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



San José, Costa Rica, September 29th, 2023. - The Inter-American Court held its 161st Regular Session from September 18th to 26th, 2023, combining virtual and in-person activities.

During the Session two Judgments were deliberated.

I. Judgments

The Court continued 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 Collective Lawyers Corporation (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](#).

Once the Judgments are notified, they will be available [here](#).

II. Orders on Monitoring of Compliance with Judgment and Provisional Measures

The Court issued orders on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment in the following cases:

1. *Case of Ximenes Lopes v. Brazil*³
2. *Case of Omeara Carrascal et al. v. Colombia*⁴

Once the orders are notified, they will be available [here](#).

III. Orders on Provisional Measures

The Court deliberated an order to extend **Provisional Measures** in the following matter:

1. *Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro et al. regarding Nicaragua*

Once the orders are notified, they will be available [here](#).

IV. XXVIII Convention of Tribunals, Courts and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America and the Caribbean



The President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, participated in the XXVIII Convention of Tribunals, Courts and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José, Costa Rica, which was jointly organized by the Rule of Law Program for Latin America of the KAS Foundation, the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The President of the Court participated in the Convention's Opening Ceremony and in the Inaugural Conference "Dialogue between regional courts: the role of the constitutional judge in global climate change." Judge Nancy Hernández López and the Secretary, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, also participated on behalf of the Court.

As part of the Convention of Tribunals, Courts and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America and the Caribbean, the panel discussion “New inter-American discussions and impacts on the constitutional jurisdiction of Latin America” was held at the seat of the Court.

V. Protocol Meetings

a. Visit of the President of the Constitutional Court of Peru



On Monday, September 18th, the President of the I/A Court H.R., Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique and the Secretary Pablo Saavedra Alessandri received at the seat of the Court a courtesy visit from Dr. Francisco Morales Saravia, President of the Constitutional Court of Peru, Dr. Helder Domínguez Haro, General Director of the Center for Constitutional Studies of Peru, and Mr. Juan F. Jiménez Mayor, Ambassador of Peru in Costa Rica.

b. Visit of the President of the Constitutional Court of Germany



The President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, Mr. Stephan Harbarth, visited the seat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The President of the I/A Court H.R., Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, along with the Secretary, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri received the President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, Mr. Stephan Harbarth, accompanied by his assistant, Mr. Dirk Sander, the Ambassador of Germany in Costa Rica, Mr. Daniel Kreiner and Mr. Hartmut Rank, Director of the Rule of Law Program of KAS Foundation.

During the gathering they spoke about their Jurisprudence, as well as the functioning of the Courts and their challenges.

c. Cooperation Agreement with the Supreme Court of Mexico



The President of the I/A Court H.R., Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, and the President of the Supreme Court of Mexico, Minister Norma Piña Hernández, signed a Cooperation Agreement to prepare a series of publications on the lines of jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The Agreement was presented during the XXVII Convention of Tribunals, Courts and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America.

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

The Court also monitored compliance with various Judgments and the implementation of Provisional Measures that it has ordered, as well as the processing of Cases and Provisional Measures. It also addressed several administrative matters.

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

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

³ Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, of Brazilian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this Order, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

⁴ Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this Order, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

The Court's composition for this Regular Session was 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).

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