

III. Decisions on individual cases taken by the Working Group and communications transmitted to the States concerned during the reporting period

Countries	Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period under review	Cases transmitted to the Government during the reporting period		Cases clarified during the period under review by		Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)	Number of outstanding cases at the end of the period under review	Communications sent during the period under review			Communications received during the period under review		
		Urgent actions	Standard cases	Government	Sources			Prompt intervention letter	Urgent appeal	General allegation	Response to prompt intervention letter	Response to urgent appeal ³³	Response to general allegation
Afghanistan	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria ³⁴	3,005	-	41	-	-	-	3,047	3	1	1	2	-	1
Angola	0	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
Argentina	3,271	-	-	-	-	1	3,271	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	1	6	-	1	3	1	3	-	2	-	-	2*	-
Bangladesh	11	2	2	-	-	-	15	1	3	-	-	-	-
Belarus	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	28	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	4
Brazil	13	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burundi	52	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	14	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-

³³ The asterisk in this column indicates that some of the replies received during the reporting period still need to be reviewed by the Working Group.

³⁴ The Working Group decided to reopen one case.

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Philippines	621	-	4	-	-	-	625	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian Federation	471	-	-	-	-	-	471	-	3	-	1	1*	-
Rwanda	21	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	4	1	2	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	0	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	3	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka ³⁶	5676	-	63	6	-	8	5731	4	-	1	2	-	2
Sudan	173	-	-	-	-	-	173	-	2	-	-	2	-
Switzerland	1	-	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	72	13	19	-	2	-	102	-	5	-	-	4	-
Tajikistan	4	1	-	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand ³⁷	71	2	9	-	-	-	81	1	-	-	-	-	-
Timor-Leste	428	-	-	-	-	-	428	-	-	-	-	-	-
Togo	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tunisia	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	60	-	2	-	-	1	62	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Philippines

90. The Working Group welcomes the enactment of the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act in December of 2012, which makes the Philippines the first country in Asia to criminalize enforced and involuntary disappearances. At the same time, the Working Group encourages the Government to ensure effective implementation of the Act by taking all necessary measures, including, but not limited to, legal, policy and institutional reforms.

91. On 3 April 2008, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. No response yet has been received from the Government in spite of reminders sent. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

Russian Federation

92. The Working Group is concerned that it transmitted three urgent appeals during the reporting period (A/HRC/WGEID/101/1, para. 127; A/HRC/WGEID/102/1, para. 104; and A/HRC/WGEID/103/1, para. 131) and reminds the Government of its obligations to prevent and eradicate enforced disappearance and that, as provided in article 7 of the Declaration, no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances.

93. On 2 November 2006, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. No positive response has been received yet in spite of reminders. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

Sri Lanka

94. The Working Group notes with concern that it has transmitted four prompt intervention letters during the reporting period concerning the alleged intimidation of and reprisals against human rights defenders who work on the issue of enforced disappearances (A/HRC/WGEID/99/1, para. 123; A/HRC/WGEID/100/1, para. 94; A/HRC/WGEID/103/1, paras. 154–155). While thanking the Government for its responses to two of those communications, the Working Group recalls article 13 of the Declaration which provides that steps shall be taken to ensure that all involved in the investigation, including the complainant, counsel, witnesses and those conducting the investigation, are protected against ill-treatment, intimidation or reprisal.

95. The Working Group appreciates the replies on a high number of cases from the Government of Sri Lanka and hopes that a visit will contribute to the clarification of many of the outstanding cases.

96. The Working Group thanks the Government for its response to the general allegation sent on the process and methodology of the Presidential Commission on Enforced Disappearances and hopes that the challenges identified are addressed in a way that secures the right to truth and justice.

97. The Working Group notes resolution 25/1 of the Human Rights Council of 26 March 2014, which calls for advice and technical assistance by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and special procedures mandate holders, urges the Government to cooperate and offers any assistance necessary in that regard.

98. On 16 October 2006, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. No positive response yet has been received from the Government in spite of reminders sent. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

Syrian Arab Republic

99. The Working Group is particularly concerned about the extent and scale of enforced disappearance in the Syrian Arab Republic, as also highlighted by the work of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, which has revealed the nature of crime against humanity of enforced disappearances in the country. Consequently, the Working Group has decided to call for action by the highest United Nations bodies to tackle that issue and in particular has requested the Security Council to consider referring the matter to the International Criminal Court (see para. 32 above).

100. On 19 September 2011, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. No response yet has been received from the Government in spite of a reminder sent in 2013. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply can be received soon.

Thailand

101. The Working Group reiterates its concern that, 10 years after the disappearance of Somchai Neelaphaijit, his fate and whereabouts remain unknown. It urges the Government of Thailand to continue the investigations into the case, establish the truth and hold criminally responsible the perpetrators of the disappearance.

102. On 30 June 2011, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. No positive response yet has been received from the Government in spite of reminders sent. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

Ukraine

103. The Working Group is concerned about the deteriorating situation in Ukraine, which may facilitate the occurrence of enforced disappearances. It reiterates article 7 of the Declaration, which provides that no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances.

United Arab Emirates

104. The Working Group is concerned that, during the reporting period, it transmitted to the Government 12 cases under its urgent action procedure and 2 urgent appeals (A/HRC/WGEID/100/1, paras. 121–128, A/HRC/WGEID/101/1, paras. 167–168; A/HRC/WGEID/102/1, para. 163; and A/HRC/WGEID/103/1, paras. 181–185, 189). While thanking the Government for replying to most communications and noting that 16 cases have been clarified during the reporting period, it is concerned at what seems to be a recent pattern of short-term disappearances.

