

**Order of the President of the
Inter-American Court of Human Rights
of January 16th, 2008
Case of *Bámaca Velásquez v. Guatemala*
(*Monitoring Compliance with Judgment*)**

HAVING SEEN:

1. The Order of the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter, the "Court", the "Inter-American Court", or the "Tribunal") of December 13, 2007, whereby it was decided, *inter alia*:

To summon the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, the representatives of the victim and his next-of-kin and the State of Guatemala to hearing to be held in private at the seat of the Tribunal in San José de Costa Rica, on February 1st, 2008, as from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 pm, in order for the Court to obtain information from the State regarding those aspects pending compliance with the Judgment on

2. The Communication of the State of Guatemala (hereinafter, the "State" or "Guatemala") in which it was pointed out that "due to the period of democratic transition of the country, it [was] necessary to request a 30-day extension from the date fixed for the [private hearing] to be conducted".

CONSIDERING:

1. It is an inherent power of the judicial functions of the Court to monitor compliance with its decisions.

2. That the State of Guatemala has been a State Party to the American Convention (hereinafter, the "Convention" or the "American Convention") since May 25, 1978, and that it accepted the binding jurisdiction of the Court on March 9, 1987.

3. That the President considers the argument raised by the State of Guatemala in Having Seen clause 2 of this Order to be reasonable.

4. That, based on the foregoing, this President deems it is worth considering the request made by the State regarding the postponement of the private hearing.

THEREFORE:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

In exercise of the Court's power to monitor compliance with its decisions, in consultation with the other Judges of the Tribunal and pursuant to Articles 67 and 68(1) of the American Convention on Human Rights, article 25(1) of its Statute and articles 14(1) and 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

DECIDES:

1. To grant the extension requested by the State of Guatemala and, as a consequence, to summon the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the representatives of the victim and his next-of-kin and the State of Guatemala to a hearing to be held in private in the next ordinary sessions of the Tribunal at the place and hour and on the date to be fixed and which shall be duly informed to the parties, in order for the Court to obtain information of those aspects pending compliance with the Judgment on the merits and the Judgment on the reparations issued in the instant case and listen to the observations made by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the representatives of the victim and his next- of-kin.

2. To require the Secretariat of the Court to notify this Order to the State, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the representatives of the victims and their next of kin.

Sergio García Ramírez, Judge
President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri
Secretary