

**ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
OF MAY 21, 2015**

**REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION OC-22**

**HAVING SEEN:**

1. The request for an advisory opinion presented to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter "the Inter-American Court" or "the Court") by the Republic of Panama (hereinafter "the State" or "Panama") on April 28, 2014.
2. The notes of the Secretariat of the Court (hereinafter "the Secretariat") of November 17, 2014, in which, pursuant to Article 73(1) and 73(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court (hereinafter "the Rules of Procedure"), it advised all the Member States of the Organization of American States (hereinafter "the OAS"), the OAS Secretary General, the President of the OAS Permanent Council, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights that the President of the Court (hereinafter "the President"), in consultation with the Court, had established January 30, 2015, as the last date for the presentation of written observations on this request. Also, the notes of the Secretariat of January 28, 2015, in which it notified all the above-mentioned that this time limit had been extended until March 30, 2015.
3. The notes of the Secretariat of November 17, 2015, and the publication on the Court's website in which, pursuant to Article 73(2) and 73(3) of the Court's Rules of Procedure, the President invited all those who were interested to submit their written opinion on the points submitted to consultation and advised that January 30, 2015, had been established as the last date to this effect. Also, the notes of the Secretariat of January 28, 2015, and the publication on the Court's website advising that the said time limit had been extended until March 30, 2015.
4. The brief of January 23, 2015, in which the State appointed its Agent for the procedure relating to the request for an advisory opinion.
5. The briefs in which the following States submitted their written observations: (i) the Republic of Argentina (ii) the Republic of Guatemala; (iii) the Republic of Colombia; (iv) the Republic of El Salvador; (v) the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and (vi) the Republic of Honduras
6. The brief in which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights presented its written observations.
7. The briefs in which the following State agencies, national and international associations, academic establishments, non-government organizations, and private individuals submitted their written observations: (i) Law School of the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*; (ii) Lucas Lixinski, Sumer Dayal and Ashna Taneja of the University of New South Wales (UNSW); (iii) *Universidad Centroamericana de Nicaragua*; (iv) Jorge Aguilera Suárez, Marcela Alejandra Cáceres Garza, Mario Castro Sánchez, and Marion Eloisa Hidalgo García; (v) "Ixtlamatque Ukari A.C" Civil Association of Human Rights and Miguel Ángel Antemate Mendoza; (vi) Center for Reproductive Rights; (vii) International

Commission for Labor Rights; viii) Carlos Rodríguez Mejía, Alberto León Gómez Zuluaga and Marcelo Ferreira; (ix) Miguel Ángel Abdiel Barboza López; (x) International Trade Union Confederation and Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (ITUC); (xi) *Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas*; (xii) Santiago Bertinat Gonnet; (xiii) *Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo*; (xiv) Luis Peraza Parga; (xv) *Coordinadora de Centrales Sindicales del Cono Sur*; (xvi) "Iván David Ortiz" Student Working Group of the *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*; (xvii) Legal Clinic of the *Universidad San Francisco de Quito*; (xviii) EarthRights International and Juan Pablo Calderón-Meza; (xix) Jorge Alberto Pérez Tolentino; (xx) Human Rights Observatory of the Under Secretariat for Human Rights of Quilmes; (xxi) David Andrés Murillo Cruz; (xxii) Study Group on International Economic Law and International Human Rights Law of the *Universidad EAFIT*; (xxiii) School of Law and Political Science of the *Universidad de San Buenaventura, Cali*; (xxiv) Federal District Human Rights Commission (CDHDF), Mexico; (xxv) *Alianza Regional por la Libre Expresión e Información*; (xxvi) Human Rights Clinic of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre of the University of Ottawa; (xxvii) Martha María Guadalupe Orozco Reyes, Hermilo de Jesús Lares Contreras, Alejandra Isabel Plascencia López, José Benjamín González Mauricio, Noel Velázquez Prudencio and José Luis Castellón Sosa; (xxviii) *Sostenibilidad Legal*; (xxix) Rodolfo E. Piza Rocafort; (xxx) Human Rights Program of the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*; (xxxi) Shirley Llain Arenilla, Cindy Hawkins Rada, Juan Miguel Cortés Quintero and Andrea Alejandra Ariza Lascarro; (xxxii) *Confederación de Trabajadores de México*; (xxxiii) Ana Margarita Vijil; (xxxiv) Law School of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*; (xxxv) Amnesty International; (xxxvi) Pablo Martín Fernández Barrios; (xxxvii) Amazonian Human Rights Observatory of the *Universidade Federal do Amapá*; (xxxviii) *Confederación de Cámaras Nacionales de Comercio, Servicios and Turismo de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos*, and (xxxix) *Confederación de Cámaras Industriales de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos*.

**CONSIDERING THAT:**

1. The Secretariat of the Court received numerous briefs with relevant observations and documents concerning the request for an advisory opinion within the established time frame (*supra* having seen paragraphs 5 to 7).
2. It is therefore desirable to hold the oral proceeding established in Article 73(4) of the Rules of Procedure so that the applicant State and the other Member States, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and all those who submitted written observations may present their oral arguments.

**THEREFORE:**

**THE PRESIDENT,**

pursuant to the provisions of Articles 24(1) of the Court's Statute and 73(4) of its Rules of Procedure, and in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 31(2) of the Rules of Procedure,

**DECIDES:**

1. To convene a public hearing to be held during the 109<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Court which will take place at its seat in San José, Costa Rica, starting at 9 a.m. on June 25, 2015, to receive oral arguments on request for advisory opinion OC-22 presented by the State of Panama.

2. To request the OAS Member States and organs, and those who submitted written observations to advise, by June 8, 2015, at the latest, if they wish to take part in the hearing convened by the President.

3. To require the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court to notify this Order to the applicant State, to the other Member States of the Organization of American States, to all the OAS organs referred to in Article 73(1) of the Rules of Procedure, and to all those who submitted written observations as a result of the request for advisory opinion OC-22.

Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto  
President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri  
Secretary

So ordered,

Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto  
President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri  
Secretary