_India_25.09.15_%2811.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 1 male (human rights defender) | No response | Death threats; Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 06/11/2015([IND 13/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_India_06.11.15_%2813.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 4 females | No response | Attacks or killings |
| Indonesia | JUA | 06/03/2015 ([IDN 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Indonesia_06.03.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 10 individuals (including foreign nationals) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | UA | 24/04/2015([IDN 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Indonesia_24.04.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 9 males, 1 female (including foreign nationals) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 21/05/2015([IDN 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Indonesia_21.05.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (migrants) | No response | Expulsion  |
|  | JAL | 07/07/2015([IDN 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Indonesia_06.07.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males (human rights defenders -environment) | No response | Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 09/10/2015([IDN 8/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Indonesia_09.10.15_%288.2015%29_pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals (indigenous community, protesters) | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings |
| Iran | JUA | 12/02/2015([IRN 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/public_-_UA_Iran_12.02.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Substantive response[16/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_16.06.15_%2823.2014_-_3.2015%29.pdf)Substantive response[04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_04.03.16_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 02/06/2015([IRN 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_02.06.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males | Substantive response[04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_04.03.16_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 10/06/2015([IRN 8/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_10.06.15_%288.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 29/07/2015([IRN 11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_29.07.15_%2811.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 10/08/2015([IRN 12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_10.08.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[24/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iran_24.11.15_%2818.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards  |
|  | JUA | 13/10/2015([IRN 18/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_13.10.15_%2818.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[24/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iran_24.11.15_%2818.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 16/10/2015([IRN 19/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Iran_16.10.15_%2819.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male, 1 female | Addresses some substantive issues[13/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iran_13.11.15_%2819.2015%29.pdf)Addresses some substantive issues[16/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_16.03.16_%281-5-6-9-19-20.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 29/10/2015([IRN 16/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Iran_29.10.15_%2816.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[26/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_26.04.16_%2816.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards  |
|  | JUA | 11/11/2015([IRN 21/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_11.11.15_%2821.2015%29.pdf)) | 3 males | Addresses some substantive issues[18/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_18.04.16_%2821.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 24/11/2015([IRN 22/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_24.11.15_%2822.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (foreign national) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 20/01/2016([IRN 3/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_IRN_20.01.16_%283.2016%29_Pro.pdf)) | 1 female | No response | Death penalty safeguards  |
| Iraq  | JUA | 04/05/2015([IRQ 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Iraq_04.05.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | No response | Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 30/07/2015([IRQ 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Iraq_30.07.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 27/11/2015([IRQ 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iraq_27.11.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 male (foreign nationals) | Substantive response[11/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iraq_11.01.16_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
| Israel | JAL | 22/10/2015([ISR 6/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Israel_22.10.15_%286.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 08/12/2015([ISR 9/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Israel_08.12.15_%289.2015%29_pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defenders) | No response | Attacks or killings; death threats; excessive force; |
| Lesotho | JUA | 30/11/2015([LSO 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Lesotho_30.11.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (judiciary, members of armed forces) | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings; death in custody; death threats |
|  | JUA | 19/02/2016([LSO 1/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_LSO_19.02.16_%281.2016%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (lawyers) | No response | Death threats; attacks or killings |
| Madagascar | JAL | 13/10/2015([MDG 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Madagascar_13.10.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings; impunity |
| Malaysia | JUA | 21/05/2015([MYS 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Malaysia_21.05.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (migrants) | No response | Expulsion |
| Mexico | UA | 15/04/2015([MEX 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Mexico_15.04.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males, 1 female | Addresses some substantive issues[15/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Mexico_15.06.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive force; attacks or killings, death threats |
| Nicaragua | JAL | 23/03/2015([NIC 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_Nicaragua_23.03.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males | No response | Death in custody; excessive force; death threats |
| Other | JAL | 07/07/2015([OTH 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_OL_Other_APP_07.07.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 males (human rights defenders –environment) | Substantive response[23/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Other_23.07.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 16/11/2015([OTH 9/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Somaliland_16.11.15_%289.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
| Pakistan | JUA | 19/03/2015([PAK 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Pakistan_19.03.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 24/04/2015([PAK 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_Pakistan_24.04.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (health workers) | Substantive response[04/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Pakistan_04.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)Substantive response[18/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Pakistan_18.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 22/06/2015([PAK 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Pakistan_22.06.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Addresses some substantive issues[21/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Pakistan_21.08.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | Attacks or killings, death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 24/07/2015([PAK 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_24.07.15_%285.2015%29_pro.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 28/07/2015([PAK 6/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_28.07.15_%286.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 03/08/2015([PAK 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_03.08.15_%287.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[05/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Pakistan_05.08.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 28/09/2015 ([PAK 10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_28.09.15_%2810.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 02/12/2015([PAK 12/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_Pakistan_02.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (journalist and human rights defender) | No response | Attacks or killings |
|  | UA | 18/12/2015([PAK 14/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Pakistan_18.12.15_%2814.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 01/02/2016([PAK 3/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_PAK_01.02.16_%283.2016%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 24/02/2016([PAK 5/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_PAK_24.02.16_%285.2016%29.pdf)) | 1 female (human rights lawyer) | No response | Death threats |
| Peru | JUA | 25/08/2015([PER 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Peru_25.08.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 female (human rights defender) | Addresses some substantive issues[14/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/PER_14.04.16_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Death threats |
| Philippines | JAL | 24/12/2015([PHL 6/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_Philippines_24.12.15_%286.2015%29.pdf)) | 4 individuals (human rights defenders) | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings  |
