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## Sessions held in 2023



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#### A. Introduction

The Court holds collegiate meetings during a certain number of Sessions each year. These collegiate meetings may be held in person or virtually. The in-person collegiate meetings take place both at the Court's headquarters in San José, Costa Rica, and also in other countries of the region. During each Session, the Court conducts different activities such as:

- ▶ Holding hearings on contentious cases, and monitoring compliance with Judgments or provisional measures
- ▶ Deliberating contentious cases
- ▶ Delivering judgment on contentious cases
- ▶ Issuing orders on monitoring compliance with judgment
- ▶ Issuing orders on provisional measures
- ▶ Monitoring compliance with judgments and implementation of provisional measures
- ▶ Dealing with different procedures in matters pending before the Court, as well as administrative matters
- ▶ Conducting evidentiary procedures

#### B. Summary of the Sessions

During 2023, the Court held nine (9) regular sessions, over a total of 22 weeks. Of these, two were held away from the Court's seat, in the cities of Santiago, Chile, and Bogotá, Colombia. The Court also held one (1) special session.

Details of these sessions follow below:

## SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023

155

REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 155th Regular Session from January 23 to February 9, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 160th Regular Session from August 21 to September 8, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 156th Regular Session from March 6 to 24, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 161st Regular Session from September 18 to 29, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 157th Regular Session from April 17 to 28, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 162nd Regular Session from October 9 to 20, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 158th Regular Session from May 15 to 26, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 163rd Regular Session from November 13 to December 1, 2023

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REGULAR SESSION

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 159th Regular Session from June 12 to 30, 2023.

SESSION  
EXTRAORDINARY

The Inter-American Court held extraordinary session December 12, 2023



## 155th Regular Session

The Court held its 155th Regular Session from January 23 to February 9, 2023, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.

### ► Inauguration of the Inter-American Judicial Year

On February 7th, the new Board of the Inter-American Court was sworn in, composed of the President, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, and the Vice President, Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, of Uruguayan and Mexican nationality respectively. During the Inauguration of the Inter-American Judicial Year, the President of the Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, and the First Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Stephan Neibig, addressed the participants. In addition, the President of the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil, Justice Maria Thereza Rocha, and the former President and former Judge of the Inter-American Court, Sergio García Ramírez, gave keynote speeches.



### ► Judicial activities

The Court held eight (8) in-person hearings on contentious cases,<sup>27</sup> deliberated three (3) judgments,<sup>28</sup> carried out one (1) virtual public procedure,<sup>29</sup> held four (4) hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment,<sup>30</sup> and deliberated five (5) orders for provisional measures.<sup>31</sup>

27 Case of López Sosa v. Paraguay; Case of Guzmán Medina v. Colombia; Case of Vega González et al. v. Chile; Case of the Rama and Kriol Peoples, the Monkey Point Community, and the Black Creole Indigenous Community of Bluefields v. Nicaragua; Case of Nuñez Naranjo et al. v. Ecuador; Case of Cajahuanca Vásquez v. Peru; Case of Gutiérrez Navas et al. v. Honduras; Case of Airton Honorato et al. v. Brazil.

28 Case of García Rodríguez and Reyes Alpízar v. Mexico; Case of Aguinaga Aillón v. Ecuador; Case of Olivera Fuentes v. Peru.

29 Case of Baptiste Willer et al. v. Haiti.

30 Case of the Gómez Paquiyauri Brothers v. Peru; Case of Azul Rojas Marín et al. v. Peru; Case of "Five Pensioners" v. Peru; Case of López Lone et al. v. Honduras.

31 Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro and others regarding Nicaragua; Case of Revilla Soto v. Venezuela; Case of Tabares Toro v. Colombia; Matter of the Socio-Educational Internment Unit regarding Brazil; Matter of Castro Rodríguez regarding Mexico.

## ► Protocol activities



The President of the Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, the Registrar of the Court, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, and the Deputy Registrar, Romina I. Sijniensky, welcomed the President of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Chaves Robles, at the seat of the Inter-American Court. During his visit to the Court, the President of Costa Rica recalled his country's historic tradition of relations with the Court and affirmed that the State would continue to strengthen its cooperation with the Inter-American Court.

