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### A. | Victims' Legal Assistance Fund (FALV)

#### 1. Procedure

The Court's Rules for the Operation of the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund (hereinafter, "the Fund") were issued on February 4, 2010, and entered into force on June 1, 2010. The Fund's purpose is to facilitate access to the Inter-American Human Rights System for those who do not have sufficient resources to bring their case before the Court.

Once the case has been put before the Court, any victim who does not have the necessary financial resources to cover the expenses arising from the proceedings may expressly request access to the Fund. In accordance with the Rules, any alleged victim who wishes to access the Fund must notify the Court in their brief with pleadings, motions, and evidence. In addition, they must demonstrate to the Court, through sworn statements and other suitable means of evidence that satisfy the Court, that they lack sufficient financial resources to cover the costs of the litigation and indicate precisely which aspects of their participation require the use of resources from the Fund. The President of the Court will be in charge of evaluating each application made, determining their admissibility, and indicating, where appropriate, which aspects of the participation can be covered by the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund.

The Court Secretariat is in charge of administering the Fund. Once the President decides on the admissibility of the request and the applicant has been notified, the Secretariat opens an expense file for the specific case, in which it documents each of the expenditures made in accordance with the parameters authorized by the President. Subsequently, the Secretariat informs the respondent State of the expenditures made from the Fund, so that it can submit its observations, if it so wishes, within the timeframe established for this purpose. As indicated above, at the time of delivering a judgment the Court will evaluate whether it is admissible to order the respondent State to reimburse the Fund for the expenditures incurred and will indicate the total amount owed.

#### 2. Donations to the fund

It should be noted that this fund does not receive resources from the OAS regular budget. This has led the Court to seek voluntary contributions to ensure its existence and operation. To date, these funds come from cooperation projects, as well as from voluntary contributions from States.

During 2023, a contribution of US\$25,450.46 was received from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As can be seen, as of December 2023, cash contributions to the fund amount to a total of US\$521,063.22.

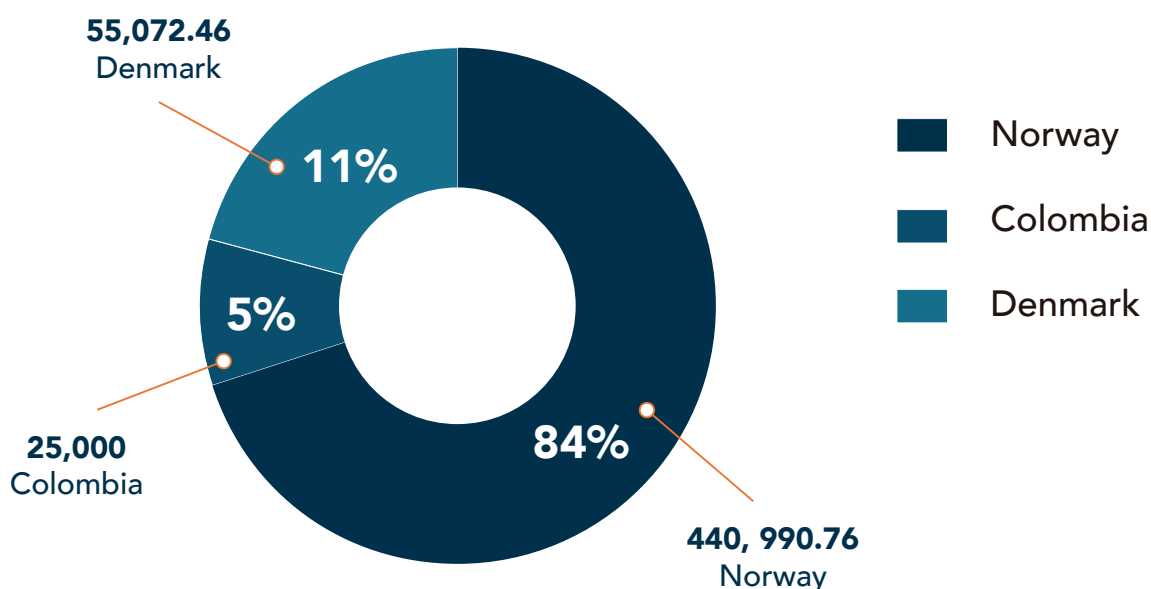
The list of donor countries to date is:

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

| State           | Year      | Contribution in US\$  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Norway          | 2010-2012 | 210,000.00            |
| Colombia        | 2012      | 25,000.00             |
| Norway          | 2013      | 30,363.94             |
| Denmark         | 2013      | 5,661.75              |
| Norway          | 2014      | 19,621.88             |
| Denmark         | 2014      | 30,571.74             |
| Norway          | 2015      | 15,532.50             |
| Denmark         | 2015      | 18,838.97             |
| Norway          | 2016      | 15,000.00             |
| Norway          | 2017      | 24,616.07             |
| Norway          | 2018      | 24,764.92             |
| Norway          | 2019      | 24,539.80             |
| Norway          | 2021      | 8,117.95              |
| Norway          | 2022      | 42,983.24             |
| Norway          | 2023      | 25,450.46             |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b> |           | <b>US\$521,063.22</b> |