| Russian Federation | JAL | 06/03/2015 ([RUS 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_Russian_Fed._06.03.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (political activist) | Addresses some substantive issues[20/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Russian_Fed_21.05.15_%281.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 02/09/2015([RUS 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Russian_Fed_02.09.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (journalist) | No response | Attacks or killings; death threats; impunity |
| South Africa | JAL | 01/05/2015([ZAF 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_South_Africa_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (foreign nationals, migrants) | No response | Attacks or killings; impunity |
|  | JAL | 03/09/2015([ZAF 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_South_Africa_03.09.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 female (albinism) | No response | Attacks or killings |
| Saudi Arabia | JUA | 13/05/2015([SAU 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_2.2015.pdf)) | 1 male | Substantive response[18/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Saudi_Arabia_18.05.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 25/08/2015([SAU 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_25.08.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 7 males (foreign nationals) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 21/09/2015([SAU 6/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_21.09.15_%286.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Response in translation[28/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Saudi_Arabia_28.12.15_%286.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 30/09/2015([SAU 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_30.09.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (foreign national) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 19/10/2015([SAU 8/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudia_Arabia_19.10.15_%288.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | AL | 09/11/2015([SAU 9/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Saudi_Arabia_09.11.15_%289.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (including humanitarian workers) | No response  | Excessive force; attacks or killings; armed conflict |
|  | JUA | 30/11/2015([SAU 10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_30.11.15_%2810.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Response in translation[04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/SAU_04.03.16_%2810.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 24/12/2015([SAU 12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_24.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (foreign national) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
| Singapore | JUA | 30/10/2015([SGP 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Singapore_30.10.15_%283.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (foreign national) | No Response | Death penalty safeguards |
| Somalia | JUA | 16/11/2015([SOM 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Somalia_16.11.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
| Sudan | JUA | 12/06/2015([SDN 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Sudan_12.06.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 2 male (religious leaders) | No response | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 20/01/2016([SDN 1/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_SDN_20.01.16_%281.2016%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Response in translation[29/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/SDN_29.04.16_%281.2016%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
| South Sudan | JAL | 27/08/2015([SSD 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_South_Sudan_27.08.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (journalist) | No response | Attacks or killings |
| Thailand | JUA | 21/05/2015([THA 3/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Thailand_%2821.05.15%29_3.2015.pdf)) | Group of individuals (migrants) | Substantive response[22/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Thailand_22.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Expulsion |
|  | JUA | 27/05/2015([THA 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Thailand_27.05.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | 4 males | Acknowledgement of receipt [02/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Thailand_02.06.15_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; Impunity |
| Tchad | JAL | 04/09/2015([TCD 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Chad_04.09.15_%281.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals  |  | Death penalty safeguards |
| Turkey | JAL | 21/09/2015([TUR 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Turkey_21.09.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Addresses some substantive issues [20/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Turkey_20.11.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive use of force; Attacks or killings |
|  | JUA | 01/12/2015 ([TUR 4/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Turkey_01.12.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male (human rights lawyer) | Substantive response[31/12/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Turkey_31.12.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings;  |
|  | UA | 24/12/2015([TUR 5/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Turkey_24.12.15_%285.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Addresses some substantive issues1/02/2016 | Excessive force; Attacks or killings; impunity |
|  | JUA | 21/01/2016([TUR 1/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_TUR_21.01.16_%281.2016%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals  | Addresses some substantive issues[25/02/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/TUR_25.02.16_%281.2016%29.pdf) | Excessive force; Attacks or killings |
| USA | UA | 23/01/2015([USA 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/public_-_UA_USA_23.01.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[USA 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/public_-_UA_USA_23.01.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 24/03/2015([USA 5/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_USA_25.03.15_%285.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 6 males | Addresses some substantive issues[02/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_02.09.15_%285.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | Attacks or killings; Excessive force;Armed conflict |
|  | JAL | 10/04/2015([USA 7/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_AL_USA_10.04.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals (African American and other minorities) | Acknowledgment of receipt[05/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_05.08.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf)Addresses some substantive issues[03/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_03.12.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | Excessive force; death in custody; death penalty safeguards, impunity |
|  | JAL | 07/05/2015([USA 9/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_USA_%289.2015%29.pdf)) | 3 males (migrants) | Acknowledgment of receipt[25/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/USA_25.06.15_%289.2015%29.pdf)Substantive response[23/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_23.12.15_%289.2015%29.pdf) | Excessive force; attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 26/06/2015([USA 13/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_USA_26.06.15_%2813.2015%29_pro.pdf)) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues[04/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_04.11.15_%2813.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 13/07/2015[USA 17/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_USA_13.07.15_%2817.2015%29.pdf) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues [20/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/USA_20.07.15_%2817.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 08/10/2015([USA 18/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_USA_08.10.15_%2818.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (medical staff and patients) | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings, armed conflict |
|  | AL | 01/12/2015([USA 20/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_USA_01.12.15_%2820.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals  | No response | Attacks or killings, legislation |
| Venezuela | JAL  | 27/03/2015[VEN 4/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_Venezuela_27.03.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) | 1 male | Addresses some substantive issues ([29/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Venezuela_29.05.15_%284.2015%29.pdf))Substantive response ([18/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Venezuela_18.06.15_%284.2015%29.pdf)) | Excessive force; Attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 24/02/2016([VEN 2/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_AL_VEN_24.02.16_%282.2016%29.pdf)) | 1 male (human rights lawyer) | No response | Attacks or killings |
| Viet Nam | JUA | 30/10/2015([VNM 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Vietnam_30.10.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 2 male, 1 female  | No response | Death penalty safeguards, death in custody; death threats |
|  | JUA | 25/11/2015([VNM 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Vietnam_25.11.15_%282.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 2 male; 1 female (including human rights lawyers) | No response | Excessive force, attacks or killings; death threats |
| Yemen  | JAL  | 24/03/2015([YEM 1/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_AL_Yemen_24.03.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf)) | 6 males | No response | Excessive force; attacks or killings; armed conflict |
|  | AL | 09/11/2015([YEM 2/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Yemen_09.11.15_%282.2015%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (including humanitarian workers) | No response | Excessive force; Attacks or killings; armed conflict |