The plenary of Court held a meeting with the President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Judge Adrián Saunders. At this meeting, participants emphasized the importance of strengthening knowledge of the work of the Inter-American Court in the Caribbean countries, and especially its work with the Caribbean Court of Justice.

The entire Court also held a meeting with the Latin American Federation of Magistrates. The President of the Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, met with Juan Carlos Larrea, General Attorney of the Republic of Ecuador.

Finally, three (3) cooperation agreements were signed with the following institutions: the Illustrious National Bar Association of Mexico, the National Council of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Brazil, and the Institute for the Reform of Business-State Relations of Brazil.



Further information is available [here](#).



## 156th Regular Session

The Court held its 156th Regular Session from March 6th to 24th, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.





### ► Protocol activities

During this session, the Inter-American Court signed a cooperation agreement with the Judiciary of the State of Mato Grosso, Brazilian Court of Justice.

Further information is available [here](#).

### ► Jurisdictional activities

The Court held three (3) public hearings on contentious cases,<sup>32</sup> deliberated three (3) judgments,<sup>33</sup> began deliberations on two (2) judgments,<sup>34</sup> and held two (2) hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment<sup>35</sup> and one on provisional measures.<sup>36</sup> It also issued seven (7) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment<sup>37</sup> and four (4) orders on provisional measures.<sup>38</sup>



## 1157th Regular Session

The Court held its 157th Regular Session from April 17 to 28. The Court met virtually from April 17 to 21 and in person at the headquarters of the Constitutional Court of Chile from April 24 to 28, at the invitation of the State of Chile.

32 Case of Viteri Ungaretti et al. v. Ecuador; Case of Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela; Case of Beatriz et al. v. El Salvador.

33 Case of Hendrix v. Guatemala; Case of Scot Cochran v. Costa Rica; Case of Álvarez v. Argentina.

34 Case of the Garífuna Community of San Juan and its Members v. Honduras; Case of the Maya Q'eqchi Indigenous Community of Agua Caliente v. Guatemala.

35 Case of García and Family Members v. Guatemala; Case of Radilla Pacheco v. Mexico.

36 Case of Gudiel Álvarez et al. ("Diario Militar") v. Guatemala.

37 Case of Gutiérrez and family v. Argentina; Case of Barbosa of Souza et al. v. Brazil; Case of Vera Rojas et al. v. Chile; Case of Norín Catrimán et al. (Leaders, Members and Activist of the Mapuche Indigenous People) v. Chile; Case of the Afro-descendant Communities Displaced from the Cacarica River Basin (Operation Genesis) v. Colombia; Case of Tibi v. Ecuador g) Case of the Sawhoyamaxa Indigenous Community v. Paraguay.

38 Matter of individuals deprived of liberty at the Evaristo Moraes Penitentiary (PEM) regarding Brazil; Members of the Group of Citizens seeking Human Rights Equality (Acldiidh) regarding Haiti; Matter of Matter of the Members of the Team of Journalists at Radio "La Costeñísima" regarding Nicaragua; Case of Molina Theissen v. Guatemala.

### ► Jurisdictional activities

The Court held four (4) public hearings on contentious cases,<sup>39</sup> deliberated one judgment,<sup>40</sup> held three (3) hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment and provisional measures,<sup>41</sup> and conducted one on-site procedure regarding compliance with a judgment issued in a case against the State of Chile.<sup>42</sup> It also issued eight (8) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment.<sup>43</sup>

### ► Protocol and academic activities

On April 24th, the Opening Ceremony of the Sessions was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile. The President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Chile, Juan Eduardo Fuentes Belmar, the President of the Constitutional Court of Chile, Nancy Yáñez Fuenzalida, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Alberto van Klaveren, and the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Luis Cordero, participated. As part of the Opening Ceremony, a Tribute to the Former Judge and Former Vice President of the Court, Eduardo Vio Grossi, was held.



The plenary of the Inter-American Court held meetings with the President of the Republic of Chile, Gabriel Boric, the full bench of the Supreme Court of Justice of Chile, the full bench of the Constitutional Court of Chile, with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alberto Van Klaveren, and with the Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Luis Cordero.



