



2021



# End of Year Report

Highlighted activities of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

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# 2021 Snapshot

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## Reports to the UN Human Rights Council & General Assembly

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- Report addressing the human rights impact of counter-terrorism and countering (violent) extremism **policies and practices on the rights of women, girls and the family** (A/HRC/46/36).
- Report on advancing human rights through the mainstreaming of human rights in **counter-terrorism capacity-building and technical assistance** at the national, regional and global levels (A/76/261).

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## Civil Society Consultations

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Engaged over 100 civil society organizations from every continent throughout the year, including through mandate hosted consultations on the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review, specific country situations, sanctions, countering the financing of terrorism, biometrics, repatriation and more.

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## Technical Advice, Inputs & Expert Resources

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The Special Rapporteur has published a vast array of position papers, technical guides, reports and other resources for Member States, civil society, non-governmental organizations and United Nations entities, including in advance of important normative processes, such as the 7th biennial review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review, renewal of various United Nations Security Council sanctions regimes, and other processes. Examples include:

- Resources for the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review, including: Priorities for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights while Countering-Terrorism; Trends & Data: Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism; and Technical Recommendations for the United Nations and Member States.
- Position papers on United Nations Security Council **counter-terrorism sanctions regimes**, the **use of "Battlefield" or military produced evidence**, **human rights of adolescents/juveniles** detained in North-East Syria.
- Input to Facebook Oversight Board on Community Guidelines and Community Standard on Dangerous Individuals and Organizations, and more.

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## Member State Engagement

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The Special Rapporteur continued bilateral and national level Member State engagement, by partnering with States and civil society to host dialogues, side events, and briefings. The mandate briefed several legislative bodies, Groups of Friends, and conducted an official country visit to Uzbekistan and a working level visit to the United States of America. The Special Rapporteur continues to engage closely with Member States to translate its reports and recommendations into practice.



**135**  
JOINT  
COMMUNICATIONS

**76**  
OF THE JOINT  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LED BY THE  
MANDATE

# COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS HAVE ADDRESSED A WIDE RANGE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM & HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, INCLUDING:



COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCING



USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY



PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM



EMERGENCY & OTHER MEASURES



**76** COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDED ANALYSES AND COMMENTS ON LEGISLATION. **13** OF THESE LEGISLATIVE REVIEWS WERE LED BY THE MANDATE AND COVERED ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, THE EUROPEAN UNION, FRANCE, HAITI, NICARAGUA, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, TURKEY, & VENEZUELA.

**57**

STATES WERE  
ENGAGED ON THE  
ISSUE OF  
REPATRIATION  
THROUGH  
COMMUNICATIONS  
FROM THE  
MANDATE

# REPATRIATION

REPATRIATION WAS A STAND-OUT ISSUE IN 2021. THE MANDATE RESPONDED TO THIS URGENT ISSUE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:



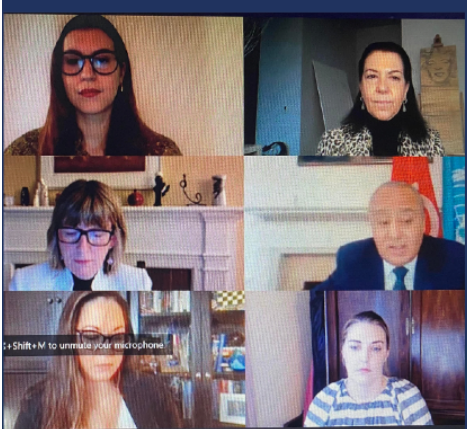
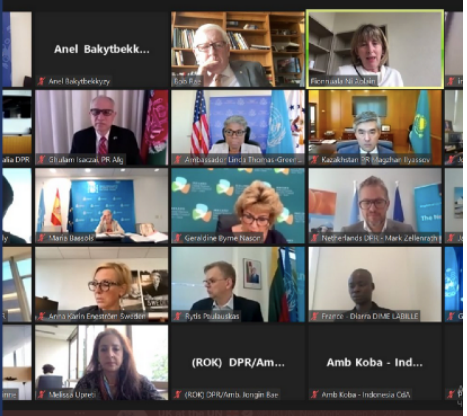
- **Communication with 57 States** whose nationals are in Northeast Syria
- **Bilateral engagements with States & technical assistance**
- **Amicus curiae** in national and regional courts on cases of repatriation



- **Position paper** on the use of "battlefield" or military produced evidence in the context of investigations or trials involving terrorism offences
- **Position paper** on human rights of adolescents/juveniles being detained in North-East Syria



- Engaged Member States, United Nations, and civil society in dialogue through co-organization of briefings in Geneva and New York
- Partnered with the Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict to co-organize an event and film showing on "Addressing the plight of children allegedly associated with armed groups, including those designated as terrorist groups by the United Nations." Maintained close partnerships with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



# THE SPECIAL RAPPOREUR THANKS ALL PARTNERS FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT IN 2021

## 2022 PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- 1 Promoting the Critical Role of Civil Society
- 2 Supporting Victims of Terrorism
- 3 Advancing Rights Protections Amidst Proliferation of New & Emerging Technologies
- 4 Promoting Human Rights Due Diligence and Independent Oversight of Counter-Terrorism at the National and International Level
- 5 Meaningful Gender Mainstreaming and Engagement with Women's Human Rights Defenders and Civil Society

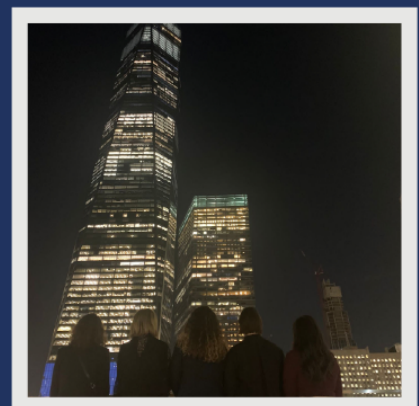


Photo: UN SR CT & HR Team at 9/11 Memorial in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11