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INTER-AMERICAN COURT'S PRESIDENT ORDERS NICARAGUA TO ADOPT URGENT MEASURES TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND INTEGRITY OF THE MEMBERS OF TWO HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

San José, Costa Rica, July 12, 2019.- A Resolution was notified today in the *Affaire of the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH) and the Permanent Commission on Human Rights (CPDH)* regarding Nicaragua. In the Resolution the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights requested the State to immediately adopt the necessary measures to avoid irreparable damage and to effectively protect the life and personal integrity of the members of the aforementioned organizations. These measures must be adopted to ensure the continuity of their work in defense of human rights without being subjected to harassment, threats or aggression.


On June 27, 2019, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights submitted a request for provisional measures to the IA Court. The Commission detailed the threats and harassment suffered by numerous members of both organizations. After analyzing the request, the observations of the State, as well as the evidence provided, the President considered that there were sufficient elements to determine the existence of a situation of extreme gravity. Therefore, he determined the urgent need to adopt the necessary measures to avoid irreparable damage to the right to life and integrity of the members of said organizations. The President reiterated that with respect to human rights defenders, following the Court's case-law, the State has the duty to create the legal and formal conditions, as well as to guarantee the tangible conditions in which they can freely carry out their work. The State must submit a detailed report, with the measures adopted, to the Court.

The Resolution can be consulted [here](#). (Only in Spanish)

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