 D. Communications sent outside the reporting period

| *Country* | *Type of communication* | *Date* | *Subject(s) concerned* | *Reply* | *Violation(s) alleged* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Angola | JAL | 05/12/2013([AGO 5/2013](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/public_-_AL_Angola_05.12.13_%285.2013%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals | Substantive response[22/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Angola_21.12.15_%285.2013%29.pdf) | Excessive force; Attacks or killings |
| Colombia | JUA | 25/02/2014([COL 3/2014](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/25th/public_-_UA_Colombia_25.02.14_%283.2014%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defenders) | Addresses some substantive issues[19/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_19.10.15_%283.2014%29.pdf)Substantive response[04/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_04.01.16_%283.2014%29.pdf) | Death threats; attacks or killings |
|  | JAL | 11/08/2014([COL 6/2014](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/28th/public_-_AL_Colombia_11.08.14_%286.2014%29_Pro.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights defenders and unionists) | Addresses some substantive issues[20/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Colombia_20.05.15_%286.2014%29_Pro_.pdf)Addresses some substantive issues[19/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_20.10.15_%286.2014%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; death threats |
|  | JUA | 13/09/2013([COL 10/2013](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/Public_-_UA_Colombia_13.09.13_%2810.2013%29.pdf)) | Group of individuals (human rights lawyers) | Addresses some substantive issues[12/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_12.08.15_%2810.2013%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings, death threats |
|  | JUA | 27/01/2014([COL 2/2014](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/25th/public_-_UA_Colombia_27.01.14_%282.2014%29.pdf)) | 4 males (human rights defenders - land rights, journalist) | Substantive response[04/01/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Colombia_04.01.16_%282.2014%29.pdf) | Attacks or killings; Death threats |
| Iran | JUA | 31/07/2013([IRN 12/2013](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/public_-_UA_Iran_31.07.13_%2812.2013%29.pdf)) | 4 males | Addresses some substantive issues[15/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_15.06.15_%2812.2013_-_25.2013%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JAL | 30/12/2013([IRN 25/2013](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/public_-_AL_Iran_30.12.13_%2825.2013%29.pdf)) | 4 males | Addresses some substantive issues[15/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_15.06.15_%2812.2013_-_25.2013%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |
|  | JUA | 14/10/2014([IRN 23/2014](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/28th/public_-_UA_Iran_14.10.14_%2823.2014%29.pdf)) | 1 male | Substantive response[16/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_16.06.15_%2823.2014_-_3.2015%29.pdf) | Death penalty safeguards |

