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INTER-AMERICAN COURT ADOPTS PROVISIONAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF 45 DETAINEES IN NICARAGUA DUE TO THE RISK TO THEIR RIGHTS TO LIFE, HUMANE TREATMENT, HEALTH, AND FOOD

San José, Costa Rica, October 4, 2022. The Inter-American Court today adopted Provisional Measures regarding Nicaragua, in favor of 45 detainees in 8 detention centers and their families. In its order, the Court required the State to proceed with the immediate release of this group of people and immediately adopt the necessary measures to effectively protect their life, health, access to food, integrity, and personal freedom. In addition, the Court required immediate adoption of the necessary measures to protect the rights of the members of their immediate families.

These measures have been adopted in response to the urgent situation of serious risk to life, humane treatment, health, and food suffered by 45 detainees in Nicaragua. The Court emphatically called on the Nicaraguan authorities to immediately adopt the necessary measures to reverse this situation, under the conditions of the order. These provisional measures are added to others previously adopted concerning detained members of the political opposition. In response to this serious situation, the Court has called a public hearing for the month of November.

In the Order, the Court also referred to the situation of the detainees' relatives, who are also in a situation of the grave, the urgent and imminent danger of risks to their rights to life, liberty, and integrity.

The beneficiaries of the Provisional Measures are:

1. Jhon Christopher Cerna Zúñiga, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "La Modelo" Prison, his health has deteriorated, and he has lost weight. In addition, he has been the victim of attacks by other prisoners and prison staff and held in leg-irons for a prolonged period. Sometimes, the food provided to him is mixed with detergent.

2. Fanor Alejandro Ramos, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care. In addition, he has been the victim of attacks by prison staff. One of his relatives has been detained six times. Sometimes, the food provided to him is mixed with detergent.

3. Edwin Antonio Hernández Figueroa, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo" in overcrowded conditions. In addition, he has been the victim of aggression by another prisoner.

4. Víctor Manuel Soza Herrera, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", under a maximum-security regime. Mr. Soza's health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care. In particular, he has hives on his body, has stomach pains, and sometimes has diarrhea because of unsafe water.

5. Michael Rodrigo Samorio Anderson, detained at the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", brother of Marco Samorio, was murdered on April 21, 2018, during the social protests. Mr. Samorio Anderson has been the victim of attacks by prison personnel. He also developed stomach problems that can be caused by poor water quality.
6. Néstor Eduardo Montealto Núñez, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", under a maximum-security regime. Mr. Montealto's health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical attention.
7. Francisco Xavier Pineda Guatemala, detained in a small cell along with 14 other people in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo". His health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
8. Manuel de Jesús Sobalvarro Bravo, detained in a cell with little access to light in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", under a maximum-security regime, and who has suffered deterioration in his physical and mental health and has not received adequate medical care.
9. Richard Alexander Saavedra Cedeño Núñez, detained in a cell without a toilet that he shares with 20 other people in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo". Mr. Saavedra has no access to drinking water. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
10. Luis Carlos Valle Tinoco, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", has suffered deterioration in his state of health and has not received adequate medical care. In addition, he has been the victim of attacks by prison staff.
11. Víctor Manuel Dias Pérez, detained in a damp and moldy cell in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complexity, or "Cárcel La Modelo", under a maximum-security regime. In addition, his physical and mental health have deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical attention. He has also been the victim of assaults in the detention center.
12. Nilson José Membreño, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has suffered deterioration in his physical and mental health and has not received adequate medical care. Mr. Membreño only receives sunlight once a month for 10 minutes.
13. Edward Enrique Lacayo Rodríguez, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex, or "Cárcel La Modelo", under a maximum-security regime. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
14. Maycol Antonio Arce, detained at the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has been the victim of attacks during his detention. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
15. Yubrank Miguel Suazo Herrera, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who is isolated in a cell without ventilation and in total darkness. Mr. Suazo has to perform his physiological needs in a hole, which is the same place where he bathes.
16. Kevin Roberto Solís, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "La Modelo Prison", who does not have access to sunlight or adequate ventilation. In addition, he has been the victim of aggression by prison personnel and his health has deteriorated.
17. José Manuel Urbina Lara, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has suffered deterioration in his health and has not received adequate medical care. In addition, he has been the victim of attacks by prison staff and has limited access to drinking water.

18. Benjamín Ernesto Gutiérrez Collado, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who is in a small cell with other people. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care. He has also been the victim of threats by prison staff.

19. Yoel Ibzán Sandino Ibarra, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who is in a small cell that he shares with other people, with very little access to sunlight, and without access to recreational spaces, work, and study. In addition, he has been subjected to psychological torture, lack of medical care, and solitary confinement, and has become ill due to the quality of the water in the prison.

20. Marvin Antonio Castellón Ubilla, detained at the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has been the victim of attacks by prison personnel and has suffered a deterioration in his health. On one occasion he has been taken from his cell and hung by his arms and feet while he was beaten by prison officers, on another occasion he was transferred to an isolation cell without access to water or light. In addition, the people who have visited him have been subjected to psychological and physical violence, including searching the genital area of minors.

