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### I/A COURT H.R. HELD ITS THIRD ANNUAL DIALOGUE WITH CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



*San José, Costa Rica, November 17, 2021.* On November 16, the third Dialogue was held between the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the region's children and teenagers (NNAs by the acronym in Spanish), which on this occasion, considered their participation in the Contentious and Advisory proceedings of the San José Court

The event was organized by the Inter-American Court, Save the Children's Civil Society Strengthening Programme and the Paniamor Foundation. During the Dialogue, representatives from the organizations of REDNNyAS, NNAPES Plataform, MOLACNATS, REDIME Foundation and *Yo También Tengo Algo que Decir*, spoke with Judge Ricardo Pérez Manrique and the Deputy Secretary of the Court, Romina Sijniensky. They presented a methodological perspective of their experience in the process of Advisory Opinion No. 29 and an investigation, prepared by Paniamor, on best practices for the participation of children and teenagers before international human rights proceedings.

Judge Pérez Manrique highlighted the importance of the progress made in International Human Rights Systems to implement the right to participation of children and teenagers, and provided an overview of the most recent criteria developed by the Court regarding the protection of their rights. The Deputy Secretary gave thanks and positively assessed the proposals included in the two documents delivered, which will make it possible to strengthen the practices and procedures of the Court in relation to the participation of children and teenagers.

This series of Dialogues began in 2019, under the framework of the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with an event in San José, Costa Rica, called "The voice of children before the Inter-American Court, 30 years after the CRC". In 2020,

the second meeting "Childhood and Adolescence of Latin America and the Caribbean in Dialogue with the Inter-American Court" was held, in which children from REDNNyAS and the NNAPES Platform presented a systematic exposition of the Inter-American Court's Case Law regarding children and teenagers in a more accessible language. The purpose of the Dialogue series is to bring the region's children and teenagers closer to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

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