 E. Observations on Tabulation (A)

1. During the reporting period, many States have replied to one or more of the communications addressed to them (24 out of 44). The Special Rapporteur would like to thank all States who have responded substantively and in a timely manner to all or some of the communications sent (23). The assessment of individual cases in which the Special Rapporteur has intervened is an essential part of his work and he is grateful for the collaboration that he has received. The Special Rapporteur would like to thank particularly the Governments of Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Burundi, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Russian Federation, Turkey and Venezuela for having replied substantively (addressing all or some of the questions raised) and within the required deadline to all the communications addressed to them in the reporting period.
2. A handful of States did not submit a timely reply to any of the communications sent, or have submitted merely an acknowledgement of receipt, including: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Central African Republic, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, The Gambia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Philippines, South Africa, Singapore, Somalia, South Sudan, Tchad, Vietnam, Yemen. The responses from some of these States have arrived after the required deadline and for that reason fall outside of the reporting period of the present report.
3. In all instances where no responses were received, the Special Rapporteur urges Governments to provide substantive responses as soon as possible.
4. To provide a global perspective on the communications with States during the reporting period, the table below reflects the number of communications sent to each State and the number of replies of a substantive nature received from them within the required deadline. Such replies comprise both substantive replies and replies which address some substantive issues. Acknowledgements of receipt are not considered as a reply for the purpose of this table, as they do not provide an effective response to the questions raised in the cases transmitted to Governments.

**Communications with States**

1. Of all communications sent to States, 23 received a substantive response, 22 received responses which addressed some substantive issues, 5 received acknowledgements of receipt which were not followed by a substantive reply, and 3 are in translation. As mentioned above, 62 communications did not receive any type of response.
2. The tabulation of communications sent during the reporting period indicates the groups of people addressed in the communications sent by the Special Rapporteur. The main groups of people addressed in the communications (by number of communications sent) were: human rights defenders (23), journalists, bloggers or writers (7), lawyers (6), migrants (5), protesters (4), persons belonging to minorities (4), political activists (3), humanitarian workers (2), health workers (2), members of armed forces (2), members of the judiciary (1), lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people (1), persons with albinism (1). In addition, eight communications address the situation of foreign nationals for alleged violations of death penalty safeguards.
3. The main alleged violations covered in the communications sent during the reporting period were: attacks or killings (59); violation of death penalty safeguards (50), excessive use of force (31), death threats (26), impunity for violations of the right to life (12), deaths in custody (6), concerns about legislative frameworks (5), violations of the right to life in the context of armed conflict (5), and expulsion (3). Alleged attacks or killings and violations of the death penalty, feature prominently again this year in the number of communications sent.
4. The mandate of the Special Rapporteur is frequently appraised of the situation of individuals who have been sentenced to death following judicial procedures which allegedly do not comply with international standards for the imposition of the death penalty. Many of these individuals face immediate execution. The irreversibility and magnitude of the punishment often requires the Special Rapporteur’s urgent intervention. All the countries which have received more than five communications during the reporting period are indeed retentionist states which continue to execute death penalty sentences. In all of those States, half or more of the communications received from the Special Rapporteur address alleged violations of death penalty safeguards. A more detail description of the types of violations addressed with regards to the imposition of the death penalty can be found in Section VI.
5. Throughout the six years of his mandate, the Special Rapporteur has continually underlined the importance of viewing the right to life as having two components: the prevention of or protection from arbitrary killings, and the need for full accountability should such killings occur. When sending communications to States concerning a victim who has been killed, the Special Rapporteur often focuses his questions on the process of accountability, including the investigation which may or may not already have begun. In this connection, conscious of the need for a practical reference point for the standards that such an investigation should meet, the Special Rapporteur has been collaborating with various actors over the past two years to bring up to date the UN Manual on the Investigation and Prevention of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary or Summary Executions (known as the Minnesota Protocol).[[3]](#footnote-4)
6. The Special Rapporteur is conscious of having sent a number of communications in the past year concerning the targeting of human rights defenders. Of course, in the vast majority of these cases the Special Rapporteur has been joined by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. Whether the attack or threat of attack is perpetrated by State agents, or whether State agents fail in their responsibility to protect defenders from attacks at the hands of non-State actors, the State’s responsibilities with respect to the right to life are clearly engaged in such instances. In addition to direct protection measures, which may be appropriate and indeed necessary in certain conditions, the State should also give attention to the extent to which its own public response to the work of human rights defenders may be legitimising a climate in which attacks can be perpetrated with impunity. In 2012, the Special Rapporteur dedicated his report to the Human Rights Council to the subject of attacks on journalists, which has many analogies with the issue of attacks on human rights defenders. In both cases the victims play a vital role in enabling other rights, and in both cases the level of response of the State to threats against them or their work can significantly determine the dangers they face as a consequence of their important work.