21. Gustavo Adolfo Mendoza Beteta, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has been found in overcrowded conditions. Currently, he is isolated in a small cell in which he can only take two steps, sleeping on the floor, and without access to drinking water, ventilation, or sunlight. He also does not have towels or sheets. In addition, the people who have visited him have been subjected to psychological and physical violence.

22. Denis Antonio García Jirón, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", who has been found in overcrowded conditions and has been the victim of aggression by other prisoners. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.

23. Danny de los Ángeles García González, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", has been denied the right to receive visits.

24. Wilber Antonio Prado Gutiérrez was detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "La Modelo Prison" in a cell infested by insects and animals due to the lack of hygiene. In addition, he has no access to drinking water. Additionally, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.

25. Steven Moisés Mendoza, detained at the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", has suffered a deterioration in his health and has not received adequate medical care. In addition, he has been the victim of aggression by prison staff, who have exercised psychological and physical violence against the people visiting him, including searching the genital area of minors.

26. Max Alfredo Silva Rivas was detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo" in a cell plagued by pests without a toilet or drinking water. In addition, he has been the victim of aggression by prison personnel and his health has deteriorated.

27. Gabriel Renán Ramírez Somarriba, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo" in overcrowded conditions. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.

28. Wilfredo Alejandro Brenes Domínguez, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", whose health has deteriorated and has not received adequate medical attention. In addition, psychological and physical violence has been used against the people who have visited him

29. Marvin Samir López Ñamendis, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "La Modelo Prison", of whom there is no information regarding his condition due to the lack of communication by the State and the difficulty in communicating with Mr. Lopez.
30. Eliseo de Jesús Castro Baltodano, detained in the Jorge Navarro Penitentiary Complex or "Cárcel La Modelo", suffered a stroke due to the lack of adequate medical care. He is currently in critical condition in bed, not speaking, wearing diapers, and having seizures.
31. Roger Abel Reyes Barrera, detained at the "Evaristo Vásquez" Judicial Assistance Complex, is in a small cell and is constantly being interrogated. Furthermore, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
32. Irving Isidro Larios Sánchez, detained at the "Evaristo Vásquez" Judicial Assistance Complex, has suffered a deterioration in his health and has not received adequate medical attention.
33. José Antonio Peraza Collado, detained at the "Evaristo Vásquez" Judicial Assistance Complex, whose health has deteriorated and has not received adequate medical attention. In addition, he has been subjected to constant interrogation and has no privacy when he has visitors.
34. José Alejandro Quintanilla Hernández, detained at the "Evaristo Vásquez" Judicial Assistance Complex, has suffered a deterioration in his health and has not received adequate medical attention. In addition, he has been subjected to constant interrogation and has no privacy when he has visitors. Psychological and physical violence have been used against the people who have visited him.
35. María Esperanza Sánchez García, detained at the Comprehensive Women's Penitentiary Establishment (EPIM) "La Esperanza". She has been the victim of death threats and harassment from other inmates. In addition, her physical and mental health have deteriorated, and she has not received adequate medical care.
36. Karla Vanessa Escobar Maldonado, detained at the Comprehensive Women's Penitentiary Establishment (EPIM) "La Esperanza", who is suffering physical and psychological abuse by other prisoners. In addition, her health has deteriorated, and she has not received adequate medical care.
37. Rusia Evelyn Pinto Centeno, detained in a cell that she shares with 65 other people and that has a plague of mosquitoes at the Comprehensive Women's Penitentiary Establishment (EPIM) "La Esperanza". Mrs. Pinto's health has deteriorated, and she has not received adequate medical attention.
38. Samuel Enrique González, detained at the Granada National Penitentiary Service (SPN) in a cell he shares with 120 prisoners in extremely unsanitary conditions. His health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
39. Mauricio Javier Valencia Mendoza, detained at the Granada National Penitentiary Service (SPN) in a cell he shares with 150 prisoners in extremely unsanitary conditions due to the presence of bedbugs, cockroaches, and mice that move throughout the cell. His health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.
40. Jorge Adolfo García Arancibia, detained at the National Penitentiary Service (SPN) of Matagalpa. Mr. García is in a cell with 100 other people. In the said cell, there is a plague of bedbugs. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.

41. Leyving Eliezer Chavarría, detained at the National Penitentiary Service (SPN) of Matagalpa. He shares his place of detention with 20 other people and is exposed to a plague of bedbugs. He has been the victim of aggression and his health has deteriorated without receiving adequate medical care.

42. Walter Antonio Montenegro Rivera, detained in a cell that he shares with 400 other people at the National Penitentiary Service (SPN) of Matagalpa. Mr. Montenegro is sleeping on the floor and does not have access to drinking water. In addition, his health has deteriorated, and he has not received adequate medical care.

43. Carlos Antonio López Cano, detained at the Chinandega National Penitentiary Service (SPN). His health deteriorated during his detention, and he has not received adequate medical care.

44. Lester José Selva, detained at the Jinotepe National Penitentiary Service (SPN), where he sleeps next to a sewage drain in a cell in overcrowded conditions. His health deteriorated during his detention, and he has not received adequate medical care.

45. Lázaro Ernesto Rivas Pérez, detained at the Cuisalá Penitentiary Center where he sleeps on the floor. He has been the victim of assaults and his health has deteriorated during his detention. However, he has not received adequate medical care.

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