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## Inter-American Court of Human Rights

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### **Inter-American Court of Human Rights suspends public hearings of the 134th Regular Session of March 16-20, 2020**

*San Jose, Costa Rica, March 11, 2020.*- Considering the Pandemic Declaration for the spread of Coronavirus made today by the World Health Organization and attending to the "National Sanitary Guidelines for Surveillance of Infection for Coronavirus" dictated by the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Costa Rica, the Presidency of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has decided to suspend public hearings for the week of March 16 to 20, 2020, corresponding to the 134th Regular Period of Sessions.

Attending the indications of the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica, as well as those of the World Health Organization, the Inter-American Court agreed to avoid the international travel that the next public hearings scheduled for this period require.

In order to notify this measure, The Secretariat of the Inter-American Court is communicating with each of the actors involved in the planned public hearings. The hearings will be rescheduled and the new agenda of sessions will be reported respectively through the official channels.

The Inter-American Court reaffirms its commitment to work for the protection of human rights in the Continent while joining international efforts to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/es/emergencias/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ministeriodesalud.go.cr/index.php/centro-de-prensa/noticias/741-noticias-2020/1532-lineamientos-nacionales-para-la-vigilancia-de-la-infeccion-por-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

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