



Universiteit Utrecht

AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCHOOL OF LAW OF UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

Whereas the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ("the Court") and the School of Law of the Faculty of Law, Economic and Governance of Utrecht University ("School of Law") recognise the need for scholarly research for the work of the Court and the invaluable contribution that the School of Law can make to Court's work;

Whereas the Court and the School of Law wish to enter into relationship of mutual cooperation to facilitate the research and other forms of assistance that the Court may require;

To this end, the Registrar and the School of Law agree upon the present Cooperation Agreement:

- 1- Upon the request of the Court, the School of Law, through its clinical programme on Conflict, Human Rights and International Justice, shall provide to the Court research support in matters, which according to the Inter-American Convention on Human Right and related instruments and the Court's Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Regulations, are under the competence of the Inter-American Court.
- 2- The research support provided by School of Law to the Court shall be subject to the research capacity existing at the time of request in the clinical programme on Conflict, Human Rights and International Justice of the School of Law. The Court shall prioritize its research requests in light of the research capacity of the said programme.

- 3- The Court encourages applications for internships and visiting professional stages at the Court from students and staff members of School of Law.
- 4- Subject to availability, a *forum* for exchange of views between the staff of the Court and the members of the School of Law shall be established pursuant to the present Cooperation Agreement.
- 5- Subject to availability, the School of Law shall take feasible administrative measures to facilitate acceptance of Court's staff into the master programmes and summer school courses offered by the School of Law.
- 6- Upon request of the Court, the School of Law shall consider whether it can provide additional training to Court's staff in those areas that the Court considers necessary. Before providing any such an additional training, the financial and other economic terms and conditions under which it will be organised by the School of Law shall be agreed upon between the parties on a *case by case* basis.
- 7- Save for any arrangement that the Court and the School of Law may make in the future pursuant to the previous clause, the execution of the present Cooperation Agreement shall be at no costs of the parties.
- 8- As long as there is no conflict of interest as a result of its implementation, the present Cooperation Agreement shall not prevent the School of Law, through its clinical programme on Conflict, Human Rights and International Justice, from presenting *amicus curiae* and/or acting as expert witness before the Inter-American Court.
- 9- The contact points for the execution of the present Cooperation Agreement shall be Mr. Pablo Saavedra (Registrar) and Ms. Emilia Segares (Deputy Registrar) for the Court and Profs. Héctor Olásolo and Leo Zwaak for the School of Law.



10-The present Cooperation Agreement governs the relationship between the Court and the School of Law. The present Cooperation Agreement may be amended or terminated by mutual consent of both parties.

11-Differences arising out of the present Cooperation Agreement shall be settled by consultation, negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement. Nothing in the present Cooperation Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied if the any of the privileges and immunities of the Court.

Signed in San José of Costa Rica on 9 July 2009 and in Utrecht on 14 July 2009,



Judge Cecilia Medina-Quiroga
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