

**ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
OF OCTOBER 13, 2023**

**REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION OC-30
SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

HAVING SEEN:

1. The request for an advisory opinion submitted to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter "the Inter-American Court", "the Court" or "the Tribunal") by the United Mexican States (hereinafter "Mexico") on November 11, 2022 in relation to "the activities of private companies engaged in the firearms industry and their effects on human rights" The State appointed Alejandro Celorio Alcántara, Legal Adviser; Martha Delgado Peralta, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights; Roselia Margarita Barajas y Olea, Ambassador of Mexico to Costa Rica; Cristopher Ballinas Valdés, Director General for Human Rights and Democracy; Salvador Tinajero Esquivel, Deputy Legal Adviser; Víctor Manuel Sánchez Colín, Head of Chancellery of the Mexican Embassy in Costa Rica; Aída Margarita Flores Díaz, Counselor of the Mexican Embassy in Costa Rica; Alfredo Uriel Pérez Manriquez, Director for International Courts and Organizations and Rubén Darío Álvarez Ángeles, Deputy Director for International Courts and Organizations, all from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as its agents for this request.
2. The brief of November 25, 2022, through which Mexico presented the translations into the other three official languages of the Organization of American States (hereinafter "the OAS") of its request for an Advisory Opinion.
3. The notes of the Secretariat of the Court (hereinafter "the Secretariat") of March 7, 2023, in which, pursuant to Articles 73(1) and 73(2) of the Court's Rules of Procedure (hereinafter "the Rules of Procedure"), it advised all the OAS, the OAS Secretary General, the President of the OAS Permanent Council, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, that the President of the Court (hereinafter "the President"), in consultation with the Court, had established July 10, 2023, as the deadline for the presentation of written observations on this request. Also, the notes of the Secretariat of July 4, 2023, in which this deadline was extended until August 21, 2023, which was notified to all those mentioned above.

4. The notes of the Secretariat of March 13, 2022, and the publication on the Court's website, in which, pursuant to Article 73(2) and 73(3) of the Court's Rules of Procedure, the President invited all those who were interested to submit their written opinion on the issues raised in the request and advised that the Court had established July 10, 2023, as the deadline for receiving such opinions, and also the publication on the Court's website, advising that this deadline had been extended until August 21, 2023.

5. The brief of written observations submitted by Mexico to their own request.

6. The briefs in which the following States submitted their written observations: 1) Plurinational State of Bolivia, 2) Republic of Colombia, 3) Republic of Costa Rica, and 4) United States of America.

7. The brief by which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights presented its written observations, and appointed President Margarete May Macaulay and Executive Secretary Tania Reneaum as its delegates, and Deputy Executive Secretary Jorge Humberto Meza Flores, Marcela Cecilia Rivera Basulto and María del Pilar Gutiérrez Perilla, as legal advisers.

8. The briefs by which the state agencies submitted their written observations: 1) Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Estado de Puebla and 2) Comisión Estatal de Derechos Humanos de Jalisco.

9. The briefs by which the following non-governmental organizations and regional, national and international associations presented their written observations: 1) Fundación Arias para la Paz; 2) National Shooting Sports Foundation; 3) Centro de Investigación Científica Aplicada y Consultoría Integral; 4) Agora International Human Rights Group, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, Hungarian Civil Liberties' Union, Kenya Human Rights Commission, KontraS and Legal Resources Centre; 5) International Commission of Jurists and Due Process of Law Foundation; 6) Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) and Instituto de Estudios Comparados en Ciencias Penales y Sociales; 7) Observatorio Internacional de Derechos Humanos del Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados; 8) México Unido contra la Delincuencia; 9) Global Action on Gun Violence and Civil and Human Rights Clinic of George Washington University Law School; 10) Omega Research Foundation and Centro por la Justicia y el Derecho Internacional (CEJIL); 11) Iniciativa Americana por la Justicia and 12) Fundación Regional de Asesoría en Derechos Humanos (INREDH).

10. The briefs by which the following academic institutions presented their written observations: 1) Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; 2) Núcleo de Prácticas Jurídicas, Clínica de Direito Internacional de Universidade Católica do Paraná; 3) Human Rights Clinic, University of Texas; 4) Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad del Norte de Paraguay; 5) Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales de la Universidad Rafael Landívar; 6) Núcleo de Estudos Avançados em Direito Internacional da Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná; 7) Centro de Derechos Humanos del Caribe de la Universidad del Norte de Colombia; 8) Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de la República, Uruguay; 9) Grupo de investigación "Globalización, Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional" de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid; 10) Consultorio Jurídico y Centro de Conciliación de la Institución Universitaria Americana; 11) División de Estudios Jurídicos del Centro Universitario de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades de la Universidad de Guadalajara; 12) Observatorio de Derechos Humanos de la Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Jurídicas de la Universidad de La Pampa; 13) Grupo de Estudos

