The IACourtHR and the IACHR held their annual meeting and made a call on the OAS Member States to continue with the commitment reached during the OAS General Assembly of June 2017 celebrated in Cancún, Mexico, to double the budget of the bodies of the Inter-American System over the next three years.

The Inter-American Court was represented in the meeting by the Judge Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor, President; and the Judges Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, Elizabeth Odio Benito, Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni and Patricio Pazmiño Freire. For force majeure reasons, the Vice-President, Judge Eduardo Vio Grossi, was not able to take part in the meeting. The Commission was represented by Commissioners Margarette May Macaulay, President; Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, First Vice-President; Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva, Second Vice-President; the commissioners Francisco José Eguiguren Praeli, Joel Hernández García, Antonia Urrejola Noguera and Flávia Piovesan, as well as Paulo Abrão, Executive Secretary; María Claudia Pulido, Deputy Executive Secretary for the Monitoring, Promotion and Public Polices; Marisol Blanchard Vera la the Executive Secretary’s Chief of Staff; Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights; Edison Lanza, Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, as well as technical staff from the IACHR.

During the meeting, both institutions elaborated on the current and future challenges for both organs of the Inter-American System and shared their views on the current challenges of the Case System. In this regard, they both agreed in creating a working group composed of judges, commissioners and technical staff from both institutions with the purpose of finding structural solutions which guarantee the well-functioning of the Case system.

Additionally, the IACourtHR and the IACHR refined the details of the Second Inter-American Forum on Human Rights, to be held in December 10-11 in Bogotá. This official event, organized by both organs of the Inter-American system, will be public and open to all users of the Inter-American system and interested sectors.

Lastly, both bodies took this opportunity to make a call on the OAS Member States to continue with the commitment reached during the 47 Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly celebrated in June 2017 in Cancún, México, to double the budget of the bodies of the Inter-American system over the next three years (AG/RES. 2912 (XLVII-O/17). The IACourtHR and the IACHR stressed that, as of today, an increase of 33 percent had been achieved. Both institutions entrust the States with the continuity of the commitment undertaken to reach the
agreed budget with the purpose of reassuring and reinforcing the well-functioning of both organs of the Inter-American System of Human Rights.

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