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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION ON DIFFERENTIATED APPROACHES TO PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY



San José, Costa Rica, April 22, 2021. During its 141st Regular Session, the Inter-American Court held the public hearing on the Request for an Advisory Opinion on differentiated approaches to persons deprived of liberty presented by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

The public hearings were held virtually from April 19 to 22, 2021, with the participation of 86 delegations from different countries, including representatives of States, OAS organs, international organizations and associations, State agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and members of civil society. One of the most important delegations was that from the NNAPES, *Plataforma Regional por la defensa de los derechos de niñas y niños y adolescentes con referentes adultos privados de libertad* [Regional Platform for the defense of the rights of children of incarcerated parents], as this was the first delegation composed of adolescents who were submitting their own *amicus curiae*, and this was presented to the Court during the public hearing.

The President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, thanked the delegations and indicated that: “[y]our presentations reflect a considerable effort of preparation for this event and the Court appreciates receiving this material. It represents an input that will help us respond to this Request for an Advisory Opinion.”

The purpose of the Request is for the Court to make a joint interpretation of several inter-American norms concerning State obligations when addressing the situation of real inequality of at-risk groups in the context of incarceration. In particular, pregnant women and those who are post-partum and breast-feeding, LGBT people, indigenous people, older persons, and children who live with their mothers in prison.

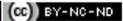
Further information on this Request for an Advisory Opinion is available [here](#).

The four sessions of the Public Hearing can be seen [here](#).

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