39 Case of the U'wa Indigenous People and its Members v. Colombia; Case of Quilombola Communities of Alcântara v. Brazil; Case of Córdoba et al. v. Paraguay; Case of Bendezú Tuncar v. Peru.

40 Case of the Maya Q'eqchi Indigenous Community of Agua Caliente v. Guatemala.

41 Case of Maldonado Vargas et al. v. Chile; Case of Poblete Vilches et al. v. Chile; Case of Pavez Pavez v. Chile.

42 Visit to the Sótero del Río Hospital.

43 Case of Fontevecchia and D'Amico v. Argentina; Case of Pavez Pavez v. Chile; Case of Maldonado Vargas et al. v. Chile; Case of Trueba Arciniega et al. v. Mexico; Case of Noguera et al. v. Paraguay; Case of Ríos Avalos et al. v. Paraguay; Case of the Xákmok Kásek Indigenous Community v. Paraguay; Case of Maidanik et al. v. Uruguay.



The International Seminar on “The Impact of the Inter-American Court’s Jurisprudence in Chile and its Challenges” took place, with the participation of the judges of the Inter-American Court and distinguished academics. The seminar included a tribute to the work and achievements of former President and former Judge of the Inter-American Court, Cecilia Medina Quiroga, with the participation of the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Alberto van Klaveren and the Rector of the University of Chile, Rosa Deves.

A workshop on “The transformative impact of compliance with the decisions of the Inter-American Court in Chile” was organized jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.

In addition, a training course was held for inter-American public defenders, organized jointly with the Inter-American Association of Public Defender’s Offices and the Public Defender’s Office of Chile.

Finally, the Court signed cooperation agreements with the Supreme Court of Justice of Chile, the Constitutional Court of Chile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, the University of Chile, University Adolfo Ibañez, University Alberto Hurtado, University of Concepción, University Diego Portales, University of the Andes, and the Chilean Association of Journalists.

Further information is available [here](#)



## 158th Regular Session

The Court held its 158th Regular Session from May 15 to 26, in person.

### ► Jurisdictional activities

The Court held one (1) public hearing on a contentious case,<sup>44</sup> deliberated five (5) judgments,<sup>45</sup> and issued one (1) order on monitoring compliance with judgment.<sup>46</sup>

44 Case of Arboleda Gómez v. Colombia.

45 Case of the Maya Q’eqchi Indigenous Community of Agua Caliente v. Guatemala; Case of López Sosa v. Paraguay; Case of Núñez Naranjo et al. v. Ecuador; Case of Boleso v. Argentina; Case of Tabares Toro v. Colombia.

46 Case of Hernández v. Argentina.



► Dialogue between the Regional Human Rights Courts (Inter-American Court of Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights, and African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights)



On May 25 and 26, the Inter-American Court, the European Court of Human Rights, and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights held the "Dialogue of the Three Regional Human Rights Courts" in San José, Costa Rica. The three Presidents of the highest human rights courts participated in this event: Judge Imani Daud Aboud, President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights; Judge Síofra O'Leary, President of the European Court of Human Rights; and Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In addition, the following judges of the three High Courts participated in the Dialogue: from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Blaise Alphonse Tchikaya, Vice-President; Rafea Ben Achour, Judge; Ntyam Ondo Mengue, Judge; Stella Isibhakhomen Anukam, Judge; and Sacko Modibo, Judge; from the European Court of Human Rights, Arnfinn Bårdsen, Judge; María Elósegui, Judge; Darian Pavli, Judge; and Anja Seibert Fohr, Judge; and from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, Vice President; Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, Judge; Nancy Hernández López, Judge; Verónica Gómez, Judge; Patricia Pérez Goldberg, Judge; and Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Judge. Also participating from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights was Raymond Henry Diouf, Deputy Registrar; and from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, Registrar, and Romina I. Sijniensky, Deputy Registrar. The Dialogue also included various invited experts,<sup>47</sup> who discussed issues related to the environment, climate change, judicial independence, and the rule of law.

