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In 2023, the Court received two requests for advisory opinions. The first was submitted by the Republics of Chile and Colombia and concerned the climate emergency and human rights. The second was submitted by the Republic of Argentina and concerned the scope and substance of the right to care, as well as its relationship to other rights. The Court had received a request for an advisory opinion from the State of Mexico in 2022 concerning the activities of private arms companies and their effects on human rights.



Thus, in 2023, the Court was processing three (3) requests for advisory opinions on the following topics:

1. The activities of private arms companies and their effects on human rights

On November 11, 2022, the State of Mexico presented to the Court a request for an advisory opinion on the activities of private arms companies and their effects on human rights.

The deadline to submit observations was August 21, 2023. Sixty-four observations were received. On November 28 and 29, 2023, public hearings were held on this advisory opinion.

The advisory opinion request and the observations submitted by various parties can be found [here](#).

2. Climate Emergency and Human Rights

On January 9, 2023, the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Chile submitted to the Court a request for an advisory opinion to clarify the extent to which states—acting individually and collectively—are obligated, according to international human rights law, to address the climate

emergency, giving special consideration to the differentiated harm caused by that emergency to individuals of different regions and population groups, to nature, and the prospects for human survival on our planet.

Initially, the deadline for submitting observations on this request for an advisory opinion was August 18, 2023. The Court later granted two (2) extensions, moving the deadline to December 18, 2023. Two hundred and sixty-two observations were received.

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3. The scope and substance of the right to care and its relationship to other rights

On January 20, 2023, the Republic of Argentina submitted to the Court a request for an advisory opinion on the scope and substance of the right to care as a human right, as well as its relationship to other rights.

The deadline for submitting observations on this request for an advisory opinion was November 7, 2023. One hundred and twenty-eight observations were received.

The advisory opinion request and the observations submitted by various parties can be found [here](#).