## Contributions to FALV as of December 31, 2023

Total amount: US\$521,063.22



### 3. Application of the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund

#### 3.1 Expenses approved in 2023

In 2023, the President of the Court issued resolutions approving access to the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund in relation to the following cases<sup>197</sup>:

| CASE                                 | DATE OF FUND APPROVAL | ITEM   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Rodríguez Pacheco et al v. Venezuela | February 17, 2023     | To cover the expenses for the presentation of a maximum of three statements, either at a hearing or by affidavit, as well as, eventually, the appearance of the Inter-American Defenders at the hearing. |

<sup>197</sup> In the Airton Honorato case, its resolution was issued during the year 2022.

| CASE                               | DATE OF FUND APPROVAL | ITEM  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Vitteri Ungaretti et al v. Ecuador | February 21, 2023     | To cover the expenses for the presentation of four statements, either at a hearing or by affidavit, and the appearance of two legal representatives. Financial assistance from the Legal Assistance Fund was provided to cover the reasonable travel and accommodation expenses necessary for Mr. Julio Rogelio Viteri Ungaretti and two of the legal representatives who will appear before the Court at the hearing to be held in the case. It was also decided to cover the reasonable expenses of the three remaining statements with resources from the Legal Assistance Fund. |
| Boleso v. Argentina                | March 06, 2023        | To cover the reasonable expenses of preparing and sending the affidavits of the alleged victim, the witnesses, and the expert proposed by the representatives.  |
| Córdoba v. Paraguay                | March 22, 2023        | To cover the expenses for the presentation of a maximum of three statements, including that of the alleged victim, either in a hearing or by affidavit as well as the eventual attendance of a maximum of two representatives at the public hearing held in the case.   |
| Bendezú Tuncar v. Peru             | March 23, 2023        | To cover the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the defenders. The amount, destination, and specific purpose of the financial assistance will be specified in a timely manner when deciding on the examination of the evidence put forward and the eventual opening of the oral procedure, pursuant to Article 50 of the Court's Rules of Procedure.   |
| González Méndez et al v. México    | May 3, 2023           | To cover expenses related to a maximum of three statements, oral or written. The amount, destination, and specific purpose of the financial assistance will be specified in a timely manner when deciding on the examination of the evidence put forward and the eventual opening of the oral procedure, pursuant to Article 50 of the Court's Rules of Procedure.  |

| CASE   | DATE OF FUND APPROVAL | ITEM   |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Case of the Members of the Single Workers Union ECASA – SUTECASA v. Peru | May 29, 2023          | To cover the reasonable expenses of travel and necessary stay of an alleged victim and the first group of Inter-American Public Defenders in the case, as well as the reasonable expenses of preparing and sending the affidavits of five alleged victims and three expert opinions proposed.  |
| Case of Leite de Souza et al v. Brazil                                   | August 8, 2023        | To cover the expenses for the presentation of a maximum of six statements, either in a public hearing or before a notary. The specific amount, destination, and purpose of said assistance will be detailed at the time of deciding on the statements offered, the testimonial and expert evidence, and the possible opening of the oral stage, in accordance with Article 50 of the Court's Rules of Procedure. |
| Manaure Flores et al v. Venezuela  | November 3, 2023,     | To cover the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred for the presentation of four statements, either at a hearing or before a notary public (affidavit), as well as the costs incurred by the participation of one of the representatives of the alleged victim in the public hearing eventually called.  |
| Lynn v. Argentina  | November 24, 2023,    | To cover the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred for the presentation of three statements, either in a public hearing or before a notary public (affidavit).  |
| Reyes Mantilla et al v. Ecuador  | December 26, 2023     | To cover the travel expenses of up to three declarants in order for them to appear before the Court either during the eventual public hearing of this case or by means of a statement before a notary public.  |

### 3.2 FALV Fund expenses for 2023

During the 2023 period, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court made payments to alleged victims, experts, other witnesses, and representatives, covering the expense amounts for the preparation of affidavits and reimbursement of various expenses in 14 cases. The details of these disbursements are shown in the following table:

**VICTIMS' LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND**  
DISBURSEMENTS IN 2023

| TOTAL  | CASES  | AMOUNT               |
|--|--|----------------------|
| VICTIMS' LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND                     |  |                      |
| 1  | Beatriz et al. v. El Salvador  | 2,042.42             |
| 2  | Cajahuanca Vásquez v. Peru   | 3,563.51             |
| 3  | Dos Santos Nascimento et al. v. Brazil   | 3,810.02             |
| 4  | Guzmán Medina et al. v. Colombia   | 4,312.54             |
| 5  | Members of the Single Workers' Union of ECASA (SUTECASA) v. Peru   | 10,726.47            |
| 6  | Case of the Rama and Kriol Peoples, Community of Monkey Point and the Black Creole Indigenous Community of Bluefields and their members v. Nicaragua | 3,285.94             |
| 7  | Viteri Ungaretti et al. v. Ecuador   | 4,779.29             |
| 8  | Airton Honorato et al. v. Brazil   | 7,006.58             |
| 9  | Community of la Oroya v. Peru  | 88.24                |
| 10   | Córdoba v. Paraguay  | 6,584.83             |
| 11   | Leite de Souza et al. v. Brazil  | 3,639.46             |
| 12   | María et al. v. Argentina  | 371.94               |
| 13   | The U'wa Indigenous Peoples and its Members v. Colombia  | 4,063.75             |
| 14   | Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela  | 4,522.90             |
| TOTAL  |  | 58,797.89            |
| FINANCIAL EXPENSES                                 |  |                      |
| Financial Expenses (Audit and exchange difference) |  | 1,519.14             |
| TOTAL  |  | 1,519.14             |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2023</b>                |  | <b>US\$60,317.03</b> |