The event concluded with the signing of the Declaration of San José (II), in which the Regional Courts reaffirmed their commitment to the principles and objectives contained in their respective regional human rights instruments. Furthermore, in this Declaration, the Courts agreed that the States of the three regions under their respective jurisdictions must ensure the effective protection of democracy, human rights, and sustainable development, as these are essential to preserve peace and respect for the dignity of the human being. Within the framework of this Dialogue between the Courts, an International Seminar on "Regional Systems for the Protection of Human Rights and their Challenges" took place with the participation of the Presidents of the three Courts at the University of Costa Rica. This event was made possible thanks to the support of the GIZ.

Further information is available [here](#).

<sup>47</sup> In particular, participaron del event Diego García-Sayán, former judge and President of the Inter-American Court and former United Nations Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers; David R. Boyd, United Nations Rapporteur on the Environment; Nikki Reisch, Director of the Climate and Energy Program of the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL); Michael Gerrard, Director of the Sabin Center, Columbia University and Armin von Bogdandy, Director of the Max Planck Institute.

## ► Protocol activities

A cooperation agreement was signed between the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Regional Electoral Court of the Federal District of Brazil, and the Federal Magistrates School of the First Region of Brazil.

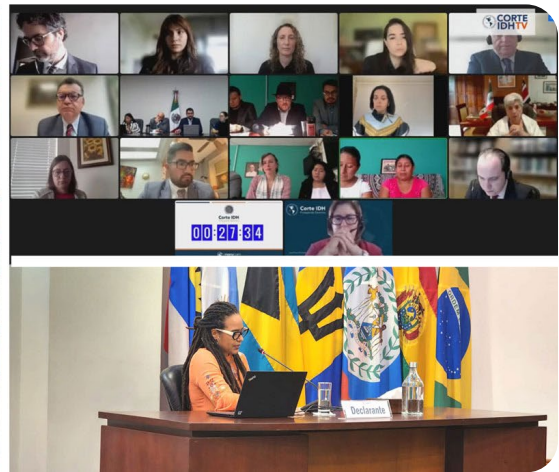
The book entitled “Commentary on the Proceedings Before the Inter-American Human Rights System” was presented with the participation of judges and specialists.

Further information is available [here](#).



## 159th Regular Session

The Court held its 159th Regular Session from June 12 to 29, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.



During this session, the Court held three (3) public hearings on contentious cases,<sup>48</sup> deliberated one (1) judgment,<sup>49</sup> continued with the analysis of two (2) judgments,<sup>50</sup> issued seven (7) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment,<sup>51</sup> and deliberated four (4) orders on provisional measures.<sup>52</sup>

Further information is available [here](#).

48 Case of González Méndez et al. v. Mexico; Case of Members of the Consolidated Workers' Union of ECASA – SUTECASA v. Peru; Case of Dos Santos Nascimento et al. v. Brazil.

49 Case of Meza v. Ecuador.

50 Case of María et al. v. Argentina; Case of the Garífuna Community of San Juan and its Members v. Honduras.

51 Case of the Xucuru Indigenous People and its Members v. Brazil; Case of the Teachers of Chañaral and other Municipalities v. Chile; Case of Moya Chacón et al. v. Costa Rica; Case of Garzón Guzmán et al. v. Ecuador; Case of Manuela et al. v. El Salvador; Case of Alvarado Espinoza et al. v. Mexico; Case of Digna Ochoa and Family Members v. Mexico.

52 Matter of four members of the Mayangna Indigenous People deprived of liberty regarding Nicaragua; Extension of measures in the Matter of the Miskito Indigenous People of the Northern Caribbean Coast Region regarding Nicaragua; Case of García Rodríguez et al. v. Mexico.



## 160th Regular Session

The Court held its 160th Regular Session from August 21 to September 8, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.

### ▶ Jurisdictional activities

The Court held one (1) public hearing on a contentious case,<sup>53</sup> deliberated nine (9) judgments<sup>54</sup> and five (5) interpretation judgments,<sup>55</sup> held one (1) private hearing on monitoring compliance,<sup>56</sup> and one (1) virtual private hearing on a request for provisional measures.<sup>57</sup>

The Court issued seven (7) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment,<sup>58</sup> deliberated three (3) orders on a request for provisional measures,<sup>59</sup> and discussed one (1) resolution on lifting provisional measures.<sup>60</sup>

### ▶ Protocol and academic activities

The plenary of the Court received the visit of the President of Colombia, Gustavo Petro Urrego, at the seat of the Inter-American Court. During his visit, the President of Colombia reaffirmed his country's commitment to mandatory compliance with the judgments issued by the Court. The Plenary also thanked President Gustavo Petro for the opportunity offered to the Court to hold a session in Colombian territory in October 2023.



