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ECUADOR COMPLIED WITH THE JUDGMENT ISSUED IN THE CASE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE (QUINTANA COELLO ET AL.)

San Jose, Costa Rica, February 28, 2019.- In accordance with a decision issued on January 30, 2019 which has been served today, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights declared that Ecuador has complied with all the reparations that were ordered in favor of the 27 victims of the *Case of the Supreme Court of Justice (Quintana Coello et al.) v. Ecuador* as stated in the judgment of August 23, 2013. As a consequence, the Court decided to close and file the case.

The victims of the present case were 27 judges of the Supreme Court of Justice of Ecuador who were arbitrarily removed from office by the National Congress in December, 2004. In its judgment, the Inter-American Court established that Ecuador had arbitrarily affected the victims' right to remain in a post exercising a judicial function, which subsequently affected the judicial independence. It also established that Ecuador had violated the victims' right to an effective remedy which would allow them to oppose their removal and protect their rights. In view of the above-mentioned violations, the Court ordered in its judgment the following reparations:

1. Pay the victims compensation for the impossibility to reinstate them as judges of the Supreme Court;
2. Pay the victims compensation for the material and immaterial damage caused by the violations;
3. Reimburse the victims' representatives for the legal costs and expenses; and
4. Publish and distribute the judgment as well as the official summary.

For more information see the judgment of August 23, 2013 [here](#), as well as the former decisions on compliance of judgment of August 21, 2014; October 20, 2016 and January 30, 2019 –which finally declares full compliance with all the reparations ordered by the Court and closes the case– [here](#).

The Court's composition for the decision of January 30, 2019 included the following: Judge Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor Poisot, President (Mexico); Judge Eduardo Vio Grossi, Vice-President (Chile); Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto (Colombia); Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito (Costa Rica); Judge Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni (Argentina) and Judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique (Uruguay). Judge L. Patricio Pazmiño Freire, of Ecuadorian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation and adoption of this judgment, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

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