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THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT INAUGURATED IN GUATEMALA THE “UPDATE COURSE ON JURISPRUDENCE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

San José, Costa Rica, March 27, 2019.- On March 21 and 22, 2019, the Inter-American Court presented and carried out in Guatemala the initial module of the *Update Course on Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*. Several members of some of the key institutions for the protection of human rights in this country, *inter alia*, members of the Judicial Branch, the Prosecutor’s Office, and the Public Defense Office participated in this initial attendance phase, which took place in the Hearing Room of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Guatemala.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Magistrate Dina Josefina Ochoa, President of the Constitutional Court; Mr Hans-Ruedi Bortis, Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to Guatemala and Alexei Julio Estrada, Legal Director of the Inter-American Court. The Director of the Public Defense in Criminal matters (*Defensa Pública Penal*), Ms. Nydia Lissette Arévalo Flores de Corzantes also addressed the public.

This Program is part of the project *Strengthening the Protection of Human Rights and the Rule of Law through jurisprudential dialogue, capacity optimization and compliance with the Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras*, which is being developed by the Court in San José with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE).

The Program constitutes a pioneering initiative of the Inter-American Court that is aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the administration of justice of the three countries in the use of international law and strengthening the jurisprudential dialogue between national and inter-American jurisdictions. The Program is developed through the combination of face-to-face and virtual phases for a period of five months.

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