 III. Tabulation (B) of cases transmitted to States concerning alleged violations of death penalty safeguards

1. Because of the urgency of the cases brought to his attention, the Special Rapporteur sends many communications concerning the unlawful application of the death penalty.
2. In its resolution 17/5, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate “[t]o continue to monitor the implementation of existing international standards on safeguards and restrictions relating to the imposition of capital punishment, bearing in mind the comments made by the Human Rights Committee in its interpretation of article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Second Optional Protocol thereto;”. In this respect, the Special Rapporteur has included the following table on the status of individuals who were the subject of concern with regard to the application of the death penalty in the present report. He urges all concerned States to provide updated information on the status of the subjects of these urgent appeals.
3. Tabulation (B) provides details on the 50 cases transmitted to Governments with regards to alleged violations of death penalty safeguards, including identity of the individuals concerned, the charges brought against them, the alleged violations of death penalty safeguards, and an update on the current situation of those individuals (whether executions had taken place or not).

 A. Violations alleged

1. In Tabulation (B) of cases transmitted to States concerning alleged violations of death penalty safeguards, the violations are classified into the following categories:

(a) Fair trial concerns.

(b) Not “most serious crimes”.

(c) Extraction of confession under torture

(d) Juvenile at time of offense.

(e) Execution of a person with intellectual or psychosocial disability.

(f) Imposition of the death penalty by Federal Government for facts which occurred in abolitionist state.

(g) Assistance of abolitionist State in the investigation of crimes that may result in the imposition of the death penalty in another State.

