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## **INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL HOLD ITS 179<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION**

*San José, Costa Rica, August 14, 2025.* The Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hold its 179<sup>th</sup> Regular Session from August 18 to September 3, 2025. It will be hybrid, including both virtual and in-person activities. During this session, the Court will hold deliberations and hearings.

### **I. Public Hearings**

The Court will hold in-person public hearings in the following contentious cases:

#### **a. *Case of Zuccolillo Moscarda v. Paraguay*<sup>1</sup>**

Upon submission of this case to the Court, the Commission indicated that it concerns the international responsibility of the State of Paraguay for the violation of the right to freedom of expression, principle of freedom from ex post facto laws and judicial guarantees to the detriment of Aldo Zuccolillo Moscarda. According to the facts claimed by the Commission, on December 24, 1998, Juan Carlos Galaverna, then senator of the republic, filed a criminal action for damages against the newspaper ABC Color and Mr. Zuccolillo, editor-in-chief, for libel, defamation and slander, claiming that the newspaper had published at least fifteen news articles that were “manipulative, full of lies, distorted and biased,” aimed at discrediting and ridiculing him. On April 30, 2001, Zuccolillo was convicted of the crimes of defamation, slander and injury, and a penalty of 360 days fine. The judgment was appealed; the appellate court decided that only the crime of defamation had been incurred and it increased the amount of the fine. The plaintiff filed an appeal for annulment, requesting among other measures the imposition of a jail sentence. The corresponding ruling, issued by the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court on December 28, 2005, once again classified the facts as constituting three crimes: defamation, slander and libel, and ruled the payment of an additional fine for financial settlement. The Commission claimed that the criticisms raised by Mr. Zuccolillo were about matters of public interest, since they referred to possible acts of corruption by a senator, which were especially protected by a democratic society and criminal law was not applicable.

The public hearing will be held at the seat of the Court on August 19, at 9:00 AM Costa Rica time. To attend in person you may sign up beforehand [here](#) or in person on the day of the hearing. The public hearing will be live streamed through the Inter-American Court's social media channels.

#### **b. *Case of Iglesias et al. v. Argentina*<sup>2</sup>**

Upon submission of this case to the Court, the Commission indicated that it relates to the international responsibility of the State of Argentina for the violation of the rights to life, personal integrity, protection of the child, judicial guarantees and judicial protection for the death of Marcela Brenda Iglesias Ribaudó in 1996 and for

impunity in the investigation of the facts. On February 15, 1999, Marcela Brenda Iglesias Ribaudo, 6 years old, participated in an activity for the sons and daughters of a banking institution at the recreational complex “Paseo de la Infanta”. Most of the children were playing in the area designated for walking, and in that space there was an iron sculpture named “Elements” that weighed 250 kg. The sculpture fell and caused the immediate death of the Iglesias Ribaudo girl.

The public hearing will be held on August 20, at 9:00 AM Costa Rica time. To attend in person you may sign up beforehand [here](#) or in person on the day of the hearing. The public hearing will be live streamed through the Inter-American Court’s social media channels.

## **II. Public hearing on a request for extension of provisional measures**

The Court will hold a public hearing on a request for extension of the provisional measures in the cases of Barrios Altos and La Cantuta v. Peru<sup>3</sup>, both of which are in the monitoring compliance with judgment stage. It will be held on August 21, at 5:15 PM Costa Rica time.

The Order of Urgent Measures issued by the President and the summons to the hearing can be accessed [here](#).

To attend in person you may sign up beforehand [here](#) or in person on the day of the hearing. The public hearing will be live streamed through the Inter-American Court’s social media channels.

## **III. Pending cases, monitoring compliance with judgments and administrative matters**

The Court will continue hearing several pending cases, monitoring compliance with several judgments and the implementation of provisional measures. It will also address several administrative matters.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, of Paraguayan nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

<sup>2</sup> Judge Verónica Gómez, of Argentinian nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

<sup>3</sup> Judge Alberto Borea Odría, of Peruvian nationality, will not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

The Court's composition for this Regular Session will be as follows: Judge Nancy Hernández López, President (Costa Rica); Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, Vice-President (Brazil); Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique (Uruguay), Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina), Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile), Judge Alberto Borea Odría (Peru) and Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez (Paraguay).

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