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San José, Costa Rica, May 25, 2020.- The Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hold its 135th Regular Period of Sessions from June 1st to July 31, 2020.

The previous date for this session was changed, in accordance with the pandemic situation caused by COVID-19. According to article 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Court, "in exceptional circumstances, the Presidency may, in consultation with the other Judges, change the dates of the sessions".

Recently, the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito, said that "adapting our work to the current circumstances, the Inter-American Court will continue its work using information and communications technologies to achieve its functions".

During this period, the Court will hold sessions on a virtual way, deliberating contentious cases, holding public hearings about advisory opinions, deliberating about monitoring compliance with judgments, reviewing provisional measures and different administrative issues.

The Court will report on the development of the activities scheduled for this Regular Period of Sessions.

I. Hearing of Request for an Advisory Opinion.

The Court will hold two Hearings of Request for an Advisory Opinion, which will be streaming on social media:

a) Public Hearing of the Request for an Advisory Opinion about the Obligations in matters of Human Rights of a State that has denounced the American Convention on Human Rights, and attempts to withdraw from the OAS.

The goal of this Request for an Advisory Opinion is the interpretation by the Court about three aspects:

- 1) The scope of the international obligations in the area of protection and promotion of human rights of an OAS member state that has denounced the American Convention;
- 2) The effects on those obligations when the State, later on, takes the extreme measure of denouncing the constituent instrument of the regional Organization and seeks to effectively withdraw from it; and
- 3) The mechanisms available, on the one hand, to the international community and, in particular, the OAS member states, to demand compliance with these obligations and make them effective, and on the other, individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the reporting State, to demand the protection of their human rights, when serious and systematic violations of them are presented.

For more information about the Request for an Advisory Opinion [here](#).

b) Public Hearing of the Request for an Advisory Opinion about the Scope of State Obligations under the Inter-American System with regard to the guarantee of trade union freedom, its relationship to other Rights, and its application from a gender perspective.

The purpose of this request is that the Court make a joint interpretation of several key Inter-American norms relating to State obligations with regard to the exercise of trade union freedom, including the right to collective bargaining and to strike, as catalysts for the protection of labor rights, as well as an interpretation of these norms from a gender perspective. In the context of anti-union practices, unemployment, loss of the real value of wages, uncertainty of the labor market, gender-based violence and discrimination in the workplace and the impact on labor of the intensive use of new technologies in the Americas, it is pertinent and opportune that the Inter-American Court examine these issues and provide States with guidelines to ensure satisfactory compliance with their obligations.

For more information about the Request for an Advisory Opinion [here](#).

The audience will be streaming for the social media of the Court.

II. Judgments

The Court will deliberate the following Contentious Cases.

a) Case of Roche Azaña et al. v. Nicaragua

For more information about the case [here](#).

b) Case of Spoltore v. Argentina¹:

For more information about the case [here](#).

c) Case of Guzmán Albarracín et al. v. Ecuador²

For more information about the case [here](#).

d) Case of Petro Urrego v. Colombia³

For more information about the case [here](#).

e) Case of the Employees of the Fireworks Factory of Santo Antônio de Jesus et al. v. Brazil

For more information about the case [here](#).

f) Case of Valle Ambrosio et al. v. Argentina⁴

For more information about the case [here](#).

III. Monitoring Compliance with Judgments, Provisional Measures and Management Matters

Likewise, the Court will be monitoring compliance with judgment and implementation of the provisional measures that are under its knowledge, as well as the processing of cases, provisional measures, and requests for advisory opinions. Additionally, the Court will see administrative matters.

¹ Judge Raúl Zaffaroni, of Argentine nationality, will not participate in the deliberation and adoption of this judgment, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

² Judge Patricio Pazmiño Freire, of Ecuatorian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation and adoption of this judgment, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

³ Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto of Colombian nationality, will not participate in the deliberation and adoption of this judgment, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

⁴ Judge Raúl Zaffaroni, of Argentine nationality, will not participate in the deliberation and adoption of this judgment, in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Rules of the Court.

The composition of the Court for this session will be as follows: Judge Elizabeth Odio Benito President (Costa Rica); Judge Patricio Pazmiño Freire Vice President (Ecuador), Judge Eduardo Vio Grossi, (Chile); Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto (Colombia), Judge Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor Poisot, (Mexico), Judge Eugenio Raúl Zaffaroni (Argentina); and Judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique (Uruguay).

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