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### INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS INTRODUCES THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR COURT'S JUDGES

*San Jose, Costa Rica, December 2nd, 2022.* - The Inter-American Court of Human Rights adopted a Code of Ethics for the Judges of the Court. Access the Code of Ethics [here](#).

The purpose of this Code is to establish a set of essential ethical principles that serve as guidelines for the good and proper behavior of Judges in the discharge of their judicial duties at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

According to the President of the Inter-American Court, Judge Ricardo C. Perez Manrique, the Court is guided by the principles of open justice which are: transparency, accountability, and ethics. "In this relation, ethics, as a key element of judicial independence and impartiality, is a matter of utmost concern to our Court. Therefore, we adopted, during the Session held in Uruguay, the Code of Judicial Ethics of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. I emphasize the importance of this Code that recognizes the basic ethical principles for the discharge of judicial duties," said the President.

The Code of Ethics was adopted in the City of Montevideo, on October 10, 2022, during the course of the 153rd Regular Session held in Uruguay. The said instrument will enter into force as of January 1st, 2023.

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