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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HELD ITS 180th REGULAR SESSION

San José, Costa Rica, October 9, 2025. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights held its 180th Regular Session from September 22 to October 3, 2025, in hybrid format, including hearings, deliberations and the discussion of urgent matters. The first week was held in person from September 22 to 26, in Asunción, thanks to the invitation from the Government of the Republic of Paraguay. The second week of the session was held virtually.

The Inter-American Court HR would like to thank the Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ) for its collaboration in the organization and for lending its facilities to hold the inauguration ceremony of the Regular Session and the jurisdictional and institutional activities. The 180th Regular Session was declared of national interest by the President of the Republic of Paraguay and the Chamber of Senators of the Congress of Paraguay.

I. Opening Ceremony of the 180th Regular Session

The official opening ceremony was held on September 22 at the Palace of Justice. The President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, and the President of the Supreme Court of Justice, César Manuel Diesel Junghanns, gave the opening speeches. Also present at the main table were His Excellency Hércules Pedro Lorenzo Alliana Rodríguez, Vice-President of the Republic of Paraguay, exercising the Presidency of the Republic of Paraguay; Basilio Núñez, President of National Congress, and Raúl Latorre, President of the Chamber of Deputies.

During the ceremony they recalled that Paraguay was the first country to receive the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in a session held outside of its seat. The Court has now held 39 sessions in 18 countries in the region. They also highlighted the historical election of Diego Moreno Rodríguez as the first judge from Paraguay before the Inter-American Court.





II. Public hearings on contentious cases

The Court held three public hearings in the following contentious cases:

a. *Case of Gamboa García et al. v. Peru*¹



The recording of the public hearing can be accessed [here](#).
Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).

b. *Case of Moliné O'Connor v. Argentina*²



The recording of the public hearing can be accessed [here](#).
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c. Case of *Mães de Cabo Frio v. Brazil*³



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III. Monitoring Compliance with Judgment

On September 22 and 23, private hearings on monitoring compliance with judgment were held in five cases related to the Republic of Paraguay. This was possible thanks to the State's willingness and collaboration to perform these activities of monitoring compliance with judgment in its territory.

- a. Case of the Yakye Axa Indigenous Community v. Paraguay. Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).
- b. Case of the Sawhoyamaya Indigenous Community v. Paraguay. Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).
- c. Case of the Xákmok Kásek Indigenous Community v. Paraguay. Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).
- d. Case of Córdoba v. Paraguay. Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).
- e. Case of Leguizamón Zaván et al v. Paraguay. Pictures of the hearing can be viewed [here](#).



IV. Judgments

The Court approved the judgments in the following contentious cases:

- a. Case of Zapata et al. v. Colombia
- b. Case of Ascencio Rosario et al. v. Mexico.
- c. Caso Leonela Zelaya et al. v. Honduras.

V. Request for Provisional Measures

The Court issued orders regarding requests for provisional measures in the following cases:

- a. Case of Chavarría Morales et al. v. Nicaragua.
- b. Case of Members and Militants of the Patriotic Union v. Colombia.
- c. Case of Barrios Altos and Case of La Cantuta v. Peru (request for extension of provisional measures and monitoring of implementation of the measure adopted in 2024).
- d. Matter of Juan Sebastián Chamorro et al. v. Nicaragua.

VI. Other activities

a. International Seminar

On Monday September 22, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the National University of Asunción held the international seminar *“The impact of the decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”* at the main lecture hall of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the university. The Judges of the Court, renowned Human Rights and International Law experts participated in the seminar. The Court would like to thank the National University of Asunción for lending its facilities to carry out the seminar. Pictures of the seminar can be viewed [here](#).



- b. Presentation of the documentary from the “Repairing rights” series on the case of the Yakyé Axa Community v. Paraguay



During the international seminar, the documentary from the series *Repairing Rights* on the case of the Yakye Axa Community v. Paraguay, a production of the Inter-American Court, was screened for the first time. You may access the documentary [here](#).

c. Presentation of the book “The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Paraguay: impacts, challenges and opportunities”

On Monday, September 22, the presentation of the book “The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Paraguay: impacts, challenges and opportunities” was held. It is a collection of works that was directed by Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez, which includes more than 40 contributions from individuals in various fields in Paraguay, who analyze, reflect on and give their perspective on the impact and challenges of the I/A Court HR in the country. The book is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Mario López Garelli. The official presentation was made by the President and Vice-President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Pictures of the book launch can be viewed [here](#).