### 3.3 Approved expenses and respective reimbursements from 2010 to 2023

From 2010 to 2023, the Court's Victims' Legal Assistance Fund has been accessed in 122 cases. As established in the Rules of Operation, States are obliged to reimburse the Fund for the resources used, when the Court so orders through the corresponding judgment or relevant order.

A report on the Fund's movements, in relation to these 122 cases, is detailed in the following graphs and table.

- ▶ In 86 of the cases, the respective States have complied and reimbursed the Fund.
- ▶ In 2 cases, the Court did not order the State to reimburse the Fund by the State as it was not found internationally responsible in the judgment.
- ▶ In 34 cases, reimbursement to the Fund is still pending. However, in 6 of these 34 cases, their deadline has not expired, in 10 a judgment or order requiring reimbursement by the State has not yet been issued and 1 corresponds to an ex officio case requested by this Court.

#### VICTIMS' LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE FUND / ACCUMULATED TO DECEMBER 2023

| No. | Case   | State     | Reimbursement<br>(in dollars) | Interest (in<br>dollars) | Exchange<br>difference (in<br>dollars) |
|-----|--|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1   | Torres et al. v. Argentina   | Argentina | 10,043.02                     | 4,286.03                 | 0.00                                   |
| 2   | Fornerón and Daughter v. Argentina   | Argentina | 9,046.35                      | 3,075.46                 | 0.00                                   |
| 3   | Mohamed v. Argentina   | Argentina | 7,539.42                      | 1,998.30                 | 0.00                                   |
| 4   | Furlán and Family v. Argentina   | Argentina | 13,547.87                     | 4,213.83                 | 0.00                                   |
| 5   | Mendoza et al. v. Argentina  | Argentina | 3,393.58                      | 967.92                   | 0.00                                   |
| 6   | Argüelles et al. v. Argentina  | Argentina | 7,244.95                      | 4,170.64                 | 0.00                                   |
| 7   | Torres Millacura et al. v. Argentina<br>(Hearing on Monitoring Compliance) | Argentina | 7,969.08                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 8   | López et al. v. Argentina  | Argentina | 3,277.62                      | 2,567.73                 | 0.00                                   |
| 9   | Furlán and Family v. Argentina<br>(Hearing on Monitoring Compliance)       | Argentina | 4,025.58                      | 346.02                   | 0.00                                   |
| 10  | Jenkins v. Argentina   | Argentina | 6,174.66                      | 2,355.06                 | 0.00                                   |



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| No. | Case                                       | State     | Reimbursement<br>(in dollars) | Interest (in<br>dollars) | Exchange<br>difference (in<br>dollars) |
|-----|--|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 11  | Acosta Martínez et al. v. Argentina        | Argentina | 2,718.75                      | 482.17                   | 0.00                                   |
| 12  | Spoltore v. Argentina                      | Argentina | 4,340.58                      | 994.02                   | 0.00                                   |
| 13  | Fernández Prieto and Tumbeiro v. Argentina | Argentina | 3,251.84                      | 645.46                   | 0.00                                   |
| 14  | Julien Grisonas et al. v. Argentina        | Argentina | 358.98                        | 369.66                   | 0.00                                   |
| 15  | DaCosta Cadogan v. Barbados                | Barbados  | 1,999.68                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 16  | Familia Pacheco Tineo v. Bolivia           | Bolivia   | 9,564.63                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 17  | I.V. v. Bolivia                            | Bolivia   | 1,623.21                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 18  | Valencia Campos et al. v. Bolivia          | Bolivia   | 6,264.80                      | 56.38                    | 0.00                                   |
| 19  | Favela Nova Brasília v. Brazil             | Brazil    | 7,367.51                      | 156.29                   | 0.00                                   |
| 20  | Herzog et al. v. Brazil                    | Brazil    | 4,260.95                      | 0.00                     | 554.89                                 |
| 21  | Barbosa de Souza et al. v. Brazil          | Brazil    | 1,579.20                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 22  | Norín Catrimán et al. v. Chile             | Chile     | 7,652.88                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 23  | Poblete Vilches et al. v. Chile            | Chile     | 10,939.93                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 24  | Ángel Alberto Duque v. Colombia            | Colombia  | 2,509.34                      | 1,432.96                 | 0.00                                   |
| 25  | Isaza Uribe et al. v. Colombia             | Colombia  | 1,172.70                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |

