



## **INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL HOLD ITS 178<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION**

*San José, Costa Rica, June 18, 2025.* The Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hold its 178<sup>th</sup> Regular Session from June 23 to July 4, 2025. The session will be hybrid, including both virtual and in-person activities. During this session, the Court will hold deliberations and hearings.

### **I. Public Hearings**

The Court will hold three public hearings in the following contentious cases:

#### **a. *Case of Zambrano, Rodríguez, et al. v. Argentina*<sup>1</sup>**

Upon submitting this case to the Court, the Commission indicated that it refers to the alleged responsibility of the State of Argentina for the forced disappearance and subsequent killing of José Segundo Zambrano and Pablo Marcelo Rodríguez. State agents participated in the facts, specifically members of the police force of the Province of Mendoza. Moreover, the authorities did not conduct a diligent investigation; consequently, to date the facts of the case have not been clarified. Lastly, the Commission indicated that the facts affected the personal integrity of the next of kin of Messrs. Zambrano and Rodríguez.

The public hearing will be held in person on Wednesday, June 25, at 8:00 AM Costa Rica time. The live broadcast will be available through the I/A Court HR's social media channels; it is not necessary to register.

#### **b. *Case of Puracal et al. v. Nicaragua***

When submitting the case to the Court, the Commission indicated that it refers to the international responsibility of the State of Nicaragua for the illegal and arbitrary detention of Jason Puracal, who was deprived of liberty in conditions that constituted cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment, and was subject to criminal proceedings that violated due process, as a result of which he was deported from Nicaragua.

The public hearing will be held virtually on Thursday, June 26, at 2:30 PM Costa Rica time, and will continue on Friday, June 27, at 7:30 AM Costa Rica time. The live broadcast will be available through the I/A Court HR's social media channels; it is not necessary to register.

### **c. Case of Chavarría Morales et al. v. Nicaragua**

The Commission indicated that this case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the Republic of Nicaragua for the violation of the personal integrity and the inability to obtain access to justice to the detriment of Jaime Antonio Chavarría Morales and his next of kin, as part of the data verification process performed on July 26 and 27, 2008, in Nicaragua, as part of the municipal elections of November 2008. According to the Commission, Mr. Chavarría Morales and his next of kin were subjected to several acts of violence and threats, and he was particularly worried because these acts involved children in the family, in violation of the obligation to respect and protect personal integrity, the rights of children and rights of the family. The State also failed to provide judicial guarantees and judicial protection in relation to the claims filed in the electoral sphere and in the criminal sphere. Regarding the latter, the Commission claimed lack of due diligence in conducting the steps of the criminal proceedings and lack of guarantee of a reasonable term, considering that more than 14 years elapsed since the occurrence of the facts without a full and effective investigation.

The public hearing will be held virtually on Friday, June 27, at 12:00 PM Costa Rica time. The live broadcast will be available through the I/A Court HR's social media channels; it is not necessary to register.

## **II. Pending cases, monitoring compliance with judgments and administrative matters**

The Court will continue hearing several pending cases, monitoring compliance with several judgments and the implementation of provisional measures. It will also address several administrative matters.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Verónica Gómez, of Argentinian nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

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The Court's composition for this Regular Session will be as follows: Judge Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica); Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice-President (Brazil); Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique (Uruguay), Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina), Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile), Judge Alberto Borea Odría (Peru) and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez (Paraguay).

Some of the matters in this Session will be heard by the prior composition of the Court, in conformity with Article 5(3) of the Statute of the Court and Article 17 of the Rules of Procedure.

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