e Pesquisa em Direito Internacional (GEPDI) da Universidade Federal de Uberlândia; 14) Clínica Jurídica de la Universitat Pompeu Fabra; 15) Academia Interamericana de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila; 16) International Human Rights Clinic, University of Virginia School of Law; 17) Universidad de Flores and Universidad Católica de Córdoba; 18) Centro Universitário Antônio Eufrásio de Toledo; 19) Núcleo de Estudos em Sistemas de Direitos Humanos da Universidade Federal do Paraná, Clínica de Derechos Humanos do Programa de Pós-graduação em Direito y Clínica de Derechos Humanos- Human Rights Research and Education Centre, Ottawa University; 20) Instituto Peruano de Derecho Comparado; 21) Núcleo de Derechos Humanos da Faculdade Mineira de Direito da Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais; 22) Centro de Estudios de Derechos Humanos de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires and Observatorio de Derecho Internacional Humanitario de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Buenos Aires; 23) Business and Human Rights Project, Essex Law School and 24) Clínica de Derechos Humanos, Núcleo Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, Faculdade Nacional de Direito, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro.

11. The briefs by which the following individuals from civil society presented their written observations: 1) Efrén Guerrero Salgado; 2) Manuel Alejandro Zubia Portillo, César Alejandro Romo Solano and Daryane Guadalupe Espinoza de Santiago; 3) Jesús David Llanes; 4) Oscar Antonio Ríos Macías, Alejandro Tapasco Flórez and José Daniel Monterrosa Olivella; 5) Eduardo Lozano Tovar; 6) Diego Gerardo Valencia Mendoza; 7) Diana Piñón Jiménez and Miguel Ángel Antemate Mendoza; 8) Michael J. Sullivan, Carl Truscott, William Hoover, Carlos A. Canino, Ronald Turk, Thomas Brandon and Regina Lombardo; 9) Wendy Lucía To Wu and Carlos Rafael Martínez Ríos; 10) Christian Giovanni Ballinas Jiménez; 11) Xochithl Guadalupe Rangel Romero; 12) Mónica Georgina Garibi, Harper Cabral, Laura Romero Godínez, Erika Vásquez Reyes, Juan Carlos Calzada Charre and Victoria María Enriqueta Bernal Calderón; 13) María Clara Galvis Patiño, José Julián Tole Martínez, Manuela Losada Chavarro, Wilfredo Robayo Galvis, Xiomara Romero Pérez, Héctor Wiesner León, Daniela Alejandra Martínez López, Juan Camilo Rodríguez Vizcaíno, Laura Catalina Senejoa Jurado, Sahara Lucía Rosero Huertas, Angélica María Arango Díaz and Felipe Calderón Valencia; 14) Luis Peraza Parga; 15) Michelle Ellis Quirós; 16) Carolina Rodríguez Bejarano, Juan Esteban Serna, Jerónimo Patiño Gutiérrez, Lady Nayibe Orjuela, Carlos Andrés Arboleda Díaz, Carlos Andrés García Velásquez, Andrés David Moncayo Clavijo, Alejandro Salcedo Jaramillo and Ivonne Maritza Jiménez Torres and 17) Enrique Uribe y Diego Enrique Uribe Bustamante.

12. The written observations of the Instituto Internacional de Responsabilidad Social y Derechos Humanos (IIRESODH) and the Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel Agustín Pro-Juárez were submitted on August 22, 2023. Likewise, the written observations of the Centro de Justicia de las Américas (CEJA) were submitted on August 29, 2023.

CONSIDERING THAT:

1. The Secretariat of the Court received numerous briefs with relevant observations and documents regarding the request for an advisory opinion before the established deadline (*supra*, having seen paragraphs 5 to 11). On the other hand, with the purpose of considering all the contributions received, the Presidency exceptionally authorizes the incorporation of the briefs that were submitted days after the established deadline (*supra*, having seen paragraph 12).

2. Given the advisory nature of this matter, those OAS Member States that have not submitted written observations in this case may present their oral arguments during the public hearing if they deem it relevant.

3. The Court finds it desirable to hold the oral procedure established in Article 73(4) of the Rules of Procedure, and that the Inter-American Commission, the Member States, and those who submitted their written observations present their oral arguments.

THEREFORE:

THE PRESIDENT,

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 24(1) of the Statute of the Court and 73(4) of the Court's Rules of Procedure, and in exercise of his authority under Article 31(2) of the latter,

DECIDES:

1. To convene a public hearing to be held on November 28 and 29, 2023, starting at 8:00 a.m., at the Headquarters of the Court in San José, Costa Rica, during the Court's 163st regular period of session, in order to receive oral arguments on the request for advisory opinion OC-30 presented by the United Mexican States.

2. To request the Member States, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and those who submitted written observations to inform whether they wish to take part in the hearing called by the President by October 27, 2023, at the latest, and to inform the Secretariat of the name and information of the persons who will be present during the hearing.

3. To require the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court to notify this order to the requesting State, to the other Member States of the Organization of American States, to all the organs mentioned in Article 73(1) of the Court's Rules of Procedure and to all those who submitted written observations on the request for advisory opinion OC-30.

Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique
President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri
Secretary

So ordered,

Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique

President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri
Secretary