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THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ITS 165th REGULAR SESSION



San José, Costa Rica, April 4, 2024.- The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 165th Regular Session from March 7 to 22 and April 1st, in hybrid format, with both virtual and in-person activities.

During this Session the Court deliberated on five Contentious Cases, held two public hearings and one private hearing on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment. In addition, several resolutions on monitoring compliance with judgment were issued.

I. Judgments

The Court deliberated the Judgments in the following Contentious Cases:

a) Case of Vega González et al. v. Chile¹

The case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Chile for the application of a "half statute of limitations" or a "gradual statute of limitations" in 14 criminal law cases regarding crimes against humanity perpetrated against 48 individuals in the context of Chile's civilian-military dictatorship.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

b) Case of Aguirre Magaña v. El Salvador

The case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State of El Salvador for the alleged lack of due diligence in the criminal investigation for the serious injuries endured by Miguel Ángel Aguirre Magaña, which caused him a disability.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

c) Case of Yangali Iparraguirre v. Peru

This case is related to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Peru for the violation of the rights to judicial guarantees and judicial protection of Gino Ernesto Yangali Iparraguirre, as a result of noncompliance with a judgment that ordered the payment of compensation for damages regarding the arbitrary dismissal from his position as judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Lima.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

d) Case of the Rama and Kriol Peoples, the Monkey Point Community, and the Black Creole Indigenous Community of Bluefields v. Nicaragua

This case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State for the violation of several rights of the Rama and Kriol Peoples, including the nine communities that make up the territory of those peoples, as well as the Black Creole Indigenous Community of Bluefields.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

e) Case of Cuéllar Sandoval et al. v. El Salvador

This case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State of El Salvador for the alleged forced disappearance of Patricia Emilie Cuéllar Sandoval, Mauricio Cuéllar Sandoval and Julia Orbelina Pérez, as well as the alleged lack of due diligence in the investigation and impunity of the facts.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

II. Interpretation of Judgment

The Court deliberated an Interpretation of Judgment:

a) *Case of Flores Bedregal et al. v. Bolivia.*

Once the judgment is notified, it will be available [here](#).

III. Public hearings

The Court held a public hearing in a Contentious Case and in a Request for an Advisory Opinion.

1) Case of Aguas Acosta et al. v. Ecuador



This case concerns the alleged torture that resulted in the death of Aníbal Alonso Aguas Acosta and the lack of judicial guarantees and judicial protection in the investigation, prosecution and punishment of those responsible. Further information on this case is available [here](#).

The recording of the public hearing can be accessed [here](#).

2) Request for Advisory Opinion on “The content and scope of the right to care and its interrelation with other rights”



The public hearing on the Request for Advisory Opinion AO-31 on “The content and scope of the right to care and its interrelation with other rights”, submitted by the Republic of Argentina, was held on March 12, 13 and 14.

More information on the request for advisory opinion can be accessed [here](#).

The recording of the public hearing can be accessed [here](#).

IV. Private hearing on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment

The Court held a private hearing on Monitoring of Compliance with Judgment:

a) Case of the Massacres of El Mozote and Nearby Places v. El Salvador



On March 12, a private hearing was held on Monitoring Compliance with the Judgment issued on October 25, 2012, regarding several measures that were pending compliance.

V. Orders on Monitoring of Compliance with Judgment and Provisional Measures

a) The Court issued one Order of Provisional Measures:

1. *Case of Tabares Toro et al. v. Colombia*. Extension of Provisional Measures.

b) The Court issued Orders on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment in the following cases:

1. *Case of Almeida v. Argentina*

2. *Case of Baraona Bray v. Chile*

3. *Case of Rodríguez Revolorio v. Guatemala*

4. *Case of Valenzuela Ávila v. Guatemala*

Once the orders are notified, they will be available [here](#).

VI. Meetings with Authorities and International Organizations

a) Meeting with the Ambassador of Peru in Costa Rica



The President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López, along with the Registrar, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, met with the Ambassador of Peru in Costa Rica, Carlos Guillermo Hakansson Nieto. During his visit, the Ambassador expressed President Dina Boluarte's strong support of the inter-American system for the protection of human rights, and the willingness to strengthen and improve the relationship between Peru and the Inter-American Court.

b) Visit of the President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights



The full Court, along with the Registrars, received the President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Roberta Clarke, Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum and Assistant Executive Secretary Jorge Meza Flores to discuss several topics regarding the processing of files.

c) Visit of the Vice-President of the Republic of Colombia



The President of the Court Judge Nancy Hernández López, Vice-President Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch and Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto greeted the Vice-President of the Republic of Colombia Francia Márquez who visited the Court as part of the State of Colombia's participation in the public hearing of the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the Right to Care.

d) Visit of the Search Unit for Persons Presumed to be Disappeared in the context of and due to the armed conflict in Colombia



The President of the I/A Court H.R. Judge Nancy Hernández López, along with the Registrars and the Director of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment Gabriela Pacheco, held a meeting with Luz Janeth Forero Martínez, General Director of the Search Unit for Persons Presumed to be Disappeared in the Context of and Due to the Armed Conflict in Colombia (UBPD).

During the meeting, the I/A Court H.R. and UBPD signed a memorandum of understanding to exchange knowledge, experiences and information on the work performed by both institutions to guarantee of human rights for victims of disappearances.

e) Visit of the Attorney General of Colombia



The President of the I/A Court H.R. Judge Nancy Hernández López received the Attorney General of Colombia Margarita Cabello Blanco at the seat of the Court.

In this meeting the President of the Court was accompanied by the International Cooperation Coordinator Javier Mariezcurrena and Consultant Attorney Milagros Mutsios.

The delegation of Colombia included María Lourdes Hernández Mindiola, Chief of Staff and Delegate Prosecutor of the Ordinary Disciplinary Prosecution Chamber; Sonia Patricia Téllez Beltrán, Delegate Prosecutor of Preliminary Proceedings; Camila Afanador Vargas, International Cooperation Coordinator and Lucía Arbeláez Former President of Superior Judicial Council and UNDP Advisor.

A Cooperation Agreement was signed in this meeting, which seeks to coordinate efforts to strengthen the relationship between the institutions and for the different public officials of Colombia to obtain a more in-depth knowledge of international human rights law and the Jurisprudence of the I/A Court H.R., with a special focus on a gender perspective.

¹ Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg, of Chilean nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

The Court's composition for this Regular Session was as follows: Judge Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica); Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice-President (Brazil); Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto (Colombia); Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot (México); Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique (Uruguay); Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina) and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile).

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