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|-----|--|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 26  | Villamizar Durán et al. v. Colombia                            | Colombia    | 6,404.37                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 27  | Vereda La Esperanza v. Colombia                                | Colombia    | 2,892.94                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 28  | Yarce et al. v. Colombia                                       | Colombia    | 4,841.06                      | 4,099.64                 | 0.00                                   |
| 29  | Bedoya Lima et al. v. Colombia                                 | Colombia    | 104.88                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 30  | Amrhein et al. v. Costa Rica                                   | Costa Rica  | 5,856.91                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 31  | Kichwa Indigenous People of<br>Sarayaku v. Ecuador             | Ecuador     | 6,344.62                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 32  | Suárez Peralta v. Ecuador                                      | Ecuador     | 1,436.00                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 33  | Vásquez Durand v. Ecuador                                      | Ecuador     | 1,674.35                      | 466.59                   | 0.00                                   |
| 34  | Montesinos Mejía v. Ecuador                                    | Ecuador     | 176.00                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 35  | Flor Freire v. Ecuador   | Ecuador     | 4,788.25                      | 412.08                   | 0.00                                   |
| 36  | Gonzales Lluy et al. v. Ecuador                                | Ecuador     | 4,649.54                      | 2,872.20                 | 0.00                                   |
| 37  | Guachalá Chimbo et al. v. Peru                                 | Peru        | 60.74                         | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 38  | Cortez Espinoza v. Ecuador                                     | Ecuador     | 80.46                         | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 39  | Contreras et al. v. El Salvador                                | El Salvador | 4,131.51                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 40  | The Massacres of El Mozote and<br>Nearby Places v. El Salvador | El Salvador | 6,034.36                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |

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|-----|--|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 41  | Rochac Hernández et al. v. El Salvador                               | El Salvador | 4,134.29                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 42  | Ruano Torres et al. v. El Salvador                                   | El Salvador | 4,555.62                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 43  | Véliz Franco et al. v. Guatemala                                     | Guatemala   | 2,117.99                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 44  | Chinchilla Sandoval et al. v. Guatemala                              | Guatemala   | 993.35                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 45  | Ramírez Escobar et al. v. Guatemala                                  | Guatemala   | 2,082.79                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 46  | Cuscul Pivaral et al. v. Guatemala                                   | Guatemala   | 2,176.36                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 47  | Villaseñor Velarde et al. v. Guatemala                               | Guatemala   | 4,688.10                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 48  | Martínez Coronado v. Guatemala                                       | Guatemala   | 280.00                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 49  | Ruíz Fuentes v. Guatemala  | Guatemala   | 1,943.20                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 50  | Valenzuela Ávila v. Guatemala  | Guatemala   | 1,620.53                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 51  | Rodríguez Revolorio et al. v. Guatemala                              | Guatemala   | 1,943.20                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 52  | Girón et al. v. Guatemala  | Guatemala   | 1,271.54                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 53  | Garífuna Community of Triunfo de la Cruz and its Members v. Honduras | Honduras    | 1,662.97                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 54  | Garífuna Community of Punta Piedra and its Members v. Honduras       | Honduras    | 8,528.06                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |

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|-----|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 55  | Alvarado Espinoza et al. v. México  | Mexico    | 5,444.40                      | 226.32                   | 0.00                                   |
| 56  | Women Victims of Sexual Torture at Atenco v. Mexico   | Mexico    | 4,214.09                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 57  | Digna Ochoa and Family v. México  | Mexico    | 715.15                        | 0.00                     | 12.67                                  |
| 58  | Tzompaxtle Tecpile et al. v. México   | Mexico    | 4,372.75                      | 140.31                   | 0.00                                   |
| 59  | V.R.P. and V.P.C. et al. v. Nicaragua   | Nicaragua | 13,862.51                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 60  | The Kuna Indigenous People of Madungandí and the Emberá Indigenous People of Bayano and their Members v. Panama | Panama    | 4,670.21                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 61  | Ríos Ávalos et al. v. Paraguay  | Paraguay  | 685.32                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 62  | Osorio Rivera and Family v. Peru  | Peru      | 3,306.86                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 63  | J. v Peru   | Peru      | 3,683.52                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 64  | The Miguel Castro Castro Prison v. Peru   | Peru      | 2,756.29                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 65  | Espinoza Gonzáles v. Peru   | Peru      | 1,972.59                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 66  | Cruz Sánchez et al. v. Peru   | Peru      | 1,685.36                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 67  | Peasant Community of Santa Bárbara v. Peru  | Peru      | 3,457.40                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 68  | Canales Huapaya et al. v. Peru  | Peru      | 15,655.09                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |

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|-----|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 69  | Valdemir Quispialaya Vicalpoma v. Peru        | Peru      | 1,673.00                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 70  | Tenorio Roca et al. v. Peru                   | Peru      | 2,133.69                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 71  | Tarazona Arrieta et al. v. Peru               | Peru      | 2,030.89                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 72  | Pollo Rivera et al. v. Peru                   | Peru      | 4,330.76                      | 15.40                    | 0.00                                   |
| 73  | Zegarra Marín v. Peru                         | Peru      | 8,523.10                      | 0.06                     | 0.00                                   |
| 74  | Lagos del Campo v. Peru                       | Peru      | 1,336.71                      | 23.70                    | 0.00                                   |
| 75  | Dismissed Workers of Petroperú et al. v. Peru | Peru      | 3,762.54                      | 18.01                    | 0.00                                   |
| 76  | Terrones Silva et al. v. Peru                 | Peru      | 5,095.99                      | 0.12                     | 0.00                                   |
| 77  | Munárriz Escobar et al. v. Peru               | Peru      | 1,100.76                      | 0.72                     | 0.00                                   |
| 78  | Muelle Flores v. Peru                         | Peru      | 2,334.04                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 79  | Azul Rojas Marín et al. v. Peru               | Peru      | 886.23                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 80  | Rosadio Villavicencio v. Peru                 | Peru      | 2,286.24                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 81  | Casa Nina v. Peru                             | Peru      | 704.46                        | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 82  | Olivera Fuentes v. Peru                       | Peru      | 5,560.07                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 83  | Barrios Family v. Venezuela                   | Venezuela | 3,232.16                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |

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|---|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 84  | Néstor José and Luis Uzcátegui et al.<br>v. Venezuela             | Venezuela | 4,833.12                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 85  | Hermanos Landaeta Mejías et al. v.<br>Venezuela                   | Venezuela | 2,725.17                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| 86  | Barrios Family v. Venezuela (Hearing<br>on Monitoring Compliance) | Venezuela | 1,326.33                      | 0.00                     | 0.00                                   |
| SUBTOTAL  |   |           | \$345,697.90                  | \$36,590.74              | \$567.56                               |
| <b>TOTAL RECOVERED (EXPENSES, INTEREST AND EXCHANGE DIFFERENCE)</b> |   |           |                               |                          | <b>\$382,856.20</b>                    |

The following table shows details of the 34 cases in which reimbursement to the Fund by the States remains pending:

**VICTIMS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND  
DISBURSEMENTS, BY CASE, PENDING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| Total            | Number by<br>State | Case   | Amount   | Date on which<br>payment was ordered |
|------------------|--------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ARGENTINA</b> |                    |  |          |                                      |
| 1                | 1                  | Gorigoitía v. Argentina  | 987.36   | September 2, 2019                    |
| 2                | 2                  | * Torres Millacura et al. v. Argentina (Hearing<br>on Monitoring Compliance) | 6,094.88 | November 21, 2023                    |
| 3                | 3                  | * María et al. v. Argentina  | 1,088.94 | August 22, 2023                      |

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| Total           | Number by State | Case   | Amount    | Date on which payment was ordered                |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------|--|
| 4               | 4               | * López et al. v. Argentina (Hearing on Monitoring Compliance)           | 1,128.40  | September 4, 2023                                |
| TOTAL           |                 |  | 9,299.58  |  |
| <b>BOLIVIA</b>  |                 |  |           |  |
| 5               | 1               | Flores Bedregal et al. v. Bolivia  | 6,641.79  | October 17, 2022                                 |
| TOTAL           |                 |  | 6,641.79  |  |
| <b>BRAZIL</b>   |                 |  |           |  |
| 6               | 1               | Airton Honorato et al. v. Brazil   | 7,006.58  | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| 7               | 2               | Leite de Souza et al. v. Brazil  | 3,639.46  | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| 8               | 3               | Dos Santos Nascimento et al. v. Brazil                                   | 3,810.02  | Counsel requested by the Court                   |
| TOTAL           |                 |  | 14,456.06 |  |
| <b>COLOMBIA</b> |                 |  |           |  |
| 9               | 1               | Matter of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó regarding Colombia | 1,116.46  | The order for reimbursement has not been issued  |
| 10              | 2               | Members and Activists of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia                 | 671.55    | July 27, 2022                                    |
| 11              | 3               | * Guzmán Medina et al. v. Colombia                                       | 4,312.54  | August 23, 2023                                  |

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| Total              | Number by State | Case   | Amount    | Date on which payment was ordered                |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|-----------|--|
| 12                 | 4               | U'wa Indigenous Peoples and its Members v. Colombia  | 4,063.75  | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| TOTAL              |                 |  | 10,164.30 |  |
| <b>ECUADOR</b>     |                 |  |           |  |
| 13                 | 1               | Viteri Ungaretti et al. v. Ecuador   | 4,779.29  | November 27, 2023                                |
| TOTAL              |                 |  | 4,779.29  |  |
| <b>EL SALVADOR</b> |                 |  |           |  |
| 14                 | 1               | Beatriz et al. v. El Salvador  | 2,042.42  | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| TOTAL              |                 |  | 2,042.42  |  |
| <b>GUATEMALA</b>   |                 |  |           |  |
| 15                 | 1               | Village of los Josefinos Massacre v. Guatemala   | 1,578.11  | November 3, 2021                                 |
| TOTAL              |                 |  | 1,578.11  |  |
| <b>NICARAGUA</b>   |                 |  |           |  |
| 16                 | 1               | Acosta et al. v. Nicaragua   | 2,722.99  | March 25, 2017                                   |
| 17                 | 2               | Roche Azaña et al. v. Nicaragua  | 3,188.10  | June 3, 2020                                     |
| 18                 | 3               | Rama and Kriol Peoples, Community of Monkey Point and the Black Creole Indigenous Community of Bluefields and their members v. Nicaragua | 3,285.94  | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| TOTAL              |                 |  | 9,197.03  |  |



