

# Press Release

Inter-American Court of Human Rights

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## **Inter-American Court of Human Rights successfully ends its one-week European tour**

San José, Costa Rica, November 13, 2018.- From 5 to 9 November the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter, “the Court” or “the IACourHR”) visited several domestic and supranational institutions in the framework of its European tour, which has been supported and funded by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

The delegation was composed of: Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor, President of the Court, Judges Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto and Patricio Pazmiño Freire, elected judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique, as well as Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, Secretary of the Court and Marta Cabrera Martín, Advisor to the President and to the Secretary. Marie-Christine Fuchs, Director of the Rule of Law Programme for Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, also joined the delegation.

### **I. Visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union**

On Monday 5 November the Court’s delegation visited the Court of Justice of the European Union (hereinafter, “CJEU”). During this historic encounter both institutions agreed to strengthen their institutional relationships and, in particular, their judicial dialogue.



The Court's delegation held several meetings with judges and high-ranked officials of the CJEU with the aim of deepen its knowledge on the functioning and development of this High Tribunal. Additionally, the delegation participated in a roundtable with the Vice President of the CJEU R. Silva de Lapuerta, as well as judges M.A. Rosas and D. Šváby.



The next day, the Court's delegation attended a hearing before the General Tribunal in the case *Gamaa Islamiya Egypte* which concerned the adoption and extension of provisional measures adopted in the fight against terrorism. Afterwards the delegation held a meeting with the President of the CJEU, M. K. Lenaerts. During this meeting, the President of the Court, Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mag-Gregor, shared with his homologue the Court's interest to strengthen even more the institutional relationship and cooperation between both supranational institutions.



## **II. Visit to the German Federal Constitutional Court and the German Federal Court of Justice**

On Wednesday 7 November the Inter-American Court visited the German Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe, where it held a meeting with Prof. Dr. H.C Andreas Voßkuhle, President of the Federal Constitutional Court and with judge Prof. Dr. Doris König, as well as with Dr. Max Schönthal, spokesperson of this Court.



Afterwards the delegation visited the German Federal Court of Justice where it participated in a roundtable with the President of this High Tribunal Ms Limperg, and judges Derstadt, Schmalztz, as well as with judge Müller-Teckhof.



### **III. Visit to the Council of Europe**

On Thursday 8 November the Court's delegation visited several institutions of the Council of Europe, located in Strasbourg, France. During this visit, the delegation held a meeting with the European Economic and Social Committee with the purpose of exchanging views on similarities and differences of both regional systems of human rights as regards the protection of economic, social and environmental rights. On behalf of the Committee the following persons were present in the meeting: Giuseppe Palmisano, President of the Committee; Raúl Canosa Usera, member of the Committee; Jan Malinowski, Executive Secretary; Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Executive Secretary and Amaya Úbeda, lawyer.



In the evening, the Court's delegation held a meeting with the Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, as well as with several jurists working at the Execution Department of the Council of Europe. Both delegations shared experiences and tools with the aim of improving the execution and compliance with the judgments issued by both the Inter-American and the European Court of Human Rights. They also shared what in their view were their major achievements as well as current challenges of both institutions.



Lastly, on Friday 9 November the delegation visited the seat of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). The delegation was welcomed by the ECHR's President Guido Raimondi, the Registrar Roderick Liddell, the Head of the Private Office of the President Patrick Titun, as well as the lawyers Guillem Cano Palomares and Rachael Kondak.



In the evening the judges of the Court took part in a successful international seminar on the “Optimization of a methodology in adjudicating large-scale violations of human rights”, which was co-organized by both the European and the Inter-American Court. Judges of both courts as well as academics participated in this seminar, which attracted great attention and interest.

You can view the seminar in the following [link](#).



The Inter-American Court would like to give special thanks to the financier of this event, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation, for supporting this initiative that will allow the Court to strengthen their ties and build more bridges between the American and the European continent.

All the photos of this tour can be found in the following [link](#)

#### **IV. International Seminar organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL)**


Additionally, on Friday 2 November Judges Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor and Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, elected judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique, as well as Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, Secretary of the Court, participated in the international seminar "40 of existence of the IACourtHR: A Perspective from Europe", which was organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL).

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