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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SUSPENDS 135th REGULAR SESSION PLANNED FOR APRIL 2020

San José, Costa Rica, March 16, 2020.- Considering the Pandemic Declaration for the spread of Coronavirus made by the World Health Organization¹ and attending to the “National Sanitary Guidelines for Surveillance of Infection for Coronavirus” dictated by the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Costa Rica², the Presidency of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has decided to suspend the 135th Regular Session scheduled from April 14 to 24, 2020.

Attending the indications of the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, as well as those of the World Health Organization, the Inter-American Court considers it appropriate to avoid the international travel that the next hearings scheduled for this period require.

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Court is communicating with each of the parties involved in the planned public hearings in order to notify them of this measure. The scheduled hearings will be rescheduled and the new agenda of Sessions will be reported respectively through official channels.

The Inter-American Court reaffirms its commitment to work for the protection of human rights in the Continent, while joining international efforts to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

¹ <https://www.who.int/es/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

² <https://www.ministeriodesalud.go.cr/index.php/centro-de-prensa/noticias/741-noticias-2020/1532-lineamientos-nacionales-para-la-vigilancia-de-la-infeccion-por-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

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