**VICTIMS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND  
DISBURSEMENTS, BY CASE, PENDING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023**

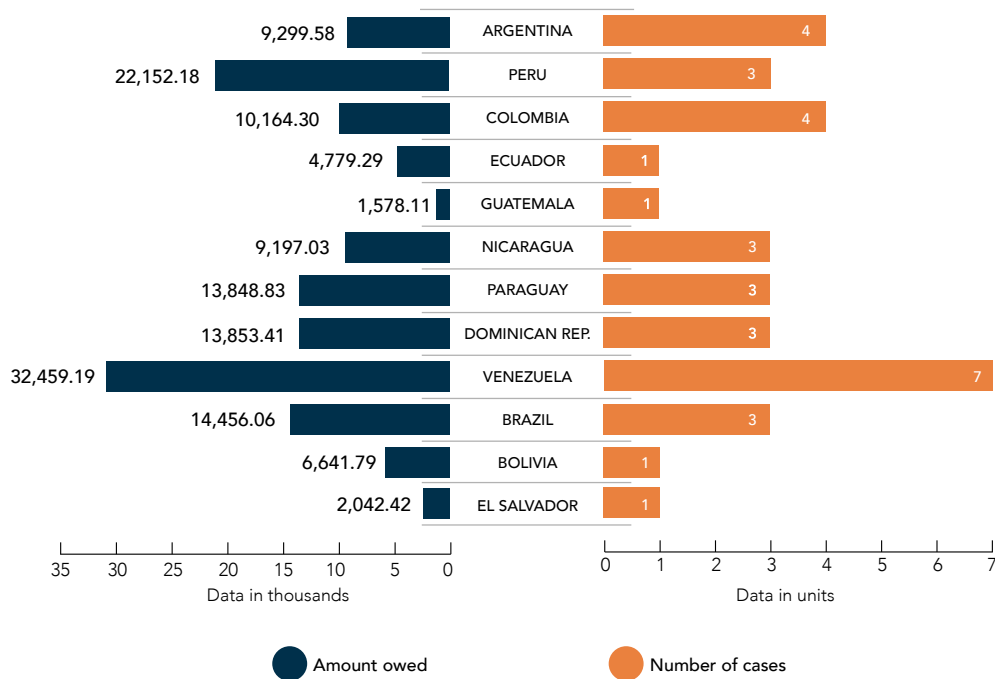
| Total                     | Number by State | Case  | Amount    | Date on which payment was ordered                |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------|--|
| <b>PARAGUAY</b>           |                 |   |           |  |
| 19                        | 1               | Noguera et al. v. Paraguay                                      | 1,994.88  | March 9, 2020                                    |
| 20                        | 2               | Nissen Pessolani v. Paraguay                                    | 5,269.12  | November 21, 2022                                |
| 21                        | 3               | * Córdoba v. Paraguay   | 6,584.83  | September 5, 2023                                |
| TOTAL                     |                 |   | 13,848.83 |  |
| <b>PERU</b>               |                 |   |           |  |
| 22                        | 1               | Community of La Oroya v. Peru                                   | 7,862.20  | November 27, 2023                                |
| 23                        | 2               | Cajahuanca Vásquez v. Peru                                      | 3,563.51  | November 27, 2023                                |
| 24                        | 3               | Members of the Single Workers Unión of ECASA (SUTECASA) v. Peru | 10,726.47 | Judgment in this case has not yet been delivered |
| TOTAL                     |                 |   | 22,152.18 |  |
| <b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b> |                 |   |           |  |
| 25                        | 1               | Gonzáles Medina and Family v. Dominican Republic                | 2,219.48  | February 27, 2012                                |
| 26                        | 2               | Nadege Dorzema et al. v. Dominican Republic                     | 5,972.21  | October 24, 2012                                 |
| 27                        | 3               | Tide Méndez et al. v Dominican Republic                         | 5,661.75  | August 28, 2014                                  |
| TOTAL                     |                 |   | 13,853.44 |  |

**VICTIMS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND  
DISBURSEMENTS, BY CASE, PENDING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE STATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| Total               | Number by State | Case                                   | Amount               | Date on which payment was ordered |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>VENEZUELA</b>    |                 |  |                      |                                   |
| 28                  | 1               | Ortiz Hernández et al. v. Venezuela    | 11,604.03            | August 22, 2017                   |
| 29                  | 2               | López Soto et al. v. Venezuela         | 7,310.33             | September 26, 2018                |
| 30                  | 3               | Álvarez Ramos v. Venezuela             | 4,805.40             | August 30, 2019                   |
| 31                  | 4               | Díaz Loreto et al. v. Venezuela        | 3,476.97             | November 19, 2019                 |
| 32                  | 5               | Guerrero Molina et al. v. Venezuela    | 64.56                | June 3, 2021                      |
| 33                  | 6               | González et al. v. Venezuela           | 675.00               | September 20, 2021                |
| 34                  | 7               | *Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela | 4,522.90             | September 1, 2023                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |                 |  | 32,459.19            |                                   |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b> |                 |  | <b>\$ 140,472.22</b> |                                   |

\* Corresponds to cases that are within the deadline for reimbursement, granted to each country in the judgment.

