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## **INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA**

*San José, Costa Rica, June 10, 2025.* – A delegation of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights visited the Plurinational State of Bolivia from June 2 to 4, 2025, to participate in the “International Human Rights Law” Seminar and meet with various state authorities.

The delegation of the Court that participated in these activities was led by Judge Nancy Hernández López, President of the Court; Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez; Ana Lucía Aguirre, Director of the Unit of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment of the Court’s Registrar’s Office, and Milagros Mutsios Ramsay, Advisor to the President.

The I/A Court HR would like to thank Bolivia for the invitation to participate in the Seminar, which was part of the activities organized to celebrate the bicentennial of its independence.

### **I. International Human Rights Law Seminar**

In the context of its official visit, the Court participated in the International Human Rights Law Seminar, held on June 2 and 3 at the “Matilde Casazola-La Sombrerería” Plurinational Center of Cultures and Arts, in the city of Sucre.

The activity was inaugurated with speeches by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, Celinda Sosa Lunda, and the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System ad interim, Pablo Salazar. A message from the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Jürg Lauber, was also played.

Two keynote speeches were then given. The first was by the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, on the structural challenges to human rights in Latin America, including defending democracy, the impact of climate change and the risks and opportunities of artificial intelligence. The second speech was by of the Minister of Justice and Institutional Independence of Bolivia, César Adalid Siles Bazán, on the protection of persons in a vulnerable situation.

The first day of the Seminar concluded with a presentation by the Director of the Unit of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Ana Lucía Aguirre, on the background of the universal system and the inter-American system for the protection of human rights.

During the second day of the seminar, conferences were held on the key aspects of the functioning of the inter-American system of petitions and cases, as well as the jurisprudential standards of the I/A Court HR on the control of conventionality. Juana María Ibáñez, attorney and consultant of the I/A Court HR’s Education Center, was in charge of both topics.

The Human Rights Officer of the OHCHR’s (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) Regional Office for South America, Andrea Benavente, then spoke of the protection mechanisms of the rights of women in the universal system and the inter-American system.

In the afternoon session, the Advisor to the President of the I/A Court HR, Milagros Mutsios Ramsay, spoke about the jurisprudential lines of the Inter-American Court on the right to a healthy environment and human rights, as well as the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples, highlighting the jurisprudential developments on the right to a healthy environment and the current challenges in the region to the right to free and informed prior consultation.

The Seminar concluded with a presentation by Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez on the right to defend human rights.

Participation in this space confirmed the Court's commitment to education, dissemination of international standards and inter-institutional dialogue in favor of a more accessible justice that respects human dignity.

The link to Seminar can be found [here](#).

## **II. Protocolary meetings and activities**

### **A. Meeting with the President and the Dean of the Supreme Court of Justice of Bolivia and reception of recognition**

The President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, along with the delegation of the I/A Court HR, held a protocolary meeting with the President of the Supreme Court of Justice, Justice Romer Saucedo Gómez, and the Dean of that Court, Justice Rosmery Ruiz Martínez.

During the meeting, they exchanged their points of view on the current challenges to justice in the region and the key role of the supreme courts in guaranteeing access to justice and effective judicial protection.

In this context, the President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez received a recognition for their trajectory defending human rights and strengthening inter-American justice.



## **B. Extraordinary Session of the Commission for the Presentation of Reports on Human Rights and Forced Disappearances**

The President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, along with the delegation of the I/A Court HR, participated in an extraordinary meeting of the Commission for the Presentation of State Reports on Human Rights and Forced Disappearances (CPIE).

CPIE is an inter-institutional coordination unit of the Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney General's Office.

The delegation of the Court was able to learn about the actions carried out by CPIE in the presentation of State Reports to the international mechanisms for the protection of human rights and the steps taken seeking advances in clarifying the facts of forced disappearances.



## **C. Press conference on the visit of the I/A Court HR to Bolivia**

As part of the official agenda, a press conference was held on topics related to the Inter-American Court's visit as part of the commemoration of the country's bicentennial of its independence. The President of the I/A Court HR, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Justice and Institutional Transparency, and the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Bolivia participated in the press conference.

The link to the press conference can be accessed [here](#).



#### **D. Protocolary meeting with the “Asociación Latinoamericana de Abogacías y Procuradurías del Estado” (ALAP)**

The President of the I/A Court HR, the Director of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, and the Advisor to the President of the Court participated in a protocolary meeting with the representatives of several member states of the Latin American Association of State Advocacies and Prosecutor’s Offices (ALAP).

The representatives were from Costa Rica, Brazil, Bolivia, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru and Paraguay.

During the meeting, the coordinators of the ALAP working groups on Human Rights and the Environment and on Democracy and Human Rights spoke about the lines of work that the association has been pursuing on these topics.



#### **E. Recognition received by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights from the Constitutional Plurinational Court of Bolivia (TCP)**

As part of the Bicentennial of Bolivia, the Plurinational Constitutional Court gave a special recognition to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for its “valuable work and deep social commitment to promoting and protecting the human rights of our peoples.”

The recognition, received by the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, in the city of Sucre, is a valuable symbol of the relationship between jurisdictions and the transformational impact of jurisprudential dialogue in the defense of human rights in the Americas.



### **III. Signing of cooperation agreements between the I/A Court HR and institutions of the State of Bolivia**

During the visit to Bolivia, the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, signed four cooperation agreements with institutions from the State of Bolivia.

#### **A. Agreement with the Constitutional Plurinational Court**

On June 3, the agreement was signed by the President of the Constitutional Plurinational Court, Justice Gonzalo Miguel Hurtado Zamorano and the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, to strengthen the promotion of and education on human rights, as well as to support the defense of democracy in the region. The link to the signing event can be accessed [here](#)



#### **B. Agreement with the Government Attorney's Office of the Plurinational State**

On June 4, the Government Attorney (Procurador General), Ricardo Condori Tola, and the President of the I/A Court HR signed an agreement to strengthen the relationship between the institutions, promote spaces for education on human rights and promote the study of the jurisprudential standards developed in the inter-American system.





### **C. Agreement with the Public Prosecutor's Office**

On June 4, an agreement was signed by the Public Prosecutor's Office of Bolivia (Ministerio Público), represented by the Public Prosecutor, Roger Mariaca Montenegro, and the President of the I/A Court HR. It seeks to promote technical cooperation on the themes of access to justice, due process and criminal prosecution with a human rights perspective, consolidating efforts for a more effective justice with guarantees in the region. The link to the signing event can be accessed [here](#).



### **D. Agreement with the School for Judges of the Plurinational State**

Similarly, a cooperation agreement was also signed with the School for Judges of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, represented by the President of the Supreme Court of Justice and Director of that school, Justice Romer Saucedo Gómez, and Lucio Valda Martínez, General Director of the School for Judges of the State.

This agreement contemplates joint actions to strengthen judicial education, promote inter-American standards and consolidate access to justice with a focus on independence of the judiciary and human rights. The link to the signing event can be accessed [here](#).



#### **IV. Other activities: Recognition by the Municipal Government of Sucre**

As part of the Bicentennial of the Independence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Municipal Government of Sucre held an act regarding the visit of the I/A Court of HR. In this event, the Mayor, Dr. Enrique Leaño Palenque, gave a recognition for the notable work and the defense of human rights and democracy of the peoples to the President of the Court, Judge Hernández López and to Judge Moreno Rodríguez, giving them the “Juana Azurduy de Padilla” statuette.

The act was also a recognition of the commitment of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to the protection of human dignity and highlighted the importance of the relationship between the institutions of the inter-American system and the local authorities to promote democratic values in the region.



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