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### **ECUADOR IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION OF A PERSON IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A POLICE AGENTS INTERVENTION IN GUAYAQUIL**

*San Jose, Costa Rica, December 1, 2022.-* Today the Inter-American Court of Human Rights delivered its judgment on the *Case of Aroca Palma et al. v. Ecuador*, holding the Republic of Ecuador internationally responsible for the 2001 extrajudicial execution of Joffre Antonio Aroca Palma, during an operation by police officers who, after detaining the victim, took him to an open field in the stadium of the city of Guayaquil, where he died of a gunshot wound.

Therefore, the Court declared that the right to personal freedom (Articles 7(1), 7(2), 7(4), and 7(5)), the right to life (Article 4(1)), and the right to humane treatment (Article 5(1)) of the American Convention on Human Rights had been violated in the injury of Joffre Antonio Aroca Palma.

The official summary of the Judgment can be found [here](#) and the complete text of the Judgment is available [here](#), both in Spanish.

The Court also concluded that Ecuador had violated the right to a fair trial (Article 8(1)) and the right to judicial protection (Article 25(1)), considering that the criminal police courts had been aware of the facts. Finally, the Court ruled that the right to humane treatment (Article 5(1)) had been violated in the injury of the following family members of Joffre Antonio Aroca Palma: Winston Joffre Aroca Melgar, father, Perla Palma Sánchez, mother, Cynthia Aroca Palma, sister, Ronald Aroca Palma, brother, Amalia Melgar Solórzano, paternal grandmother, and Amalia Antonieta Aroca Melgar, paternal aunt.

Given these violations, the Court ordered the State to extend specific measures of redress.

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The Judges sitting on the Court for this Judgment were: Judge Ricardo C. Pérez Manrique, President (Uruguay), Judge Humberto Antonio Sierra Porto, Vice-President (Colombia), Judge Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot (Mexico), Judge Nancy Hernández López (Costa Rica), Judge Verónica Gómez (Argentina), Judge Patricia Pérez Goldberg (Chile), and Judge Rodrigo Mudrovitsch (Brazil).

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