53 Case of Yangali Iparraguirre v. Peru.

54 Case of Guzmán Medina et al. v. Colombia; Case of Baptiste et al. v. Haiti; Case of María et al. v. Argentina; Case of Córdoba et al. v. Paraguay; Case of Bendezú Tuncar v. Peru; Case of the Garífuna Community of San Juan and its Members v. Honduras; Case of Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela; Case of Tavares Pereira et al. v. Brazil; Case of the Members of the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective Corporation (CAJAR) v. Colombia.

55 Case of Nissen Pessolani v. Paraguay; Case of Valencia Campos et al. v. Bolivia; Case of Leguizamón Zaván et al. v. Paraguay; Case of Mina Cuero v. Ecuador; Case of Sales Pimenta v. Brazil.

56 Case of Heliodoro Portugal v. Panama.

57 Matter of Salas Arenas et al. regarding Peru.

58 Case of López et al. v. Argentina; Case of Sales Pimenta v. Brazil; Case of the Ituango Massacres v. Colombia; Case of the Afro-descendant Communities Displaced from the Cacarica River Basin (Operation Genesis) v. Colombia; Case of Carvajal Carvajal v. Colombia; Case of Cortez Espinoza v. Ecuador; Case of Escaleras Mejía et al. v. Honduras.

59 Case of Molina Theissen v. Guatemala; Case of Vera Rojas et al. v. Chile; Matter of Salas Arenas et al. regarding Peru.

60 Case of Kawas Fernández v. Honduras. Provisional measures in favor of Dencen Andino Alvarado.



The plenary Court also received a visit from the President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay. This visit allowed for an exchange of views on the achievements and challenges faced by the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.



Lastly, five (5) cooperation agreements were signed with various institutions and universities in the region, including the Ombudsman's Office of Colombia,<sup>61</sup> the Board of Directors of the College of Psychology Professionals of Costa Rica, Universidad Católica de Santa María of Peru, the Ministry of the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil, the National School for the Training and Improvement of Magistrates of Brazil, and the Latin American Council of International and Comparative Law Scholars of the Dominican Republic.

Further information is available [here](#).



## 161st Regular Session

The Court held its 161st Regular Session from September 18 to 26, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.

### ▶ Jurisdictional activities

The Court deliberated two (2) judgments,<sup>62</sup> issued two (2) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment,<sup>63</sup> and deliberated one (1) order on the extension of provisional measures.<sup>64</sup>

### ▶ Meeting of Tribunals, Courts, and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America

The President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, and Judge Nancy Hernández López participated in the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Tribunals, Courts and Constitutional Chambers of Latin America and the Caribbean held in San José, Costa Rica. This event was organized jointly 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.

61 This cooperation agreement was renewed.

62 Case of the Members of the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective Corporation (CAJAR) v. Colombia; Case of Tavares Pereira et al. v. Brazil.

63 Case of Ximenes Lopes v. Brazil; Case of Omeara Carrascal et al. v. Colombia.

64 Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro et al. regarding Nicaragua.





### ► Protocol activities

The Court received a visit from the President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, Stephan Harbarth, accompanied by his assistant, Dirk Sander, the German Ambassador in Costa Rica, Daniel Kriener, and the Director of the Rule of Law Program of the KAS Foundation, Hartmut Rank. The German delegation held a meeting with the President of the Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, and with its Registrar Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, in order to exchange information on the scope of the jurisprudence of both courts and discuss the challenges facing both institutions.



The Court also received a visit from the President of the Constitutional Court of Peru, Francisco Morales Saravia, who was accompanied by the Director General of the Center for Constitutional Studies of Peru, Helder Domínguez Haro, and Peru's Ambassador in Costa Rica, Juan F. Jiménez Mayor.

