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### **"CONTRIBUTIONS TO EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL COURTS:" A JUDGE RUTH BADER GINSBURG'S TRIBUTE**



*San José, Costa Rica, July 7, 2021.* The President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, and Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor, participated in the World Law Congress, organized by the World Jurist Association, in paying tribute to the United States Supreme Court Judge, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, on Monday, July 5.

The event included the participation of the King of Spain, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of Judges and Lawyers, and the Presidents of five International Courts: the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the International Criminal Court, and the European Union Court of Justice.

The President of the Inter-American Court highlighted the legacy of Judge Bader Ginsburg, which will continue to inspire women and men throughout the world. "Bader Ginsburg placed equality at the center of decisions on human rights and thereby, fostered profound change in unequal societies like the ones we have today." The President also called for reflection on the grave impact that the pandemic has had on the lives of women, a situation that "still represents one of the most significant challenges for achieving true equality."

For his part, the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Robert Spano, reiterated that the role of regional human rights courts is to contribute to substantive equality, an essential part of Judge Bader Ginsburg's legacy.

The President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Imani Daud Aboud, indicated that in the framework of the African Court celebrating 15 years of work, the aim is to continue the judicial dialogue with regional human rights Courts. "This meeting is a platform for deepening the dialogue between the Courts," she said.

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