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SAD PASSING OF THE FORMER JUDGE AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANTÔNIO AUGUSTO CANÇADO TRINDADE



San José, Costa Rica, May 29, 2022. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights expresses its deep sorrow on the sad passing of the former President and former Judge of the Court, Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, and conveys its deepest condolences to his family and friends on such a painful and irreparable loss.

Judge Augusto Cançado Trindade, a Brazilian national, was a Judge of the Inter-American Court between January 1, 1995, and December 31, 2006, and its President for two terms (1999-2003).

"Judge Cançado Trindade leaves a true legacy in our region and the entire world, his work has impacted the way we understand International Human Rights Law today. Antonio was a true humanist, he always put the victims of human rights violations at the center of all international action and his leadership was decisive in the consolidation of the Inter-American System for the protection of Human Rights. Furthermore, as a professor and jurist, he trained and inspired thousands of students and professionals. The Inter-American Court will always be his home. His intelligence, wisdom and simplicity are a source of inspiration for all of us," said the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique.

Cançado Trindade was a lawyer and prominent academic of International Law and also served as a Judge at the International Court of Justice, based in The Hague, Netherlands. He was also a professor at the Human Rights Institute of the University of Utrecht, Netherlands and the author of numerous, well-known legal works in the areas of International Human Rights Law. With a distinguished career in academia and in the classroom, Cançado was a professor at the

Academy of International Law in The Hague, in the courses of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, at the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg) and at the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. (San José, Costa Rica). He was also a visiting professor at several universities, including Columbia and Paris II.

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