 B. Tabulation (B)

| *Country* | *Date appeal sent* | *Date response received* | *Name of individual* | *Charge alleged* | *Violation alleged* | *Status as far as could be established* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Australia | [20/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Australia_20.11.15_%288.2015%29.pdf) | [07/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Australia_07.01.16_%288.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Areeb Majeed | Terrorist acts | Assistance of abolitionist State in the investigation of crimes that may result in the imposition of the death penalty in another State | Remains at risk |
| Bahrain | [23/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Bahrain_20.11.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | [23/02/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/BHR_23.02.16_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Mohamad Ramadan and Mr. Husain Ali Moosa | Terrorist acts | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk |
| Bangladesh | [23/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Bangladesh_20.11.15_%288.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid and Mr. Salauddin Quader Chowdhury | War crimes; genocide. | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid and Mr. Salauddin Quader Chowdhury were executed—22/11/2015 |
| Egypt | [10/04/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Egypt_10.04.15_%285.2015%29_pro.pdf) | [07/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Egypt_07.05.15_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Mohamed Ali Afifi Badawi, Mr. Mohammad Bakrin Mohammad Haroun, Mr. Hani Mustafa Amin Amer, Mr. Islam Sayed Ahmed Ibrahim, Mr. Khaled Farag Mohammed Ali and one other male adult. | Terrorist acts | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Mohamed Ali Afifi Badawi, Mr. Mohammad Bakrin Mohammad Haroun, Mr. Hani Mustafa Amin Amer, Mr. Islam Sayed Ahmed Ibrahim, Mr. Khaled Farag Mohammed Ali and one other male adult were executed before 17/05/2015 |
|  | [29/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Egypt_29.05.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | [30/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Egypt_30.07.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Mohamed Morsi Eissa El Ayyat and members of his Government | Murder; escaping detention; leaking documents; fraud; insulting the judiciary. | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crimes. | Remain at risk |
|  | [14/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Public_-_UA_Egypt_14.08.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) | [11/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Egypt_11.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) | [Mr. Ibrahim Halawa](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Egypt_11.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) | Terrorist acts | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Remain at risk |
| Ethiopia | [12/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_UA_Ethiopia_12.05.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Andargachew Tsege | Terrorist acts | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk |
| Indonesia | [06/03/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Indonesia_06.03.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Andrew Chan, Mr. Myuran Sukumaran, Mr Raheem Agbaje Salami, Mr. Zainal Abidin, Mr. Martin Anderson and Mr. Rodrigo Gularte. | Drug offences | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crimes; execution of a person with intellectual or psychosocial disability. | Mr. Andrew Chan, Mr. Myuran Sukumaran, Mr Raheem Agbaje Salami, Mr. Zainal Abidin, Mr. Martin Anderson and Mr. Rodrigo Gularte and two other persons were executed—29/04/2016. |
|  | [24/04/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Indonesia_24.04.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Andrew Chan, Mr. Myuran Sukumaran, Mr Raheem Agbaje Salami, Mr. Zainal Abidin, Mr. Martin Anderson and Mr. Rodrigo Gularte, Ms. Mary Jane Fiesta Veloso, Mr. Sylvester Obiekwe Nwolise, Mr. Okwudili Oyatanze and one other person. | Drug offences | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crimes; execution of a person with intellectual or psychosocial disability. | Mr. Andrew Chan, Mr. Myuran Sukumaran, Mr Raheem Agbaje Salami, Mr. Zainal Abidin, Mr. Martin Anderson, Mr. Rodrigo Gularte, Mr. Sylvester Obiekwe Nwolise and Mr. Okwudili Oyatanze were executed —29/04/2016; Ms. Mary Jane Fiesta Veloso remains at risk. |
| Iran | [02/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_02.06.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | [04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_04.03.16_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Saman Naseem and Mr. Hamid Ahmadi | Enmity against God; corruption on earth; murder. | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Remain at risk |
|  | [10/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_10.06.15_%288.2015%29_Pro.pdf) |  | Mr. Ehsan Shah Ghasemi | Murder | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk |
|  | [29/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_29.07.15_%2811.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Salar Shadizadi | Murder | Juvenile at time of offense | Remains at risk |
|  | [10/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_10.08.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) |  | Dr. Mohammad Ali Taheri | Spreading corruption on earth | Not most serious crime | Remains at risk |
|  | [13/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_13.10.15_%2818.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | [24/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iran_24.11.15_%2818.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Mohammed Ali Taheri | Spreading corruption on earth | Not most serious crime | Remains at risk |
|  | [16/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Iran_16.10.15_%2819.2015%29.pdf) | [13/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iran_13.11.15_%2819.2015%29.pdf) and [16/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_16.03.16_%281-5-6-9-19-20.2015%29.pdf) | Ms. Fatemeh Salbehi and Mr. Samad Zahabi | Murder | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Ms. Salbehil was executed—13/10/2015; Mr. Zahabi was executed—06/10/2015 |
|  | 29/10/2015 | [26/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_26.04.16_%2816.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Behrouz Alkhani | Enmity against God; terrorist acts. | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Alkhani was executed—26/08/2015 |
|  | [11/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Iran_29.10.15_%2816.2015%29.pdf) | [18/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_18.04.16_%2821.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Mohammad Ali Zehi and Mr. Milad Azimi | Drug offenses; waging war against God; links to Salafist groups; propaganda against the system; murder. | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense; not most serious crime. | Remain at risk |
|  | [24/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iran_24.11.15_%2822.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Kelven Ozube Agbai | Drug offenses | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Remains at risk |
|  | [31/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/public_-_UA_Iran_31.07.13_%2812.2013%29.pdf) | [15/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_15.06.15_%2812.2013_-_25.2013%29.pdf) | Mr. Ghazi Abbasi, Mr. Abdul-Reza Amir-Khanafereh, Mr. Abdul-Amir Mojaddami and Mr. Jasim Moghaddam Payam | Enmity against God; corruption on earth. | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Ghazi Abbasi, Mr. Abdul-Reza Amir-Khanafereh, Mr. Abdul-Amir Mojaddami and Mr. Jasim Moghaddam Payam were executed—04/12/2013. |
|  | [20/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_IRN_20.01.16_%283.2016%29_Pro.pdf) |  | Ms. Fariba Khalegi | Adultery | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Remains at risk |
| Iraq | [27/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Iraq_27.11.15_%285.2015%29.pdf) | [11/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Iraq_11.01.16_%285.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Saleh Moussa Ahmed al­Baidany and Mr. Hamaad Abdel-Rahman Hamaad | Terrorist acts | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Unknown |
| Other | [16/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Somaliland_16.11.15_%289.2015%29.pdf) | 10/05/2016 | Mr. Abdullahi Ali | Murder | Execution of a person with intellectual or psychological disabilities | Remains at risk |
| Pakistan | [19/03/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Pakistan_19.03.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Shafqat Hussain | Kidnapping and involuntary manslaughter | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Mr. Shafqat Hussain was executed—04/08/2015 |
|  | [03/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_03.08.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | [05/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Pakistan_05.08.15_%287.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Shafqat Hussain | Kidnapping and involuntary manslaughter | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Mr. Shafqat Hussain was executed—04/08/2015 |
|  | [24/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_24.07.15_%285.2015%29_pro.pdf) |  | Mr. Abdul Basit | Murder | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk  |
|  | [01/02/2016](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_PAK_01.02.16_%283.2016%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Abdul Basit | Murder | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk |
|  | [28/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_28.07.15_%286.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Khizar Hayat | Murder | Fair trial concerns; execution of a person with intellectual or psychological disabilities | Remains at risk |
|  | [28/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Pakistan_28.09.15_%2810.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Ansar Iqbal | Murder | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offense. | Mr. Ansar Iqbal was executed—29/09/2015 |
|  | [18/12/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Pakistan_18.12.15_%2814.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Muhammad Anwar | Murder | Juvenile at time of offence | Remains at risk |
| Saudi Arabia | [25/08/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_25.08.15_%284.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Mohammad Afzal, Mr. Safeer Ahmad, Mr. Mohammad Fiaz, Mr. Mohammad Imran, Mr. Ghulam Shabbir, Mr. Mohammad Irfan and Mr. Liaquat Ali | Drug offences | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Remain at risk |
|  | [21/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_21.09.15_%286.2015%29.pdf) | [28/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Saudi_Arabia_28.12.15_%286.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Ali Mohammed al-Nimr | Treason; membership of terrorist group. | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offence. | Remains at risk |
|  | [30/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_30.09.15_%285.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Husain Abu al Khair | Drug offences | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Remains at risk |
|  | [19/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudia_Arabia_19.10.15_%288.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Dawood Hussain al-Marhoon | Sowing corruption and breaching security; participation in protests; terrorism-related offences. | Fair trial concerns; juvenile at time of offence. | Remains at risk |
|  | [30/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_30.11.15_%2810.2015%29.pdf) | [04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/SAU_04.03.16_%2810.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Ashraf Fayadh | Apostasy; blasphemy. | Fair trial concerns; Not most serious crime. | Sentence overturned to prison sentence and corporal punishment. |
|  | [13/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_2.2015.pdf) | [18/05/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Saudi_Arabia_18.05.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) and [26/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/Saudi_Arabia_26.10.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Sheikh Nimr Baqir Al-Nimr | Terrorism-related offences | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Sheikh Nimr Baqir Al-Nimr was executed—around 02/01/2016. |
|  | [24/12/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_Saudi_Arabia_24.12.15_%2812.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Ali Agirdas | Drug offences | Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Mr. Ali Agirdas was executed—20/11/2014 |
| Singapore | [30/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Singapore_30.10.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Kho Jabing | Murder | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Kho Jabing was executed—20/05/2016 |
| Somalia | [16/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Somalia_16.11.15_%281.2015%29.pdf) |  | Mr. Abdullahi Ali | Murder | Fair trial concerns; execution of a person with intellectual or psychological disabilities. | Remains at risk |
| Sudan | [20/01/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/public_-_UA_SDN_20.01.16_%281.2016%29.pdf) | [29/04/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/SDN_29.04.16_%281.2016%29.pdf) | 27 individuals | Apostasy | Juvenile at time of offense; Fair trial concerns; not most serious crime. | Remain at risk |
| Tchad | [04/09/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_Chad_04.09.15_%281.2015%29.pdf) |  | 10 individuals | Membership of a terrorist group | Fair trial concerns. | Unknown |
| USA | [10/04/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Public_-_AL_USA_10.04.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | [05/08/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_05.08.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf) and [03/12/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_03.12.15_%287.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | Group of individuals | Unknown  | Fair trial concerns | One person died in custody; none was executed. |
|  | [26/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_AL_USA_26.06.15_%2813.2015%29_pro.pdf) | [04/11/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/USA_04.11.15_%2813.2015%29_Pro.pdf) | One adult male | Murder  | Fair trial concerns; imposition of the death penalty by Federal Government for facts which occurred in abolitionist state. | Remains at risk |
|  | [13/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_USA_13.07.15_%2817.2015%29.pdf) | [20/07/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/USA_20.07.15_%2817.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. David Zink | Murder | Fair trial concerns; execution of a person with intellectual or psychological disabilities. | Mr. David Zink was executed—14/07/2015 |
| Viet Nam | [30/10/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/31st/public_-_UA_Vietnam_30.10.15_%281.2015%29_Pro.pdf) |  | Mr. Le Van Manh | Murder; rape. | Fair trial concerns;  | Remains at risk |

