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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AGREES TO EXTEND THE SUSPENSION OF TIME LIMITS DUE TO THE HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY COVID-19

San José, Costa Rica, 17 April 2020. - The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has decided to extend the suspension of the calculation of all the time limits that are currently pending before this Court from April 22 to May 20 inclusive. This includes substantive cases, monitoring compliance with judgment and advisory opinions.

Time limits relating to provisional measures are excluded. In this communication, all parties and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights are notified of this agreement in each case that is pending, whether in the substantive stage or in the monitoring compliance with judgment, the suspension of the calculation of time limits. This also applies to requests for advisory opinions.

INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

AGREEMENT OF THE COURT 2/20

APRIL 16, 2020

Extension of the suspension of time limits due to the health emergency caused by COVID-19

THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

WHEREAS:

On March 17, 2020, by means of Agreement 1/20, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights decided to suspend the calculation of all the time limits due to the health emergency caused by COVID-19, from March 17 to April 21 inclusive, with the exception of the terms relating to provisional measures.

It is common knowledge that many countries in the region have been and continue to be affected by the disease COVID-19, classified by the World Health Organization as a health emergency with a global impact.

The countries of the region are adopting a variety of measures against the COVID-19 pandemic, which may affect the procedural activity before the Tribunal, and with the aim of collaborating with the various efforts being made in this area.

AGREES:

1. To extend the suspension of the calculation of all the terms that are currently in progress before this Court from April 22 to May 20 inclusive. This includes cases in the merits stage, supervision of compliance with judgment and advisory opinions. The terms related to provisional measures are exempted.
2. At the end of the last date indicated (May 20, 2020), the appropriate decisions on the continuity of this measure will be issued.
3. Make this agreement publicly known.
4. To give notice of this agreement concerning the decision to extend the suspension of the calculation of the terms, through the press release that will be disseminated tomorrow, to all the parties and to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in each pending case, whether under proceedings on the merits or supervision of compliance with judgment.
5. The aforementioned is also applicable to advisory opinions currently pending.

See the Agreement in [Spanish](#), [English](#) and [Portuguese](#)

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