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INTER-AMERICAN COURT WILL HOLD SPECIAL SESSION IN ARGENTINA FROM MAY 13 TO MAY 17

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 10, 2019.- Between May 13 and 17, 2019, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hold its 61th Period of Special Session in Buenos Aires thanks to an invitation from the Government of Argentina. The Inter-American Court thanks the Human Rights Center of the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, as well as the Rule of law Programme for Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for the support provided.

I. Judgments

The Court will deliberate the following contentious case:

- **Case of Arrom Suhurt et al. v. Paraguay**

The case relates to the alleged enforced disappearance and torture of Juan Francisco Arrom Suhurt and Anuncio Martí Méndez, presumably leaders of the political movement, Patria Libre, from January 17 to 30, 2002. Mr. Arrom and Mr. Martí reported that they had been detained by state agents who apparently questioned them about their political activities and exerted pressure on them to admit they had abducted María Edith Bordón de Debernardi. They stated that their next of kin looked for them until they found them. Presumably Mr. Arrom and Mr. Martí obtained refugee status in Brazil on December 1, 2003. In addition, it is argued that during the judicial proceedings to investigate the abduction of María Edith Bordón, Messrs. Arrom and Martí were declared in contempt of court because they failed to appear.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) (Only in Spanish).

II. Private hearings on monitoring compliance with judgments concerning Argentina¹

The Court will hold the following hearings on monitoring compliance with judgments. Only those accredited by the parties and the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights may enter these hearings:

a) Case of Torres Millacura et al. v. Argentina

The purpose of the hearing is to receive updated information of the State of Argentina regarding the pending compliance of three measures of reparations:

1. initiate, direct, and complete the necessary investigations and proceedings within a reasonable period of time toward establishing the truth of the facts, as well as toward identifying and, where applicable, punishing all those responsible for what happened to Iván Eladio Torres Millacura;

¹ Judge Raúl Zaffaroni, of Argentine nationality, will not participate in the deliberation and adoption of these decisions, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

2. continue an effective search for the whereabouts of Mr. Iván Eladio Torres Millacura, and,
3. implement a permanent and obligatory program or course on human rights directed toward all levels of the Chubut provincial police hierarchy.

Additionally, the purpose of the hearing is to listen to the victim's representative's observations and the opinion of the Inter-American Commission.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) and the judgment that determined the reparations [here](#) (both available only in Spanish).

b) Case of Furlan and family v. Argentina

The purpose of the hearing is to receive updated information of the State of Argentina regarding the pending compliance of three measures of reparations:

1. provide medical and psychological or psychiatric care, free of charge and in an immediate, appropriate and effective manner to the victims who request it;
2. establish an interdisciplinary group which, taking into account the opinion of Sebastián Furlan, shall determine the measures of protection and assistance that would be most appropriate for his inclusion in the social, educational, vocational and employment spheres, and
3. adopt the measures necessary to ensure that as soon as a person is diagnosed with serious problems or consequences related to a disability, that person or his family shall be provided with a "charter of rights" that summarizes in a concise, clear and easily understood manner the benefits provided under Argentine legislation. As regards this issue, Argentina complied with the drafting of the charter. The only thing pending is for the State of Argentina to indicate the measures that are being implemented to guarantee that this charter is being served to as stipulated in the judgment.

Additionally, the purpose of the hearing is to listen to the victim's representative's observations and the opinion of the Inter-American Commission.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) and the judgment that determined the reparations [here](#) (both available only in Spanish).

c) Case of Fornerón and daughter v. Argentina

The purpose of the hearing is to receive updated information of the State of Argentina regarding the pending compliance of three measures of reparations:

1. establish immediately a procedure designed to develop a real relationship between Mr. Fornerón and his daughter M;
2. verify, as of notification of this judgment and within a reasonable time, in accordance with the pertinent disciplinary norms, whether the conduct of the public officials who intervened in the different domestic proceedings related to this case was in conformity with the law and, as appropriate, establish the corresponding responsibilities, and
3. adopt all necessary measures to criminalize the sale of children, so that the act of surrendering a child in exchange for remuneration or any other type of compensation, for any purpose or in any form, constitutes a criminal offense, in accordance with international standards and the provisions of this judgment.

Additionally, the purpose of the hearing is to listen to the legal representatives of Mr. Leonardo Fornerón and the opinion of the Inter-American Commission.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) and the judgment that determined the reparations [here](#) (both available only in Spanish).

d) Case of Garrido and Baigorria v. Argentina

The purpose of the hearing is to receive updated information of the State of Argentina regarding the pending compliance of the measures of reparations ordered in the present case regarding the investigation of facts leading to the disappearance of Adolfo Garrido and Raúl Baigorria and prosecute and punish their authors, accomplices, accessories after the fact and all those who may have had some part in these events.

Additionally, the purpose of the hearing is to listen to the victim's representative's observations and the opinion of the Inter-American Commission.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) and the judgment that determined the reparations [here](#) (both available only in Spanish).

e) Case of Bueno Alves v. Argentina

The purpose of the hearing is to receive updated information of the State of Argentina regarding the pending compliance of three measures of reparations:

1. pay the amounts set in the judgment as compensation for non-pecuniary damages regarding the deceased victim, Tomasa Alves de Lima, and
2. conduct forthwith the necessary investigations so that those responsible for the facts of the instant case be identified and punished as provided by law.

Additionally, the purpose of the hearing is to listen to the victim's representative's observations and the opinion of the Inter-American Commission.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) and the judgment that determined the reparations [here](#) (both available only in Spanish).

III. International Seminar "Inter-American Court: 40 years protecting rights. Jurisprudential developments and challenges"

May 15, from 17:00 a 20:30 h and May 16, 17:00 a 20:30 h

On May 15 and May 16 the Inter-American Court with the Human Rights Center of the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) will hold in the Main Hall (*Aula Magna*) of the University of Buenos Aires an international seminar called "Inter-American Court: 40 years protecting rights. Jurisprudential developments and challenges".

The seminar will be inaugurated by Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Alberto J. Bueres, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires. The seminar will have as panelists and moderators the Vice President of the Court, Judge Eduardo Vio Grossi, Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, Judge L. Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique as well as other experts in the field of human rights.

Find more about this seminar [here](#) (Only in Spanish).

VI. Visit to the Indigenous Communities of the Lhaka Honhat Association

In the framework of the case *Case of the Indigenous Communities of the Lhaka Honhat Association v. Argentina* on May 17 and 18, a delegation of the Court will visit the Indigenous Communities of the Lhaka Honhat Association in the Rivadavia Department (Salta Province). The purpose of the visit is to get acquainted with the territorial problem through the direct contact with people living there, indigenous people whose communities belong to the Lhaka Honhat Association, indigenous people whose communities do not belong to this association, and

“criollos”, non-indigenous people. Additionally, the purpose of the visit will be to get acquaintance with the territory and the works carried out either by the State or private persons, as well with the activities that are being developed in the area. This will include the observation of the alleged presence of fencing and livestock, as well as the international bridge “La Paz Mission”, *inter alia*.

You can learn more about the case [here](#) (Only in Spanish).

V. Official meetings, pending and administrative matters

The Court will meet with high Argentinian authorities throughout the session. Likewise, the Court will adopt different resolutions concerning some of the cases currently pending.

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