 C. Communications sent outside the reporting period

| *Country* | *Date appeal sent* | *Date response received* | *Name of individual* | *Charge alleged* | *Violation alleged* | *Status as far as could be established* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Iran | [30/12/2013](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/24th/public_-_AL_Iran_30.12.13_%2825.2013%29.pdf) | [15/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_15.06.15_%2812.2013_-_25.2013%29.pdf) | Mr. Ghazi Abbasi, Mr. Abdul-Reza Amir-Khanafereh, Mr. Abdul-Amir Mojaddami and Mr. Jasim Moghaddam Payam | Enmity against God; corruption on earth. | Fair trial concerns | Mr. Ghazi Abbasi, Mr. Abdul-Reza Amir-Khanafereh, Mr. Abdul-Amir Mojaddami and Mr. Jasim Moghaddam Payam were executed—04/12/2013. |
|  | [14/10/2014](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/28th/public_-_UA_Iran_14.10.14_%2823.2014%29.pdf) | [[16/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_16.06.15_%2823.2014_-_3.2015%29.pdf) and [04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_04.03.16_%283.2015%29.pdf)](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_16.06.15_%2823.2014_-_3.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Saman Naseem | Enmity against God; corruption on earth. | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk. |
|  | [12/02/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/public_-_UA_Iran_12.02.15_%283.2015%29.pdf) | [16/06/2015](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/Iran_16.06.15_%2823.2014_-_3.2015%29.pdf) and [04/03/2016](https://spdb.ohchr.org/hrdb/32nd/IRN_04.03.16_%283.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Saman Naseem | Enmity against God; corruption on earth. | Fair trial concerns | Remains at risk. |
| USA | [23/01/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/29th/public_-_UA_USA_23.01.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | [19/06/2015](http://hrdb.in.ohchr.org/hrdb/30th/USA_19.06.15_%282.2015%29.pdf) | Mr. Warren Hill | Murder | Execution of a person with intellectual or psychological disabilities | Mr. Warren Hill was executed—27/01/2015 |

