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THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATED THE BEGINNING OF JUDICIAL YEAR 2025

San José, Costa Rica, January 27, 2025. – The Opening Ceremony of Inter-American Judicial Year 2025 was held today, in which the new judges of the Inter-American Court for the period from 2025-2030, Judge Alberto Borea Odría and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, assumed their position.

The table of honor included the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López; the Vice-President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch; the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Chaves Robles; the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Arnoldo André Tinoco and the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro.

In her speech, the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights highlighted some of the achievements of 2024, noting that the Court had a significant increase in the issue of judgments on merits in relation to previous years. Moreover, regarding monitoring compliance with judgment, full, partial or advances in compliance were declared in more than 100 reparation measures corresponding to 12 States during the last year.

The main contributions to the jurisprudence of the Court covered topics such as the right to participate in government and democracy, electoral integrity, gender, femicides within the family environment, reproductive health, racial discrimination, access to information and the right to the truth, access to justice, the rights of indigenous peoples, judicial guarantees, economic, social and cultural rights, and grave human rights violations.

“In these difficult times for our region and the world, we cannot give up on the fight for human dignity, because doing so would mean to renounce the essence of civilization and democracy. Therefore, resiliency is a moral and legal imperative.”

The President of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Chaves Robles, expressed the following: “Today we confirm our historical and unbreakable commitment to defend human rights, which Costa Rica has firmly upheld with conviction since the birth of this Court. Throughout the years, facing the great challenges of the continent, the Court has issued historical judgments and has developed innovative jurisprudence, protecting those who have endured grave violations and promoting the structural transformation of our States.”

Lastly, the Secretary General of the OAS, Luis Almagro, highlighted that the Court has played a key role in achieving the goals of the Organization. “In the exercise of its contentious and advisory jurisdiction it has not only combated impunity and human rights violations but has also established standards of protection adopted by the member States, which are the guidelines for the administration of justice in the Americas.”

The President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, highlighted the Court's commitment to innovation and inclusion. She indicated that the Court developed a project to create the first *American Convention on Human Rights with commentary and illustrations for and by children and adolescents*. [This initiative](#), which is the result of workshops with Costa Rican students and an online inquiry for the whole region, represents a pioneering effort to bring together justice and the new generations.

At the end of the ceremony, the winners of the contest "[Focusing on Rights: a photographic journey along with the I/A Court HR](#)" were announced. The contest was organized as part of the Court's 45th Anniversary, to create more spaces for the participation of new groups regarding human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean. The winning photographs will be on display at the Court's headquarters.

Relive the best moments and view the photo gallery [here](#).

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