## BALANCES PENDING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE VICTIMS' FUND US DOLLARS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023



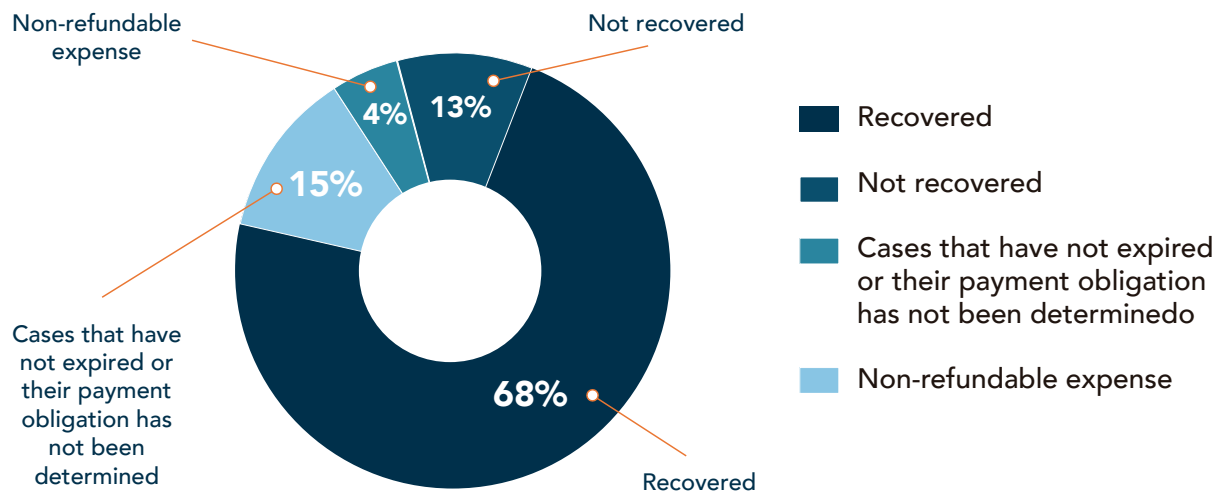
Finally, the following table provides details of the disbursements that States are not obliged to reimburse to the Fund according to the respective Judgments delivered by the Court:

| VICTIMS' LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND<br>EXPENSES THAT DO NOT HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE FUND |                                       |                            |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Case   | Case                                  | Reimbursement (in dollars) | Description                              |
| 1  | Torres et al. v. Argentina            | 2,214.03                   | Item that does not have to be reimbursed |
| 2  | Castillo González et al. v. Venezuela | 2,956.95                   | Case not required to reimburse the Fund  |
| 3  | Miguel Castro Castro Prison v. Peru   | 1,445.15                   | Item that does not have to be reimbursed |
| 4  | Arrom Suhurt et al. v Paraguay        | 1,360.25                   | Case not required to reimburse the Fund  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES US\$7,976.38</b>   |                                       |                            |  |

The following table presents the current situation of the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund, as explained by the preceding tables, according to their headings, namely: Reimbursements made to the Fund accumulated on December 31, 2023; Disbursements, by case, pending reimbursement by each State on December 31, 2023, and Disbursements where the State is not required to reimburse the Fund.

**Current status of the FALV as of December 31, 2023**

Total executed: US\$508,848.00



\* Non-reimbursable expenses are composed of non-reimbursable expenses in the amount of US\$7,976.38 and administrative and financial expenses in the amount of US\$14,879.60.

The Statement of Income and Expenses of December 31, 2023, is as shown below:

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 01, 2010 to December 31, 2023

(In US\$)

### INCOME

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Contributions to the Fund:           | 521,063.22 |
| Reimbursements by States:            | 345,697.90 |
| Interest paid on arrears:            | 36,590.74  |
| Income from differences in exchange: | 567.56     |
| Interest on bank accounts:           | 8,655.20   |
| (**) Payment to the fund:            | 30,000.00  |

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**TOTAL INCOME:** \$ 942,574.62

### EXPENSES

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Disbursements to beneficiaries of the fund:  | (485,992.02) |
| Non-reimbursable expenses:   | (7,976.38)   |
| Financial and administrative expenses:<br><small>(Audit, banking commission and exchange differential)</small> | (14,879.60)  |

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**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$ (508,848.00)

**POSITIVE BALANCE TO DATE:** \$ 433,726.62

\*\* Compensation not claimed by three victims, pursuant to paragraph 253 of the Judgment of September 01, 2016, in relation to the Case of Herrera Espinoza et al. v. Ecuador.

### 3.4 Audit of Accounts

The financial statements of the Victims Legal Assistance Fund have been audited by the firm Venegas y Colegiados, Authorized Public Accountants, members of Nexia International. In this regard, the audited financial statements for the fiscal periods ending in December 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 have been favorably approved indicating that, in all important aspects, they present, income and available funds, in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing principles. During the first half of 2024, an external audit will be carried out on the financial statements of this fund for 2023.

