

## CHAPTER I

### IACHR ACTIVITIES IN 2019

#### A. Strategic Plan 2017-2021

1. On March 22, 2017, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) adopted its [Strategic Plan for 2017-2021](#).<sup>1</sup> Strategic Plan 21 is the principal institutional management tool establishing the priorities that the IACHR will pursue in order to successfully fulfill its mission and address the current and future challenges involved in upholding and protecting human rights in the Americas.

2. By weaving together its mandates, functions, and mechanisms, the IACHR defined the strategies that will guide its work in the coming years. For 2017-2021, the Inter-American Commission prioritized a series of topics and populations, some of which have been worked on by its Rapporteurships. Populations to be prioritized included: indigenous peoples; women; migrants; refugees; stateless persons; victims of human trafficking and internally displaced persons; Afro-descendants; children and adolescents; human rights defenders; persons deprived of liberty; lesbians, gays, bisexual, trans, and intersex persons; persons with disabilities; and older persons. The Plan looks at three priority thematic areas: the right to freedom of expression; economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights; and the right to memory, truth, and justice. The Strategic Plan also contains six cross-cutting themes: democratic institutionalism; judicial independence and independence of the Public Prosecutors' Office, and access to justice; institutionalism in human rights; security and violence; development and human rights; and gender equality and diversity.

3. Since Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was adopted, there have been major achievements in each of the programs, as detailed in the [First Partial Report on the Strategic Plan](#) (with respect to 2017) and the [Second Report](#) (with respect to 2018), as well as in the [Six-Month Progress Report for 2019](#). For instance, in the program to reduce the procedural backlog, one of the Commission's priorities, there have been all-time records in the number of petitions reviewed at the initial, admissibility, and merits stages. The Precautionary Measures Mechanism has been strengthened, resulting in more expeditious decision making and no more backlogs with regard to initial reviews. The Friendly Settlements Mechanism has also been boosted, as a result of which there has been an increase in expressions of interest and in the number of agreements signed. As for monitoring, work has been ordered by country and by issues; new standards have been set; and the Commission's presence on the ground has expanded through more working and on-site visits, more thematic reports, press releases, and other products analyzing the human rights situation in the region. Technical cooperation, training, and promotional activities have all been bolstered, as well as ties to civil society, universities, national human rights institutions, and other international, regional, and subregional human rights organizations. New methodologies and initiatives for following up on IACHR recommendations have been developed, along with new special mechanisms for monitoring the implementation of recommendations. The IACHR has appeared more frequently before both OAS and United Nations bodies, and has broadened its presence in the countries of the region by holding itinerant ("roaming") sessions and conducting numerous working and assistance visits to the member states. All of that reflected institution-building within the IACHR thanks to results-based management and frequent dialogue and participatory consultations with users of the inter-American human rights system. The ultimate goal of this strategy is to make that system more effective, thereby enhancing the protection and promotion of human rights for everyone in the Hemisphere.

4. As regard 2020, the IACHR intends to continue implementing the Plan to achieve the targets and objectives proposed in each of the programs and strategic objectives, albeit with a special emphasis, above all, on reducing the procedural backlog; implementing fast-track mechanisms in crisis situations;

