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ECUADOR IS INTERNATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS TO JUDICIAL GUARANTEES, JUDICIAL PROTECTION AND WORK, TO THE DETRIMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NATIONAL FISHERIES INSTITUTE

San José, Costa Rica, January 30, 2025. - In the judgment in the Case of *Peralta Armijos v. Ecuador*, notified today, the Inter-American Court declared the State of Ecuador responsible for the violation of the rights to judicial guarantees, judicial protection and work, to the detriment of Félix Humberto Peralta Armijos, former employee of the National Fisheries Institute (now the Public Institute for Research on Aquaculture and Fishing).

The official summary and the full text of the judgment can be accessed [here](#).

The Inter-American Court concluded that the State is internationally responsible due to non-compliance with a judicial decision issued in 2003 in favor of Mr. Peralta Armijos, in the context of proceedings initiated by him to challenge an administrative decision that appointed another individual to the position for which he had applied for a promotion. Moreover, the Court confirmed the arbitrariness of the refusal of the domestic courts to order the payment of lost wages to Mr. Peralta Armijos in another judicial process opened that sought to challenge the removal from his position at the National Fisheries Institute.

Consequently, the Court declared that Ecuador violated Articles 8(1), 25(1) and 25(2)(c) and 26 of the American Convention on Human Rights, in relation to the obligations to respect and guarantee the rights set forth in Article 1(1) of that same instrument, to the detriment of Mr. Peralta Armijos.

Because of these violations, the Court ordered the State to implement several reparation measures, including the payment of a specific sum to Mr. Peralta Armijos, due to the lack of reimbursement of lost wages during the time that he was removed from his position at the National Fisheries Institute, and to regularize the victim's pension regime in view of the contributions that were not made during that same period.

Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg disclosed their individual partially dissenting opinions.

The Court's composition for the issuing of this judgment was as follows: 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 (Uruguay); Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina) and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile).

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