 D. Observations on Tabulation (B)

1. It should be noted that the communications the Special Rapporteur sends to States on the subject of the death penalty are in ways the most straightforward to follow-up upon on the basis of a desk-based review. The Special Rapporteur expresses his continued gratitude to various civil society and advocacy organisations who facilitate this follow up. Establishing, at the very least, whether an individual has indeed been executed subsequent to a communication being sent to the Government provides a helpful reference to whether the sending of these urgent appeals is effective in ensuring that States abide by international standards, prospectively, in their application of the death penalty. According to available information, executions were registered in 8 of the 15 countries addressed in Tabulation (B).
2. The death penalty is a barbaric punishment which, viewed from the perspective of State practice, is in steady, irrevocable and terminal decline. The Special Rapporteur has argued elsewhere that international law is in principle abolitionist, in the sense that it requires at least the progressive abolition of the death penalty.[[4]](#footnote-5) However, in several States there have been steps taken to re-introduce capital punishment, while in a handful of other States it remains a common practice, and, regrettably, one that often takes place in flagrant violations of established international law protections.
3. As indicated in the table below, the main alleged violations covered in the cases transmitted to Governments during the reporting period were: fair trial concerns in judicial procedures leading to the imposition of the death penalty (43); the imposition of the death penalty for crimes which do not meet the threshold of the “most serious crimes” (13); extraction of confessions under torture (14); juvenile at time of offense (13); execution of a person with intellectual or psychosocial disability (7); assistance of abolitionist State in the investigation of crimes that may result in the imposition of the death penalty in another State (1); and the imposition of the death penalty by Federal Government for facts which occurred in abolitionist state (1).
4. The Special Rapporteur is concerned about the alarming number of cases in which the death sentence was allegedly imposed following judicial procedures that fall short of international standards of fair trial and due process, a necessary requirement for the lawful imposition of this type of punishment. Forty-three out of the 50 communications considered in Tabulation (B) address this issue. One of the most dangerous abuses addressed in communications appears to be the use of the death penalty for crimes that are not the “most serious”. During the past year, the Special Rapporteur sent 13 communications about the imposition of the death penalty for various offences that do not meet this threshold.
5. In this connection, the Special Rapporteur particularly highlights the imposition of the death penalty for drugs offences. In 2015, the World Day Against the Death Penalty was used to underscore the extent of this problem. Moreover, earlier this year, the Special Rapporteur joined a demarche of several Rapporteurs to the UN General Assembly Special Session on drugs in which they made clear that ‘the application of capital punishment for drug-related offenses directly contravenes international human rights law’ and urged States ‘to make immediate commitments towards its full abolition.’[[5]](#footnote-6)
6. The Special Rapporteur has also frequently sent communications regarding the planned execution of individuals who must be protected from the death penalty (20): most commonly those suffering from a psycho-social disability (7 communications), or those who have been convicted for crimes committed as juveniles, in some cases those who are still juveniles (13 communications). In this latter case, the Special Rapporteur underlines that the burden of proof should rest on the prosecution to demonstrate that a defendant was an adult at the time the crime was perpetrated.
7. The Special Rapporteur is also concerned about the number of instances in which he has addressed allegations of a capital sentence being proposed against an individual after a “trial” in or before which evidence has been derived from torture (14 communications). This manifestly undermines the credibility that the sentence is being imposed after a fair trial. In addition, 26 communications address overall allegations of torture of individuals who have been sentenced to death.

1. \* Reproduced as received. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \* Type of Communication: UA: Urgent Appeal; JUA: Joint Urgent Appeal; AL: Letter of Allegation; JAL: Joint Letter of Allegation. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. A description of the process to update the Minnesota Protocol is available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Executions/Pages/RevisionoftheUNManualPreventionExtraLegalArbitrary.aspx>

 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Christof Heyns & Thomas Probert ‘The right to life and the progressive abolition of the death penalty’ in *Moving Away from the Death Penalty: Argument, Trends and Perspectives* (New York: United Nations, 2015)

 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Joint Open Letter by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of mental and physical health; and the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on the occasion of the United Nation General Assembly Special Session on Drugs New York, 19-21 April 2016 http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=19828&LangID=E [↑](#footnote-ref-6)