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## Human Rights Council Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

### Communications and cases examined, observations made and other activities conducted at the 107th session (14-18 September 2015)

#### Report of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

## I. Introduction

1. The present document reflects the communications and cases examined, the observations made and other activities carried out by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances at its 107th session, held in Geneva from 14 to 18 September 2015.

## II. Communications

2. Between its 106th and 107th sessions, the Working Group transmitted 66 cases under its urgent action procedure, to Bangladesh (1), China (3), Egypt (19), Kenya (1), Pakistan (39), the Sudan (1), the Syrian Arab Republic (1) and the United Arab Emirates (1).

3. At its 107th session, the Working Group decided to transmit 87 newly reported cases of enforced disappearance to 12 States. The Working Group also clarified 29 cases, in Bahrain (1), China (3), Egypt (2), the Gambia (4), Jordan (1), Pakistan (8), the Syrian Arab Republic (1) and the United Arab Emirates (9). Five cases were clarified on the basis of information provided by Governments and 24 on the basis of information provided by sources.

4. Between its 106th and 107th sessions, the Working Group, following its prompt intervention procedure, transmitted, jointly with other special procedure mechanisms, three communications, to Colombia, El Salvador and Mexico. The Working Group also transmitted a letter to Spain.

5. At its 107th session, the Working Group reviewed a general allegation concerning Pakistan.



### **III. Other activities**

6. At its 107th session, the Working Group met with representatives from the Latin American and Caribbean Group, and held formal meetings with representatives of the Governments of Japan and Ukraine.

7. The Working Group also met with the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to exchange information on activities and to further cooperation and coordination on enforced disappearances. It also had a discussion with the president of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo organization and met with two experts of the Interdisciplinary Group of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the case of the students of Ayotzinapa, Mexico.

8. The 107th session coincided with the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council, during which the Working Group presented to the Council its annual report (A/HRC/30/38), its reports on its missions to the Western Balkans (A/HRC/30/38/Add.1, A/HRC/30/38/Add.2 and A/HRC/30/38/Add.3), its follow-up report to the recommendations made following its visits to Mexico and Timor-Leste (A/HRC/30/38/Add.4) and its study on enforced disappearances and economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/30/38/Add.5).

### **IV. Information concerning enforced or involuntary disappearances in States reviewed by the Working Group**

#### **Albania**

##### **Information from the Government**

9. On 30 April 2015, the Government of Albania provided information on one outstanding case. The information provided was considered insufficient to lead to a clarification.

#### **Algeria**

##### **Standard procedure**

10. The Working Group transmitted 12 cases to the Government of Algeria, concerning:
- (a) Mohamed Guellati, allegedly arrested at his workplace at the Centre Universitaire Larbi Ben M'hidi, Oum El Bouaghi Province, by the security services;
  - (b) Amar Gouadjlia, allegedly arrested by gendarmes in El Nakhla, Douar Ouled Abelakel, commune Ain M'lila, Oum El Bouaghi;
  - (c) Amar Haddad, allegedly arrested by agents of national security in Hama, Sétif;
  - (d) Djamel Ghomri, allegedly arrested on 10 December 1994 by police officers in Casbah, Algiers;
  - (e) Djamel Bouaïcha, allegedly abducted on 15 July 1995 in Aïn Lahdjar, commune de Fouka, Tipaza Province, by four plainclothed police officers;
  - (f) Adda Abdelhadi, allegedly arrested on 9 April 1995 by military and communal police officers in Mazouna, Relizane Province;
  - (g) Abderrahmane Allag, allegedly arrested on 25 October 1994 by police officers in uniform at Meftah, Blida Province;
  - (h) Yacine Kebche, allegedly arrested on 27 July 1995 by armed members of security services, at his workplace at the market of Daksi Abdessalem, Constantine Province;

## China

### Urgent action

23. On 30 July 2015, the Working Group, following its urgent action procedure, transmitted two cases to the Government of China concerning Dolkar Lhamo and Nyina Lhamo, allegedly arrested in Chengdu by the Litang Police on 17 July 2015.

24. On 3 August 2015, the Working Group, following its urgent action procedure, transmitted one cases to the Government concerning Li Heping, who was allegedly arrested in his apartment in Daxing District, Beijing on 10 July 2015.

### Standard procedure

25. The Working Group transmitted nine cases to the Government of China, concerning:

(a) Kim Bun Sook, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police on 27 October 2004 and repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(b) Kim Hyung Il, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police on 27 October 2004 and repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(c) Kim Jung Ah, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested on 29 May 2008 by the Shenyang security police in Shenyang and repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in February 2009;

(d) Kim Chul Guk, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested on 29 May 2008 by the Shenyang security police in Shenyang and repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in February 2009;

(e) Kim Sung Ah, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested on 29 May 2008 by the Shenyang security police in Shenyang and repatriated to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in February 2009;

(f) Jung Nam Ok, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police in Heilongjiang on 22 June 2007 and handed over to the Sinuiju Security Agency in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(g) Jung Sun Kyung, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police in Heilongjiang on 22 June 2007 and handed over to the Sinuiju Security Agency in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(h) Ryu Hyuk, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police in Heilongjiang on 22 June 2007 and handed over to the Sinuiju Security Agency in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(i) Heo Chul Nam, a national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, allegedly arrested by Chinese police in Heilongjiang on 22 June 2007 and handed over to the Sinuiju Security Agency in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

26. In accordance with the methods of work of the Working Group, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea received a copy of the above nine cases.

### Clarification

27. On 3 August 2015, a source provided information on two cases transmitted through the urgent action procedure on 30 July 2015. As a result, the Working Group decided to clarify the cases of Dolkar Lhamo and Nyina Lhamo.

28. On the basis of the information provided by the source, the Working Group also decided to clarify the previously transmitted case of Chongbiao Mi, who has reportedly been in detention since September 2013.

**Information from the Government**

29. On 30 April 2014, the Government transmitted information concerning four outstanding cases. The information provided was considered insufficient to lead to a clarification.

**Colombia**

**Prompt intervention letter**

30. On 25 June 2015, the Working Group transmitted, jointly with two other special procedure mechanisms, a prompt intervention letter concerning the alleged threats and attacks against witnesses in two cases of enforced disappearance and a lawyer, member of a human rights organization.

**Congo**

**Prompt intervention letter**

31. On 2 September 2015, the Working Group transmitted, jointly with two other special procedure mechanisms, a prompt intervention letter concerning allegations of summary executions and torture committed by soldiers of the International Support Mission to the Central African Republic against members of the anti-Balaka militia in December 2013 and March 2014 (see para. 21 above).

**Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**Standard procedure**

32. The Working Group transmitted five cases to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, concerning:

(a) A girl below 18 years of age, allegedly arrested by officers of the National Security Agency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 February 2011;

(b) Ho Young Hee, allegedly arrested by officers of the National Security Agency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 February 2011;

(c) A boy below 18 years of age, allegedly arrested by officers of the National Security Agency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 February 2011;

(d) Kim Eun Shil, allegedly last seen in Sung Chun Defence Security Command in May 2009;

(e) Kim Seung-gil, allegedly arrested in June 2005 and last seen on 10 January 2006 at the Onsung County Security Agency located in Ontan-eup, Onsung-gun, North Hamkyung Province.

**Information from the Government**

33. On 22 July 2015, the Government transmitted information concerning 57 outstanding cases. The information provided was considered insufficient to lead to a clarification.