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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL HOLD ITS 161st REGULAR SESSION



San José, Costa Rica, September 14th, 2023. The Inter-American Court will hold its 161st Regular Session from September 18th to 26th, 2023. The deliberation of two Judgments in Contentious Cases being heard by the Court will be continued. The activities of this Session will take place virtually.

I. Judgments

The Court will continue deliberating the Judgment on the following Contentious Cases:

1) Case of Members of the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective (CAJAR) v. Colombia¹

This case concerns alleged facts of violence, intimidation, harassment and threats against the members of the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective (CAJAR) since the 1990s and up to the present day, linked to their activities in defense of human rights. The members of CAJAR have allegedly been victims of multiple threats, harassment and being followed in various places by people whose identity was not confirmed to be able to establish whether they were state agents. However, it is claimed that the State performed actions that actively contributed to the materialization of such acts of violence, such as arbitrary intelligence work and stigmatizing rulings issued by high officials.

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

2) Case of Tavares Pereira et al. v. Brazil²

This case relates to the alleged responsibility of the State for the murder of rural worker Antonio Tavares Pereira and the injuries allegedly sustained by 185 other workers, members of the Landless Rural Workers' Movement (MST), by military police officers. The facts took place on May 2, 2000, in the state of Paraná, during a march for agrarian reform by the workers. The case also refers to the alleged impunity of the facts to date and falls within a suspected context of violence in response to the demands for land and agrarian reform in Brazil.

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

II. Monitoring Compliance with Judgments, Provisional Measures and administrative matters

The Court will also monitor compliance with various judgments and the implementation of provisional measures that it has ordered, as well as procedural issues in various contentious cases. It will also address several administrative matters.

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

¹ Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

² Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, of Brazilian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

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