## B. | Inter-American Public Defender

The Court's Rules of Procedure, in force since January 1, 2010, introduced the concept of the Inter-American Public Defender. The aim of this mechanism is to guarantee access to inter-American justice by granting free legal assistance to alleged victims who lack financial resources or legal representation before the Court.

In order to implement the concept of the Inter-American Public Defender, in 2009 the Court signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (hereinafter, "AIDEF")<sup>198</sup>, which entered into force on January 1, 2010. Under the agreement, in cases in which the alleged victims lack financial resources and/or legal representation before the Court, the AIDEF will appoint an inter-American public defender belonging to said Association to assume their legal representation and defense throughout the entire proceedings. To this end, when an alleged victim does not have legal representation in a case and expresses his or her willingness to be represented by an Inter-American Public Defender, the Court will notify the General Coordinator of the Association, so that within a period of 10 days he or she may appoint the defender who will assume the legal representation and defense. In addition, the Court will notify the AIDEF member designated as an inter-American public defender, of the documentation relating to the submission of the case before the Court so that, from then on, he or she may assume the legal representation of the alleged victim before the Court throughout the entire proceedings.

As mentioned above, legal representation before the Inter-American Court by the person designated by the AIDEF is provided free of charge and only the expenses incurred by the defense will be covered. The Inter-American Court will contribute by paying, to the extent possible, the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the designated inter-American public defender through the Victims' Legal Assistance Fund. In addition, on June 7, 2013, the new "Unified Rules of Procedure for the actions of the AIDEF before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights" were approved by the AIDEF Board of Directors. To date, the AIDEF has provided legal assistance through this mechanism to a total of 39 cases:

| CASES IN WHICH THE AIDEF HAS PROVIDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE |                                  |    |                                     |
|--|----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Pacheco Tineo Family v. Bolivia; | 21 | González et al. v. Venezuela        |
| 2  | Furlan and Family v. Argentina;  | 22 | Cordero Bernal v. Peru              |
| 3  | Mohamed v. Argentina;            | 23 | Willer et al. v. Haiti              |
| 4  | Argüelles et al. v. Argentina;   | 24 | Casierra Quiñonez et al. v. Ecuador |

<sup>198</sup> AIDEF is an organization composed of state institutions and associations of public defenders, whose objectives include, among others, providing the necessary assistance and representation to individuals and ensuring the rights of defendants to allow comprehensive defense and access to Justice, with due quality and excellence.

### CASES IN WHICH THE AIDEF HAS PROVIDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE

|    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 5  | Canales Huapaya et al. v Peru           | 25 | Boleso v. Argentina  |
| 6  | Ruano Torres et al. v. El Salvador      | 26 | Case of Cajahuanca Vásquez v. Peru   |
| 7  | Pollo Rivera et al. v. Peru             | 27 | Case of the Members of the Single Workers u/ nion of Ecasa (SUTECASA) v. Peru                                  |
| 8  | Zegarra Marín v. Peru                   | 28 | Valencia Campos v. Bolivia   |
| 9  | Ortiz Hernández et al. v. Venezuela     | 29 | Scot Cochran v. Costa Rica   |
| 10 | Poblete Vilches et al. v. Chile         | 30 | Hidalgo et al. v. Ecuador  |
| 11 | V.R.P., V.P.C. et al. v. Nicaragua      | 31 | Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela  |
| 12 | Amrhein et al. v. Costa Rica            | 32 | Nissen Pessolani v. Paraguay   |
| 13 | Jenkins v. Argentina                    | 33 | Bravo Garvich et al.(Dismissed Workers of the Empresa Nacional de Puertos S.A./National Ports Company) v. Peru |
| 14 | Girón et al. v. Guatemala               | 34 | Revilla Soto v. Venezuela  |
| 15 | Martínez Coronado v. Guatemala          | 35 | Bendezú Tuncar v. Peru   |
| 16 | Rodríguez Revolorio et al. v. Guatemala | 36 | Caso Baptiste et al. v. Haiti  |
| 17 | Villaseñor Velarde et al. v. Guatemala  | 37 | Rodríguez Pacheco et al. v. Venezuela  |
| 18 | Muelle Flores v. Peru                   | 38 | Scott Cochran v. Costa Rica  |
| 19 | Cuya Lavy v. Peru                       | 39 | Hidalgo et al. v. Ecuador  |
| 20 | López et al. v. Argentina               |    |  |

Additionally, on May 14, 2019, an Agreement of Understanding was signed between the Inter-American Court and the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF) for the appointment of Inter-American defenders in the supervision stage of sentence compliance. This agreement allows the Court to request AIDEF's appointment of an Inter-American public defender to represent victims in cases where they do not have legal representation during the supervision stage of compliance, if the victims so wish.

As a result, starting in 2019, AIDEF has appointed Inter-American defenders for the first time in the supervision stage in the following cases:

- ▶ Case Heliodoro Portugal v. Panama
- ▶ Case Indigenous Community Sawhoyamaya v. Paraguay
- ▶ Case Carpio Nicolle et al. v. Guatemala
- ▶ Case Flores Bedregal et al. v. Bolivia
- ▶ Case Blake v. Guatemala