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## I/A Court H.R.

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### INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ITS 168<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION



*San José, Costa Rica, July 10, 2024.* – The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 168<sup>th</sup> Regular Session from June 17-21 and July 1-5, 2024. During this session the Court deliberated the judgments in four contentious cases and one interpretation of Judgment, and it held two Public Hearings in contentious cases, one Public Hearing on a request for Provisional Measures and one Private Hearing on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment.

#### Summary of activities:

##### I. Judgments

The Court deliberated the Judgment in the following contentious cases:

##### a) **Case of Huilcaman Paillama et al. v. Chile**<sup>1</sup>

This case relates to the alleged responsibility of the State for a series of violations during criminal proceedings against 140 Mapuche individuals, in the context of a series of protests held in 1992 to mark the 500-year anniversary of the Spanish conquest of the Americas.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

##### b) **Case of the U'wa Indigenous People and its members v. Colombia**<sup>2</sup>

The case relates to the alleged international responsibility of Colombia for the lack of effective protection of the U'wa People's right to ancestral property, as well as the implementation of a series of oil, mining, tourism and infrastructure activities, to the detriment of their rights.



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**c) Case of Leite de Souza et al. v. Brazil<sup>3</sup>**

This case concerns the alleged responsibility of the State for the forced disappearance of 11 individuals (Viviane Rocha, Cristiane Leite de Souza, Wudson de Souza, Wallace do Nascimento, Antônio Carlos da Silva, Luiz Henrique Euzébio, Edson de Souza, Rosana Lima de Souza, Moisés dos Santos Cruz, Luiz Carlos Vasconcelos de Deus and Edio do Nascimento) on July 26, 1990, as well as the lack of due diligence in the investigation and punishment of those responsible for the disappearance and the alleged acts of sexual violence against two girls and one woman (also disappeared). It also concerns the alleged lack of due diligence the violation of the guarantee of a reasonable term in the investigation and punishment of those responsible for the alleged murder, on January 15, 1993, of Ediméa da Silva Euzebio and Sheila da Conceição, relatives of Luiz Henrique Euzebio (alleged victim of forced disappearance) who were part of the group "Mothers of Acarí". Lastly, the case refers to the alleged violation of the personal integrity of the next of kin of the alleged victims.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

**d) Case of Ubaté and Bogotá v. Colombia<sup>4</sup>**

This case relates to the alleged international responsibility of the State of Colombia for the forced disappearance of Jhon Ricardo Ubaté and Gloria Bogotá during a police operation by the Police Anti-Extortion and Kidnapping Unit (UNASE) in 1995, and the alleged impunity of these events.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

**II. Interpretation of Judgment**

The Court deliberated the Interpretation of Judgment in the **Case of Meza v. Ecuador<sup>5</sup>**.

Once the Judgment is notified, it will be available [here](#).

**III. Public Hearings**

Two Public Hearings in contentious cases were held:

**a) Case of Carrión et al. v. Nicaragua**





This case refers to the alleged international responsibility of the State for the lack of due diligence in the investigation of the facts related to the death of Dina Alexandra Carrión and ensuring the relationship of her son with her maternal family.

You can watch the public hearing [here](#) and the picture gallery is available [here](#).

#### **b) Case of Collen Leite et al. v. Brazil<sup>6</sup>**



This case refers to the international responsibility of Brazil for the alleged lack of investigation and punishment of those responsible for the arbitrary detention and torture of Eduardo Collen Leite and Denise Peres Crispim. This case also involves the extrajudicial killing of Mr. Collen Leite and how this affected his daughter, Eduarda Crispim Leite, and his wife, Denise Peres Crispim, and the alleged lack of comprehensive reparation.

You can watch the public hearing [here](#) and the picture gallery is available [here](#).

#### **IV. Private Hearing on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment**

The Court held one private hearing on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment in the *Case of Petro v. Colombia*.

#### **V. Request for Provisional Measures**

##### **a) Provisional Measures in the cases of Barrios Altos and La Cantuta v. Peru**

On June 13, 2024, the Court issued a ruling whereby it ordered Peru a “preliminary injunction not to novate” in relation to the request for provisional measures submitted on June 7, 2024, by the victims’ representatives and it convened a public hearing to obtain further information before issuing a ruling on the merits of the request.

On June 17, 2024, the I/A Court H.R. held a virtual public hearing on the request for provisional measures in which it heard the victims’ representatives, the State of Perú and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

On July 1, 2024, the I/A Court H.R. issued an order of provisional measures, having decided the following:

1. To require the State of Peru to take the necessary actions through its three branches so as to not adopt, to annul or not grant validity to bill No. 6951/2023-CR, which sets forth the extinguishment of the crimes against humanity committed in Peru, which make reference to the cases of Barrios Altos and La Cantuta, or other similar legal initiatives, in order to guarantee access to justice to the victims of those cases.