Finally, the Court signed one (1) cooperation agreement with the Supreme Court of Mexico.

Further information is available [here](#).



## 162nd Regular Session

The Court held its 162nd Regular Session took place from October 9 to 20, 2023. This session was held in person in Bogotá, Colombia, at the invitation of the State, between October 9 and 13; and it continued virtually from October 16 to 20.

### ► Jurisdictional activities

The Court held three (3) public hearings on contentious cases,<sup>65</sup> and (5) five private hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment.<sup>66</sup> It issued (5) five orders on monitoring compliance with judgment<sup>67</sup> and deliberated two (2) orders on provisional measures<sup>68</sup> and one judgment.<sup>69</sup> Lastly, the Court began the deliberation of two (2) judgments.<sup>70</sup>



### ► Protocol and academic activities

On October 9, 2023, the Opening Ceremony of the 162nd Regular Session was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Colombia. Participants included the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique; the Foreign Minister of Colombia, Álvaro Leyva Durán; the President of the Constitutional Court of Colombia, Diana Fajardo Rivera; the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia, Fernando Castillo Cadena; the President of the Council of State of Colombia, Jaime Enrique Rodríguez Navas; the President of the Superior Council of the Judiciary, Aurelio Enrique Rodríguez Guzmán; the Minister of Justice and Law of Colombia, Néstor Iván Osuna; the President of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Roberto Carlos Vidal; and the Director of the National Agency for the Legal Defense of the State, Martha Lucía Zamora.

65 Case of Huilcaman Paillama et al. v. Chile; Case of Pérez Lucas et al. v. Guatemala; Case of Leite de Souza et al. v. Brazil.

66 Private hearing on Monitoring compliance with judgment in the Case of Isaza Uribe et al. v. Colombia; Private hearing on monitoring compliance with judgment in the Case of the Ituango Massacres v. Colombia; Private hearing on monitoring compliance with judgment in the Case of Vereda La Esperanza v. Colombia; Private hearing on monitoring compliance with judgment in the Case of the Afro-descendant Communities displaced from the Cacarica River Basin (Operation Genesis) v. Colombia; Private hearing on monitoring compliance with judgment in the Case of Bedoya Lima et al. v. Colombia.

67 Case of Argüelles et al. v. Argentina; Case of Fornerón and Daughter v. Argentina; Case of the Workers of Hacienda Brazil Verde v. Brazil; Case of Flor Freire v. Ecuador; Case of the National Association of Discharged and Retired Employees of the National Tax Administration Superintendence (ANCEJUB-SUNAT) v. Peru.

68 Case of the Members of Chichupac Village and Neighboring Communities of the Municipality of Rabinal, Case of Molina Theissen and 12 other cases v. Guatemala; Matter of the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights and the Permanent Commission of Human Rights (CENIDH-CPDH) regarding Nicaragua.

69 Case of the Members of the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective Corporation (CAJAR) v. Colombia.

70 Case of the Community of La Oroya v. Peru; Case of Airton Honorato et al. v. Brazil.





The plenary of the Inter-American Court held meetings with the President of Colombia along with various Ministers of State, the plenary of the Constitutional Court of Colombia, the plenary of the Council of State of Colombia, the plenary of the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia, and the plenary of Magistrates of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace. In addition, the Court held meetings with Colombian Deputy Prosecutor, Martha Janeth Mancera, Attorney General, Margarita Cabello Blanco, and Ombudsman Carlos Ernesto Camargo Assis.



The International Seminar: “75 years after the American Declaration and 45 years after the American Convention on Human Rights: Achievements and Challenges” took place at the Universidad Externado, in which the plenary of the Court participated along with several academics. Also, the “Round Table: Progress and Challenges in Compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Colombia” was held. Finally, a training session was held for officials of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace of Colombia.

In addition, a cooperation agreement was signed with the plenary of Magistrates of Colombia’s Special Jurisdiction for Peace.

Further information is available [here](#)



## 163rd Regular Session

The Court held its 163rd Regular Session from November 13 to 29, 2023, using a hybrid method that combined in-person and virtual activities.



