

### III. Decisions on individual cases taken by the Working Group and communications transmitted to the States concerned during the reporting period<sup>20</sup>

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	Other letter	Response to prompt intervention letter	Response to urgent appeal	Response to general allegation	Response to other letter
Afghanistan	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria	3 047	-	58	-	1	-	3 104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Argentina <sup>21</sup>	3 271	-	1	-	-	-	3 271	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	3	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Bangladesh	15	2	13	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bhutan	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	28	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Brazil	13	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burundi	52	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>20</sup> Urgent actions are cases of enforced disappearances occurred within three months prior to the receipt of a report by the Working Group; or cases of enforced disappearances occurred prior to the three-month limit, but within one year prior to the receipt of a report by the Working Group, provided that there is a link with a case that occurred within the three-month period. Standard cases are cases of enforced disappearances occurred prior to the three-month limit. Prompt intervention letters concern cases of intimidation, persecution or reprisal against families of disappeared persons, witnesses, lawyers, human rights defenders and other individuals concerned with disappearances. Urgent appeals concern allegations of enforced disappearances; or allegations regarding persons deprived of liberty who are at risk of being disappeared. General allegations concern alleged obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Declaration.

<sup>21</sup> The Working Group determined during its 106th session that one case was a duplicate and subsequently expunged it from the records.

Countries	<i>Number of outstanding cases at the beginning of the period</i>	<i>Cases transmitted to the Government during the reporting period</i>		<i>Cases clarified during the period under review by:</i>		<i>Number of cases of possible clarification by Government (6-month rule)</i>	<i>Number of outstanding cases at the end of the period under review</i>	<i>Communications sent during the period under review</i>				<i>Communications received during the period under review</i>			
	<i>under review</i>	<i>Urgent actions</i>	<i>Standard cases</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Sources</i>	<i>(6-month rule)</i>		<i>Prompt</i>	<i>Urgent appeal</i>	<i>General allegation</i>	<i>Other letter</i>	<i>Response to prompt intervention letter</i>	<i>Response to urgent appeal</i>	<i>Response to general allegation</i>	<i>Response to other letter</i>
								<i>intervention letter</i>				<i>intervention letter</i>			
Mexico	359	2	5	-	-	-	366	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	-
Morocco	60	-	26	-	-	-	86	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Namibia	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	459	-	-	-	-	-	459	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Nicaragua	103	-	-	-	-	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Oman	0	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	151	57	4	-	12	-	200	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Peru <sup>24</sup>	2 370	-	-	-	3	-	2 365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philippines	625	-	-	-	-	-	625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russian Federation	471	-	5	-	-	-	476	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	21	-	1	-	-	-	22	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Saudi Arabia	6	-	2	2	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Sri Lanka	5 731	-	29	10	-	7	5 750	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>24</sup> The Working Group determined during its 104th session that two cases were duplicates and subsequently expunged them from the records.

## **Paraguay**

81. In relation to the general allegation of 7 October 2014 (see A/HRC/WGEID/104/1, paras. 97-107), while the Working Group appreciates the reply received on 7 January 2015 (see A/HRC/WGEID/105/1, paras. 111-115), it considers that more efforts should be made to establish the fate and whereabouts of the disappeared persons and to identify the bodies.

## **Russian Federation**

82. 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 sent. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

## **Rwanda**

83. On 27 October 2014, the Working Group requested an invitation to undertake a visit to the country. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

## **Spain**

84. The Working Group reminds the Government of its obligation to either investigate cases of enforced disappearances or, alternatively, cooperate with other countries who want to investigate and prosecute these cases, including by extraditing suspects present in its territory (see A/HRC/WGEID/106/1, para. 68). The Working Group emphasizes that, in accordance with article 17 of the Declaration, acts constituting enforced disappearance shall be considered a continuing offence as long as the perpetrators continue to conceal the fate and the whereabouts of persons who have disappeared and these facts remain unclarified.

## **Sri Lanka**

85. The Working Group appreciates the invitation received from the Government to visit Sri Lanka from 3 to 12 August 2015. It notes however that, on 17 July 2015, the Government has requested a postponement of the visit in the light of the proximity of the dates scheduled for the visit with the Parliamentary elections. The Working Group notes the commitment expressed by the Government to ensure that the visit can take place at a mutually agreed date before the end of 2015.

## **Syrian Arab Republic**

86. The Working Group continues to be gravely concerned about the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, 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.

87. 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 reminders sent. The Working Group hopes that a positive reply will be received soon.

## Annex I

*[English only]***Country visit requests and invitations extended***Invitations extended to the WGEID*

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
Albania	tbd
Algeria <sup>1</sup>	tbd
Ecuador	tbd
Iran (Islamic Republic of) <sup>2</sup>	tbd
Kyrgyzstan	tbd
Libya	tbd, postponed
Sri Lanka	3-12 August 2015 (postponed)
Sudan	tbd
Turkey	16-20 November 2015
Tajikistan	tbd

*Visits requested by the WGEID*

<i>Country</i>	<i>Request sent</i>	<i>Last reminder sent</i>
Bahrain	27 October 2014	28 October 2014
Bangladesh	12 March 2013	28 October 2014
Belarus	30 June 2011	28 October 2014
Burundi	27 May 2009	27 October 2014
China	19 February 2013	28 October 2014
Egypt	30 June 2011	27 October 2014
India	16 August 2010	28 October 2014
Indonesia	12 December 2006	28 October 2014
Kenya	19 February 2013	28 October 2014
Nepal	12 May 2006	27 October 2014
Nicaragua	23 May 2006	27 October 2014

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to para. 58 of the current document.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to para. 33 of the current document.

## Annex II

[English only]

### Statistical summary: cases of enforced or involuntary disappearance reported to the Working Group between 1980 and 2015, and general allegations transmitted

States/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Cases clarified by:		Status of person at date of clarification				General Allegation		
	Outstanding cases		Total		Government	Sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	Discontinued cases	Closed cases	GA sent	Response
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female									
Afghanistan	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria	3 104	20	3 132	21	9	20	11	10	8	-	-	Yes (2013)	Yes
Angola	2	-	12	1	7	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-
Argentina <sup>1</sup>	3 271	735	3 449	774	124	52	30	5	141	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	3	-	12	-	2	7	2	7	-	-	-	Yes (2014)	Yes
Bangladesh	30	1	31	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	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> The Working Group determined that one case was a duplicate and subsequently deleted it from its records.

States/entities	Cases transmitted to the Government				Cases clarified by:		Status of person at date of clarification				General Allegation			
	Outstanding cases		Total		Government	Sources	At liberty	In detention	Dead	Discontinued cases	Closed cases	GA sent	Response	
	Cases	Female	Cases	Female										
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)	Yes	
Sri Lanka	5 750	100	12341	170	6 551	40	118	27	6 446	-	-	Yes (2011/2014)	Yes	
Sudan	173	5	383	37	205	4	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Switzerland	0	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Syrian Arab Republic	130	11	186	12	15	41	30	20	6	-	-	Yes (2) (2011)	Yes	
Tajikistan	3	-	10	-	5	2	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	
Thailand	82	8	90	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	79	2	202	11	73	49	71	24	27	1	-	-	-	
Turkmenistan	3	-	5	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Uganda	15	2	22	4	2	5	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	
Ukraine	5	-	7	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
United Arab Emirates	16	3	36	3	2	18	4	16	-	-	-	-	-	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
United Republic of Tanzania	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-			
United States of America	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			

## Annex III

*[English only]*

**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 1980–15 May 2015 (only for countries with more than 100 cases transmitted)**