VII. Activities and protocol meetings

a. Meeting with the full court of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay

On Monday, September 22, a protocol meeting was held at the seat of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay between the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the full court of that institution.

Pictures of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).



b. Meeting at the Congress of Paraguay

On Tuesday, September 23, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held a protocol meeting with the President of Congress of Paraguay, Basilio Núñez, and Senators Rafael Filizzola, José Ledezma and Carlos Núñez Agüero, members of the Human Rights Commission of the Chamber of Senators.

During the meeting, they spoke about the importance of the dialog of the I/A Court HR with the legislative bodies of States, which can positively affect compliance with the Judgments of the I/A Court HR that entail the adoption of legislative measures and the adaptation of domestic regulations to international human rights law. Pictures of the meeting with the Congress of Paraguay can be viewed [here](#).





c. Meeting with the Minister of Justice Paraguay

On Tuesday, September 23, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights held a protocol meeting with the Minister of Justice of Paraguay, Rodrigo Nicora Villamayor, and the Vice-Minister of Justice Rafael Caballero Campos.

During the meeting, the authorities expressed their pride in receiving the Court to perform its jurisdictional activities and recognized the importance of it holding sessions outside of its seat. They also noted the relevance of maintaining and strengthening the cooperation agreement in effect between the institutions.

Pictures of the meeting with the Minister of Justice can be viewed [here](#).



d. Meeting with the Ombudsman General of the Ombudsman's Office of Paraguay

On Thursday, September 25, the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, along with the Registrar, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, and Deputy Registrar, Gabriela Pacheco Arias, participated in a protocol meeting with the Ombudsman General of the Ombudsman's Office of Paraguay, Javier Dejesús Esquivel González.

Pictures of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).





e. Inauguration of a friendly space for child and adolescent users of the jurisdictional system of Asunción

On Thursday, September 25, Judge Verónica Gómez participated in the inauguration of the Friendly Space for Children and Adolescent Users of the jurisdictional system of the capital city. The room located in the Palace of Justice will allow children and adolescents who enter the building in the company of adults to wait in a safe space, in conditions of security and protection. Judge Gómez expressed that “this new friendly space represents an important step and the commitment of the Judicial Branch to care for new generations.”

Pictures of the inauguration of this space can be viewed [here](#).



f. Meeting with civil society organizations

On September 23, a delegation that included the Vice-President of the Court, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch, and the Registrar, Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, participated in Asunción at a meeting with several civil society organizations. It was a space to listen to their concerns and what they identify as challenges on human rights matters.

Pictures of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).





g. Signing of cooperation agreement with the National University of Asunción

On Monday, September 22, a cooperation agreement was signed by the I/A Court HR and the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the National University of Asunción. This agreement is an opportunity to strengthen academic and legal education in Paraguay, as well as to develop joint initiatives to benefit the academic community and promote human rights in the region. Pictures of the signing of the agreement can be viewed [here](#).



h. Signing of a cooperation agreement between the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay

On Friday, September 26, an update of the cooperation agreement from 2015 by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay was signed. The new agreement was subscribed by Judge Nancy Hernández López, President of the I/A Court HR, and César Manuel Diesel Junghanns, Ph.D.; President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay.

This strengthens inter-institutional collaboration and will allow carrying out joint activities to promote justice and the protection of human rights in the region. Pictures of the signing of the agreement can be viewed [here](#).





¹ Judge Alberto Borea Odría, of Peruvian nationality, did not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

² Judge Verónica Gómez, of Argentinian nationality, did not participate in the public hearing in this case, in conformity with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court. Due to reasons of force majeure, Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch (Brazil) did not participate in this hearing.

³ 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. Due to reasons of force majeure, Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile) did not participate in this hearing.

The Court's composition for the week of the Regular Session held in Paraguay was 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).

The Court would like to thank the cooperation of Spain (AECID) and Sweden (ASDI), whose support was key to holding this Regular Session in Paraguay.



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