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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS INAUGURATED ITS 180TH REGULAR SESSION IN PARAGUAY



Asunción, Paraguay, September 22, 2025. On Monday, September 22, at the Palace of Justice, the opening ceremony of the 180th Regular Session of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights was held, with the participation of high-level national and international authorities.

The opening ceremony was held at the Serafina Dávalos auditorium and was presided by Judge Nancy Hernández López, President of the I/A Court HR. Also present at the main table were His Excellency Hércules Pedro Lorenzo Alliana Rodríguez, Vice-President of the Republic of Paraguay; His Excellency Judge César Manuel Diesel Junghanns, Ph.D., President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay; Basilio Núñez, President of Congress, and Raúl Latorre, President of the Chamber of Deputies.

The President of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic, César Manuel Diesel Junghanns, Ph.D., expressed that: "Paraguay is hosting the Court once again, on the 20th anniversary of the first sessions held outside of its seat, which consolidates the country as a reliable reference within the inter-American system. We can proudly say that this week the heart of the inter-American system beats with renewed strength in Asunción. The presence of this jurisdictional inter-American body in the Republic of Paraguay transcends protocol: it is a testimony of trust in our institutions and a concrete expression of the country's commitment to human rights."

The President of the Court, Judge Nancy Hernández López, highlighted Paraguay's historical role in the policy of rapprochement of the Court to the region. She noted that "Paraguay was the first country that embraced the Court's policy of 'on the road' sessions, outside of its seat; therefore, it has a special place in the birth of the Court's



policy of rapprochement in the region.” The visit and regular session of 2005, 20 years ago, began the Court’s policy of rapprochement to the States and civil society in order to strengthen the dialogue of inter-American justice.” Moreover, she spoke of Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, noting that “the election of Diego Moreno Rodríguez, Ph.D., as the first judge from Paraguay before the Court is undoubtedly a renewed bridge between the people of Paraguay and inter-American justice.” Lastly, she added: “To session in Asunción today is to honor that history: it is recognizing a country that transformed its pain into democratic institutions, strengthened its relationship with the inter-American system and, with the election of the first Paraguayan judge to the Court, confirms its place as a key actor in defending liberty and justice in our America.”



During this week the I/A Court HR will hold three public hearings on contentious cases and five private hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment in cases regarding the State of Paraguay.

As part of the academic activities, the international seminar “The impact of the decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” will be held, with the participation of judges of the I/A Court HR, as well as specialists in human rights and international law.

The event was broadcast through the Court’s social media channels. The full recording of the event can be accessed [here](#).

Both the International Seminar and the public hearings can be watched live through the I/A Court HR’s official social media channels.



All of the information on the agenda and activities of the 180th Regular Session are available: [here](#).

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