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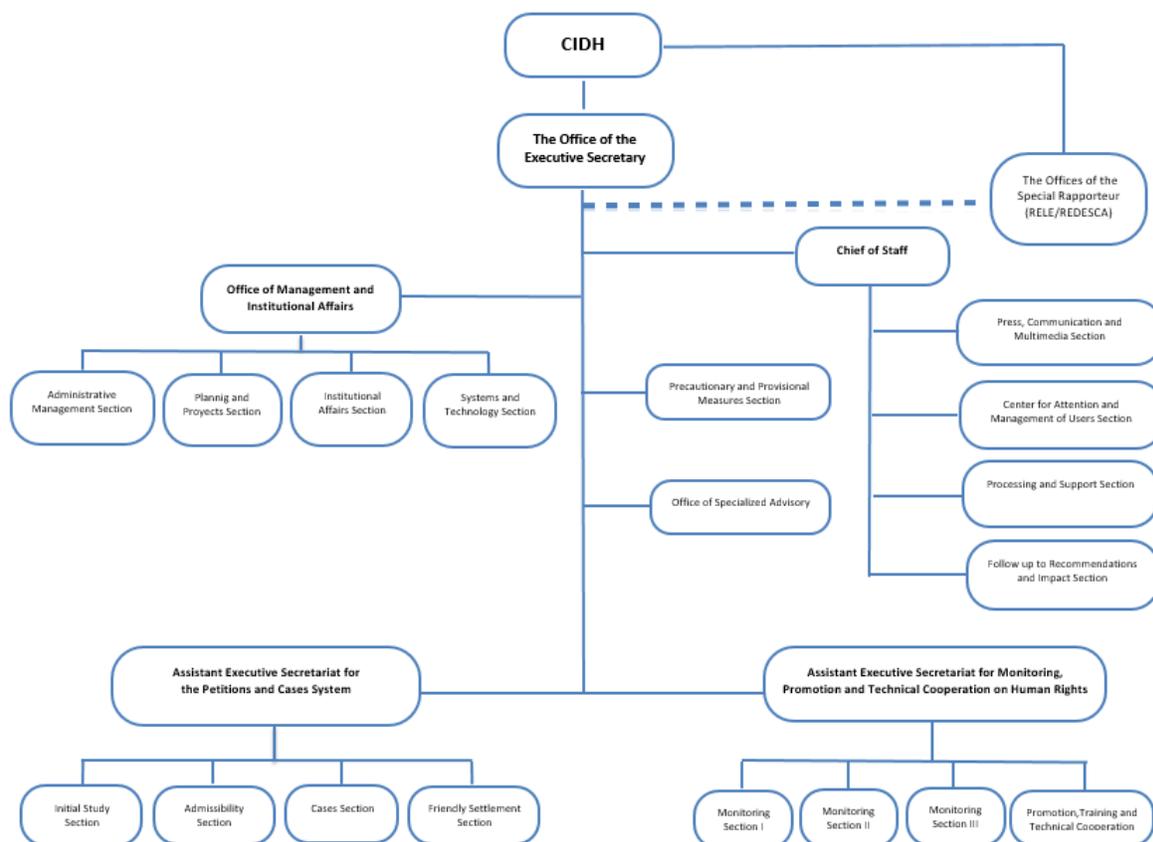
<sup>1</sup> In preparing the Plan, the IACHR consulted and/or received contributions from 536 people and 343 entities, as well as the member states.

reinforcing collaboration with the Caribbean and Central America; technical assistance to States with implementing policies with a human rights perspective; bolstering the capacity of State actors and civil society to protect and defend the human rights of groups at greatest risk; and strengthening and redefining I.T. systems.

## **B. Structure of the Executive Secretariat**

5. In 2019, under Program 17 of the Strategic Plan 2017-2021, the IACHR set about improving the administrative structure of its Executive Secretariat. The new structure was officially instituted on September 24, 2019 with the publication by the OAS Secretary General of Executive Order 19-01. The new administrative structure divides the Executive Secretariat into the following major areas: the Assistant Executive Secretariat for Petitions and Cases; the Assistant Executive Secretariat for Monitoring, Promotion, and Technical Cooperation on Human Rights; the Office of the Chief of Staff; the Office of Specialized Counsel; and the Office of Administration and Institutional Matters. The new structure reflects the Strategic Plan's goal of establishing a "more integrated and horizontal administrative structure."