105. The Working Group recalls articles 2 (“no State shall practise, permit or tolerate enforced disappearances”), 7 (“no circumstances whatsoever ... may be invoked to justify enforced disappearances”) and 10 (“accurate information on the detention of such persons and their place or places of detention, including transfers, shall be made promptly available

Annexes

[English only]

Annex I

Country visit requests and invitations extended

<i>Invitations extended to the WGEID</i>		
<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	
Algeria ^a	tbd	
Croatia	15 June 2014	
Ecuador	tbd	
Iran (Islamic Republic of) ^b	tbd	
Kyrgyzstan	tbd	
Libya	Postponed	
Montenegro	27 June 2014	
Peru	Tbd	
Serbia	19 June 2014	
Tajikistan	tbd	
<i>Visits requested by the WGEID</i>		
<i>Country</i>	<i>Request sent</i>	<i>Last reminder sent</i>
Bangladesh	12 March 2013	
Belarus	30 June 2011	4 October 2013
Burundi	27 May 2009	2 September 2013
China	19 February 2013	2 September 2013
Egypt	30 June 2011	18 September 2013
India	16 August 2010	2 September 2013
Indonesia	12 December 2006	2 September 2013
Kenya	19 February 2013	2 September 2013

^a Please refer to para. 56 of the current document.

^b Please refer to para. 80 of the current document.

Visits requested by the WGEID

<i>Country</i>	<i>Request sent</i>	<i>Last reminder sent</i>
Nepal	12 May 2006	2 September 2013
Nicaragua	23 May 2006	2 September 2013
Philippines	03 April 2013	18 September 2013
Russian Federation	02 November 2006	2 September 2013
South Sudan	29 August 2011	2 September 2013
Sri Lanka	16 October 2006	11 October 2013
Sudan	20 December 2005	2 September 2013
Syrian Arab Republic	19 September 2011	2 September 2013
Thailand	30 June 2011	2 September 2013
Turkey	19 February 2013	2 September 2013
United Arab Emirates	13 September 2013	
Uzbekistan	30 June 2011	2 September 2013
Zimbabwe	20 July 2009	2 September 2013

Annex II

Statistical summary: cases of enforced or involuntary disappearance reported to the Working Group between 1980 and 2014, and general allegations transmitted

States/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government						Status of person at date of clarification			General Allegation				
	Outstanding cases		Total		Cases clarified by:									
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female	Government	Sources	At liberty	In detention	Discontinued cases	Closed cases	GA sent	Response		
Afghanistan	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria [1]	3047	20	3074	21	9	19	10	10	8	-	-	Yes (2013)	-	Yes
Angola	2	-	12	1	7	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-
Argentina	3271	734	3449	773	124	52	30	5	141	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	3	-	11	-	1	7	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	15	1	16	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	Yes (2011)	-	No
Belarus	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	28	3	48	3	19	1	19	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes -(2009/2011/2014)	-	Yes
Brazil	13	-	63	4	46	4	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Burundi	52	-	53	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	14	-	19	-	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes (2013)	-	-
Chad	23	-	34	-	3	8	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	796	64	908	65	88	23	2	-	109	-	-	-	-	-
China	37	8	128	19	77	14	54	35	2	-	-	Yes (2010/2011)	-	Yes

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	Outstanding cases		Total		Cases clarified by:									
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female	Government	Sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	Discontinued cases	Closed cases	GA sent	Response	
Romania	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-			
Russian Federation	471	25	483	27	2	10	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rwanda	21	2	24	2	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	
Saudi Arabia	6	-	13	-	2	3	2	3	-	2	-	-	-	
Senegal	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Serbia	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Seychelles	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Somalia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
South Africa	1	1	12	2	3	2	1	1	3	6	-			
South Sudan	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spain	6	-	8	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	Yes (2014)	No	
Sri Lanka [3]	5731	96	12536	165	6541	40	109	27	6 445	-	-	Yes (2011/2014)	Yes	
Sudan	173	5	383	37	205	4	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Switzerland	0	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Syrian Arab Republic	102	10	153	12	15	36	27	18	6	-	-	Yes (2) (2011)	Yes	
Tajikistan	4	-	10	-	4	2	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	
Thailand [4]	81	8	89	8	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	Yes	No	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes (2009)	No	
Timor-Leste	428	28	504	36	58	18	51	23	2	-	-	-	-	
Togo	10	2	11	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tunisia	2	-	19	1	12	5	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	
Turkey	62	2	184	11	72	49	71	24	26	1	-	-	-	
Turkmenistan	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Uganda	15	2	22	4	2	5	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	
Ukraine	4	-	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
United Arab Emirates	12	-	30	-	2	16	2	16	-	-	-	-	-	

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	Outstanding cases		Total		Cases clarified by:									
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female	Government	Sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	Discontinued cases	Closed cases	GA sent	Response	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
United Republic of Tanzania	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-			
United States of America	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Uruguay	19	2	31	7	11	1	5	4	3	-	-	Yes (2013)	Yes	
Uzbekistan	7	-	20	-	12	1	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	12	2	16	3	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Viet Nam	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Yemen	10	-	168	-	135	9	66	5	73	14	-	-	-	
Zambia	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-			
Zimbabwe	4	1	6	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	Yes (2009)	No	
State of Palestine	4	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Annex III

Graphs showing the number of cases of enforced disappearances per year and per country according to the cases transmitted by the Working Group during the period 1980–16 May 2014 (only for countries with more than 100 cases transmitted)



