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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL HOLD ITS 164th REGULAR SESSION



San José, Costa Rica, January 23, 2024.- The Inter-American Court will hold its 164th Regular Session from January 24 to February 9, 2024. It will be in hybrid format, including both virtual and in-person activities.

The public hearings and Opening Ceremony of Inter-American Judicial Year 2024 will be broadcast through the Court's social media channels.

I. Opening Ceremony of Inter-American Judicial Year 2024

The Opening Ceremony for Inter-American Judicial Year 2024 will be held on January 29, 2024, at 9:30 AM (Costa Rica time). During the event, the new President, Judge Nancy Hernández López (Costa Rica) and new Vice-President, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch (Brazil) will assume their positions.

The keynote speech "Technological revolution, digital platforms and artificial intelligence" will be given by Luís Roberto Barroso, President of the Federal Supreme Court of Brazil.

II. Judgments

The Court will begin deliberating the Judgment in the following Contentious Cases:

a) Case of Active Memory Civil Association v. Argentina¹

This case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State regarding the terrorist attack against the headquarters of Association mutual Israelita Argentina ("AMIA") on July 18, 1994, in Buenos Aires, causing the death of 85 persons and serious injuries to 151 others, as well as the alleged impunity of the facts.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

b) Case of Vega González et al. v. Chile²

The case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Chile for the application of a "half statute of limitations" or a "gradual statute of limitations" in 14 criminal law cases regarding crimes against humanity perpetrated against 48 individuals in the context of Chile's civilian–military dictatorship.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

III. Interpretation of Judgment

The Court will begin deliberating the Judgment in the following Contentious Case:

a) Interpretation of Judgment in the Case of Members and Militants of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia³

Once the Judgment is notified, it will be available [here](#).

IV. Public Hearings

The Court will hold in-person public hearings on the Contentious Cases listed below.

a) Case of Ubaté and Bogotá v. Colombia⁴

This case relates to the international responsibility of the State of Colombia for the forced disappearance of Jhon Ricardo Ubaté and Gloria Bogotá during a police operation by the Police Anti-Extortion and Kidnapping Unit (UNASE) in 1995, and the impunity of these events.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM (Costa Rica time).

b) Case of Reyes Mantilla et al. v. Ecuador

The case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Ecuador for the alleged illegal and arbitrary detention of Walter Ernesto Reyes Mantilla, Vicente Hipólito Arce Ronquillo and José Frank Serano Barrera between 1995 and 1996, for the duration of the preventive detention, alleged acts of aggression and threats during the detention, and the lack of judicial guarantees in the criminal proceedings against them. Regarding Mr. Serrano, it is considered that the State is responsible for the lack of information regarding His right to communicate with the Consulate of his country. In turn, during the detention of Mr. Reyes the police authorities seized

the car he was in, which belonged to his son, and the car was not returned once he was acquitted of the charges.

The in-person public hearing will take place on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM (Costa Rica time).

c) Case of Aguirre Magaña v. El Salvador

The case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State of El Salvador for the alleged lack of due diligence in the criminal investigation for the serious injuries endured by Miguel Ángel Aguirre Magaña, which caused him a disability.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 06, 2024, at 09:00 AM (Costa Rica time).

d) Case of Capriles v. Venezuela

This case refers to the alleged responsibility of the State for the violation of the right to participate in government, freedom of expression, principle of freedom from ex post facto laws, judicial protection and judicial guarantees (right to a fair trial) to the detriment of Henrique Capriles, in the context of his political participation as presidential candidate in the elections of April 14, 2013.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 06, 2024, at 2:30 PM (Costa Rica time).

e) Case of Galetovic Sepunar et al. v. Chile⁵

This case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State for the alleged lack of access to an effective judicial remedy to request reparation for the seizing of a radio station during the Chilean dictatorship, to the detriment of Mario Galetovic Sapunar, Daniel Ruiz Oyarzo, Carlos González Jaksic, Oscar Santiago Mayorga Paredes, Hugo René Formantel Díaz, and Néstor Edmundo Navarro Alvarado.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 9:00 AM (Costa Rica time). If you would like to attend the hearing, you can make a reservation [here](#).

f) Case of Da Silva et al. v. Brazil⁶

This case concerns the alleged lack of due diligence in the investigation of the alleged murder of Manoel Luiz da Silva, rural worker and member of the Landless Rural Workers' Movement (MST), on May 19, 1997, in Hacienda Engenho Taipu, located in São Miguel de Taipu municipality, Paraíba state. The alleged murder is said to have been perpetrated by non-state actors. Moreover, it refers to the alleged impunity of the facts.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 AM (Costa Rica time).

g) Case of Muniz Da Silva v. Brazil⁷

This case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Brazil for the forced disappearance of Almir Muniz da Silva, rural worker and defender of the rights of rural workers in Paraíba state, Brazil, and the alleged impunity of the facts to date. On May 9, 2001, Mr. Muniz da Silva testified before the Congressional Investigation Committee on the alleged rural violence and formation of rural militias in the state of Paraíba and informed them of the involvement of certain police officers in acts of violence against rural workers in the area. On December 23, 2000, Almir Muniz da Silva received a death threat from one of the police officers he denounced.

Further information on this case can be accessed [here](#).

The in-person public hearing will take place on Friday, February 09, 2024, at 9 AM (Costa Rica time).

V. Monitoring Compliance with Judgments, Provisional Measures and administrative matters

The Court will also monitor compliance with various Judgments and the implementation of Provisional Measures that it has ordered, as well as procedural issues in various Contentious Cases. It will also address several administrative matters.

Regular information will be provided on the different activities of this 164th Regular Session.

The Court's composition for this Regular Session will be the following: Judge Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica); Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice-President (Brazil); Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto (Colombia); Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot (México); Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique; Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina) and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile).

¹ Judge Verónica Gómez, of Argentinian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

² Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg, of Chilean nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

³ The Court's composition for this Interpretation of Judgment will be as follows: Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, President (Costa Rica); Judge Patricio Pazmiño Freire, Vice President (Ecuador); Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor (Mexico); Judge Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni (Argentina) and Juez Ricardo Pérez Manrique (Uruguay). Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Interpretation of Judgment. The Court will hold a virtual session with the former composition of the Court that continued with the hearing and deliberation of the Case of Members and Militants of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia.

⁴ Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation of this Judgment, in conformity with Art. 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

⁵ Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg, of Chilean nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

⁶ Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, of Brazilian nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

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