### ► Jurisdictional activities

The Court deliberated (6) judgments on contentious cases<sup>71</sup> and two (2) interpretation judgments.<sup>72</sup> It held one (1) public hearing on one contentious case<sup>73</sup> and one (1) public hearing on a request for an advisory opinion.<sup>74</sup> In addition, the Court issued thirteen (13) orders on monitoring compliance with judgment<sup>75</sup> and deliberated two (2) orders on provisional measures<sup>76</sup>.

Further information is available [here](#).

### ► Election of the new Board

The Court elected Judge Nancy Hernández López, a Costa Rican national, as its new President. It also elected Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, a Brazilian national, as its new Vice President. Pablo Saavedra Alessandri was reelected as Registrar of the Court.

Further information is available [here](#).

71 Case of the Community of La Oroya v. Peru, Case of Airton Honorato et al. v. Brazil, Case of Tavares Pereira et al. v. Brazil, Case of Viteri Ungaretti et al. v. Ecuador, Case of Cahahuanca Vásquez v. Peru and Case of Gutiérrez Navas et al. v. Honduras.

72 Case of Olivera Fuentes v. Peru and Case of Benites Cabrera et al. v. Peru.

73 Case of Cuéllar Sandoval et al. v. El Salvador.

74 Request for an advisory opinion on “The activities of private companies engaged in the firearms industry and their effects on human rights.”

75 Case of Torres Millacura et al. v. Argentina. Order to reimburse the Victims’ Legal Assistance Fund, Case of 19 Tradesmen v. Colombia, Case of Members and Militants of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia, Case of Guevara Díaz v. Costa Rica, Case of Palacio Urrutia et al. v. Ecuador, Case of Massacre of Los Josefinos Village v. Guatemala, Case of Chinchilla Sandoval et al. v. Guatemala, Case of the “White Van” (Paniagua Morales et al.) v. Guatemala, Case of the Former Employees of the Judiciary v. Guatemala, Case of Muelle Flores v. Peru, Case of Rosadio Villavicencio v. Peru, Case of Chocrón Chocrón v. Venezuela, and Case of the Landaeta Mejías Brothers et al., Case of López Soto et al. and Case of Díaz Loreto et al. v. Venezuela.

76 Case of the Dos Erres Massacre v. Guatemala and Matter of the Members of the Miskitu Indigenous People of the Northern Caribbean Coast Region regarding Nicaragua.



### ► Protocol and academic activities

The Court signed a cooperation agreement with the Public Prosecutor's Office of Labor of Brazil. In addition, AIDEF and the Court presented the book entitled *Impacto de la Jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos desde la perspectiva de la Defensa Pública* (Impact of the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights from the perspective of the Public Defense).

Further information is available [here](#).

## Special Session

The Court began deliberation of one (1) interpretation judgment of a contentious case<sup>77</sup> and adopted two (2) orders on provisional measures.<sup>78</sup>

Further information is available [here](#).

### ► Sessions of the Inter-American Court away from its headquarters

Since 2005, the Inter-American Court has held Sessions away from its headquarters in San José, Costa Rica. In order to hold these sessions, the Court has traveled to Argentina (twice), Barbados, Bolivia and Brazil (3 times), Chile (twice), Colombia (6 times), Ecuador (3 times), El Salvador (twice), Guatemala (twice), Honduras (twice), Mexico (3 times), Panama (twice), Paraguay (twice), and Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay (3 times).

Holding sessions away from its seat allows the Court to efficiently combine two objectives: on the one hand, to increase its jurisdictional activities and, on the other, to disseminate more effectively the work of the Court, in particular, and of the inter-American system for the protection of human rights, in general. As mentioned previously, in 2023 the Court held two sessions away from its seat, one in Chile and another one in Colombia.

CHILE



COLOMBIA



77 Case of Members and Militants of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia.

78 Matter of Members of the Yanomami, Ye'kwana and Munduruku Indigenous Peoples regarding Brazil and Matter of the Members of the Choréachi Indigenous Community regarding Mexico.

# SESSIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT AWAY FROM ITS SEAT

2005-2023



In **18** years the Court

Has visited **16** States

Carried out **35** Sessions away from seat

Held **128** Hearings

Held **48** Seminars