The order can be viewed [here](#).

#### **b) Expansion of Provisional Measures in the Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro et al. v. Nicaragua**

The Court issued an Order on July 2, 2024, whereby it expanded the provisional measures granted in the *Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro et al. v. Nicaragua*, in favor of 25 detained individuals and their next of kin, as required. In the order the Court required the State to: (i) adopt the necessary and adequate measures to determine the whereabouts of the two disappeared beneficiaries; (ii) immediately release the 25 beneficiaries that are detained, and (iii) adopt the measures necessary to protect the rights to life, personal integrity, health and adequate nourishment of the beneficiaries, among other measures.

The full text of the order can be viewed [here](#).

#### **c) Request for Provisional Measures in the Matter of Lovely Lamour regarding Haiti**

The Court issued an order regarding the request for provisional measures submitted by the IACHR for the Court to require the Republic of Haiti to implement measures to guarantee the right to life, personal integrity, health and safety of Lovely Lamour.

Once published, the order can be accessed [here](#).

### **VI. Orders on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment**

The Court issued orders on Monitoring Compliance with Judgment in the following cases:

1. *Case of Acosta Martínez et al. v. Argentina*
2. *Case of Casierra Quiñónez et al. v. Ecuador*
3. *Case of Mina Cuero v. Ecuador*
4. *Case of Huacón Baidal et al. v. Ecuador*
5. *Case of González Lluy v. Ecuador*



6. *Case of Rochac Hernández et al. v. El Salvador*
7. *Case of Véliz Franco et al. v. Guatemala*
8. *Case of Velásquez Paiz et al. v. Guatemala*
9. *Case of Buzos Miskitos (Lemoth Morris et al.) v. Honduras*
10. *Case of Deras García et al. v. Honduras*
11. *Case of Nissen Pessolani v. Paraguay*

Once the orders are notified, they will be available [here](#).

## **VII. Signing of cooperation agreements**

The Court signed the following cooperation agreements:

### **a) Cooperation agreement with the French Embassy**



The Court and the Embassy of France in Costa Rica subscribed a cooperation agreement. The agreement was signed by the President of the I/A Court H.R., Judge Nancy Hernández López, and the French Ambassador, Alexandra Bellayer-Roille.

Through this cooperation agreement France will be supporting important initiatives that will benefit the Court's work and the dissemination of this work in French. These include the implementation of the Regulation on Psychological Counseling Services, the translation of the Training Center's Virtual Classroom and three self-learning courses into French, and a contribution to the Assistance Fund for Internships and Professional Visits. Other activities will be implemented, such as providing support through French professionals who will visit the Court to perform dissemination activities and training.

The French delegation also included the Cooperation Officer, Julie Durbet, and the Communications Office, Gustavo Morales. On behalf of the I/A Court of H.R. the Registrar Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, Deputy Registrar Gabriela Pacheco Arias, International Cooperation Coordinator Javier Mariezcurrena and attorney Fidel Gómez accompanied the President of the Court.

### **b) Update of the cooperation agreement with the Association of Female Judges of Argentina**





The President, Susana Medina, and members of the Association of Female Judges of Argentina visited the seat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The Court's President, Judge Nancy Hernández, and the judges of the Court received them.

During their stay, they participated in a round table with attorneys of the Registrar's Office Marta Cabrera, Ana Belem García and Ariana Macaya. They also attended a public hearing. Moreover, on July 1<sup>st</sup> an addendum to the cooperation agreement was signed, focused on training and update regarding the Court's jurisprudence.

### **VIII. Monitoring Compliance with Judgments, Provisional Measures and administrative matters**

The Court also monitored compliance with various judgments and the implementation of provisional measures that it has ordered, as well as procedural issues in various contentious cases. It also addressed several administrative matters.

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- 1 Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg, of Chilean nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.
- 2 Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.
- 3 Vice-president Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, of Brazilian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.
- 4 Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, of Colombian nationality, did not participate in the deliberation of this judgment, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court. Moreover, Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg excused herself from participating in the deliberation of this judgment due to reasons of force majeure.
- 5 Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg excused herself from participating in the deliberation of this judgment due to reasons of force majeure.
- 6 Vice-president Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, of Brazilian nationality, did not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

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The Court's composition for this Regular Session was the following: Judge Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica); Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice-President (Brazil); Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto (Colombia); Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot (Mexico); Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique (Uruguay); Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina) and Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile).

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