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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MAKES AN OPEN CALL TO SUBMIT OBSERVATIONS IN NEW REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION

San José, Costa Rica, June 7, 2019.- As of today and **until September 10, 2019**, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ("Court" or "Tribunal") will receive observations on the Request for an Advisory Opinion presented by Colombia.

The purpose of the Request for an Advisory Opinion is to obtain an interpretation by the Court on three aspects in general:

- 1) The scope of international obligations that a State member of the OAS that has denounced the American Convention has regarding the protection and promotion of human rights
- 2) The effects on these obligations derived from the fact that the State, further on, takes the extreme measure to denounce the constitutive instrument of the regional Organization and seeks to effectively withdraw from it; and
- 3) The mechanisms at the disposal, on the one hand, of the international community and, in particular, the member states of the OAS, to demand compliance with these obligations and make them effective, and on the other of the individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the denouncing State to demand the protection of their human rights, when there is a pattern of serious and systematic violations of them.

You can access the Request for an Advisory Opinion [here](#).

In view of the above, the Tribunal calls upon States, universities, Academia, non-governmental organizations, professional associations, individuals, State bodies, international organizations, and, in general, any person interested in submitting observations. The **deadline** for submitting written observations expires on **September 10, 2019**.

The writing must observe the following requirements:

- a) Indicate the name of the institution or persons that subscribe it and the information allowing the identification of the sender.
- b) In any case, whether it is presented by a person or by a group of people, a copy of the identity document of each of them must be attached.
- c) If the written observations are presented by an organization, it must be signed by at least its legal representative and the pertinent documents proving such representation and the legal existence of the organization must be attached.
- d) Contain the address, email and telephone numbers where all communications and notices that the Tribunal sends will be officially received.
- e) Indicate whether or not there is an intention to participate in a possible public hearing on the Advisory Opinion.

You can find learn more about this Request for an Advisory Opinion and the proceedings [here](#).

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