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THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HOLDS ITS 176th REGULAR SESSION

San José, Costa Rica, June 5, 2025. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 176th regular session from May 19 to 30, 2025, in a hybrid form. During the session, it held hearings and deliberations, and discussed urgent matters. The first week took place with the presence of the judges in Guatemala City, Guatemala, with the activities described previously [here](#), while the second week was conducted virtually.

I. Public hearings on contentious cases¹

The Court held three public hearings on the following contentious cases:

A. Case of the Salango Community v. Ecuador

The transmission of the hearing can be found [here](#)

B. Case of the Cayos Cochinos Garifuna Community and its members v. Honduras

The transmission of the hearing can be found [here](#)

C. Case of Ramos Durand et al. v. Peru²

The transmission of the hearing can be found [here](#)

II. Monitoring compliance with judgments

The Court held five private hearings on monitoring compliance with judgments in the following cases, with the agreement and collaboration of the Guatemalan State:

- a. Case of Rodríguez Revolorio *et al.* v. Guatemala.
- b. Case of Chinchilla Sandoval *et al.* v. Guatemala.
- c. Case of the Former Employees of the Judiciary v. Guatemala.
- d. Case of Cuscul Pivaral *et al.* v. Guatemala.
- e. Case of the Maya Kaqchikel Indigenous Peoples of Sumpango *et al.* v. Guatemala.

III. Advisory opinion

Deliberations were completed on the request for an advisory opinion on the Climate Emergency and Human Rights presented by the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Chile (OC-32/2023). This advisory opinion has received the greatest number of written observations from States, civil society organizations, universities and the public in general in the history of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In due course, the Court will notify the issue of the opinion on its official networks.

IV. Meetings with authorities and officials visits

A. Meeting with the President of the Republic of Guatemala

On May 19, the Inter-American Court visited the National Palace and met with the President of the Republic of Guatemala, His Excellency Bernardo Arévalo de León; the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Carlos Ramiro Martínez Alvarado; the Attorney General, Julio Roberto Saavedra Pinetta, and the General Secretary of the Presidency, Juan Gerardo Guerrero Garnica.

B. Institutional meeting with authorities of the Universidad Rafael Landívar

Also on May 19, the Court held an institutional meeting with authorities of the Universidad Rafael Landívar. Participants included Dr. Larry Andradre-Abularach, General Secretary, and Dr. Rolando Escobar Menaldo, Dean of the Faculty of Juridical and Social Sciences. In addition, the Deputy Executive Director responsible for the Office of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights (COPADEH), Arely Marisol Zea, took part in the activity.

C. Meeting with authorities of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala

On May 23, the President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and the Registrar, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, met with the President of the Guatemalan Constitutional Court, Leyla Susana Lemus Arriaga, and Justice Roberto Molina Barreto.

D. Meeting with the Guatemalan Judiciary

Also, on May 23, the President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and the Registrar, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, visited the Guatemalan Judiciary and met with Justice Carlos Rodimiro Lucero Paz, senior member of the Supreme Court of Justice by appointment of the President; Justice Estuardo Adolfo Cárdenas, and the Deputy Secretary of the President of the Judiciary and of the Supreme Court of Justice, José Vicente Mérida Vásquez

V. Other activities

A. International seminar

On May 19, the Inter-American Court and the Universidad Rafael Landívar held an international seminar "Case law of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and its impact" consisting of two academic panel sessions. Prior to the start of the seminar, a prize was awarded to one of the winning photographs of the photographic competition "Focusing on rights: a photographic journey with the IACtHR." Further information on the program and content of the seminar can be found [here](#).

B. Dialogue on leadership and experiences in international law

On May 21, officials from the Legal Area of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court took part in a dialogue on leadership and experiences in international law organized by the Universidad Rafael Landívar and its Association of Law Students.

C. Roundtable with States on “National mechanisms for the implementation of judgments of the IACtHR”

On May 23, at the Universidad Rafael Landívar and in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, a second roundtable was held on the topic of national mechanisms, instances or institutional structures for the implementation of the Court’s judgments, with the participation of authorities of the Court and representatives of the States.

¹ For reasons beyond their control, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice President (Brazil), and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile) were unable to attend the session in Guatemala. Judge Pérez Goldberg took part in the hearings virtually.

² Judge Alberto Borea Odría, a Peruvian national, did not take part in the public hearing for this case pursuant to Article 19 of the Court’s Rules of Procedure

The Court was composed of the following judges for this week of the session held in Guatemala: Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica), Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique (Uruguay), Verónica Gómez (Argentina), Alberto Borea Odría (Peru) and Diego Moreno Rodríguez (Paraguay).

During this session, some matters were heard by the previous composition of the Court, in keeping with Article 5(3) of the Court’s Statute, and Article 17 of its Rules of Procedure.

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