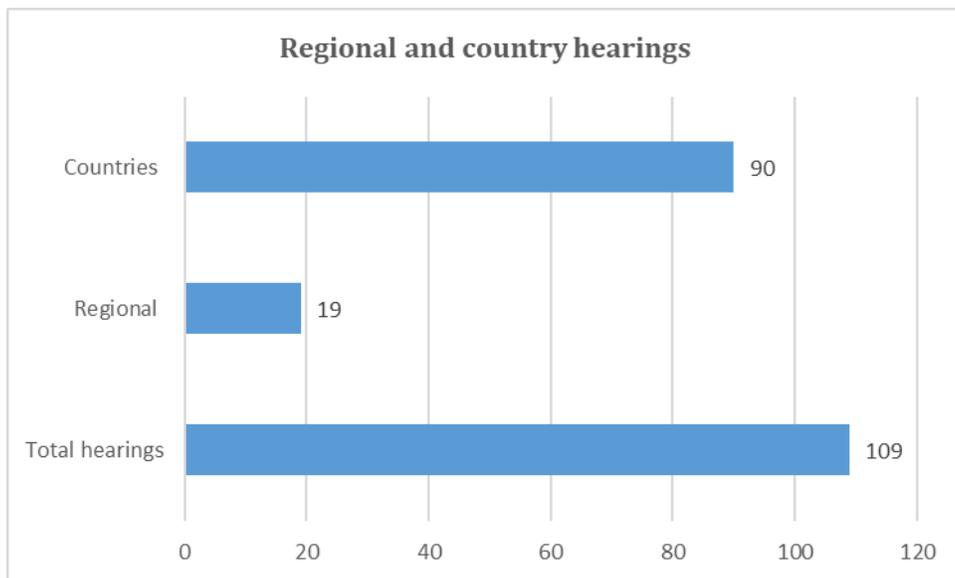
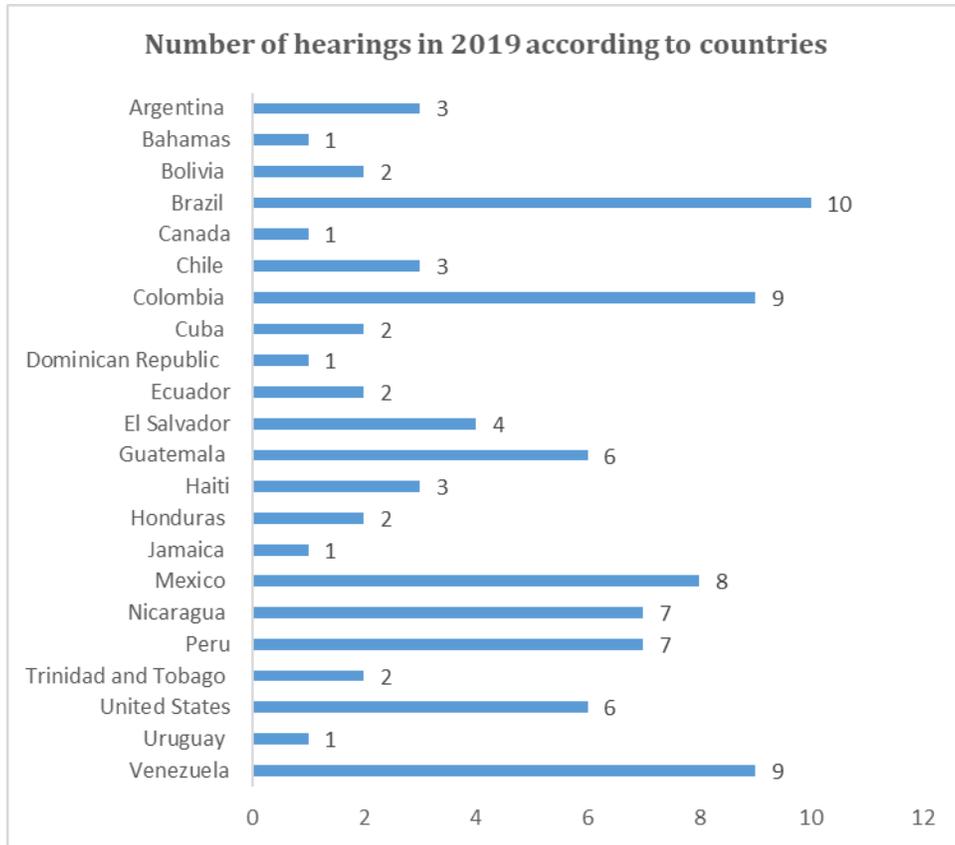
6. The new organizational structure of the Executive Secretariat incorporates elements of results-based management and modernizes its operations, establishing a more horizontal and agile organizational chart. Instead of having five departments and five levels of hierarchy, it will be structured around two Assistant Executive Secretariats, two Specialized Offices and three levels of hierarchy. The changes cater to a long-standing need to endow the Executive Secretariat with an institutional structure. The new administrative structure, the doubling of the Regular Fund budget allocation, and the financial sustainability plan constitute major achievements in terms of the institutional stability of the IACHR.



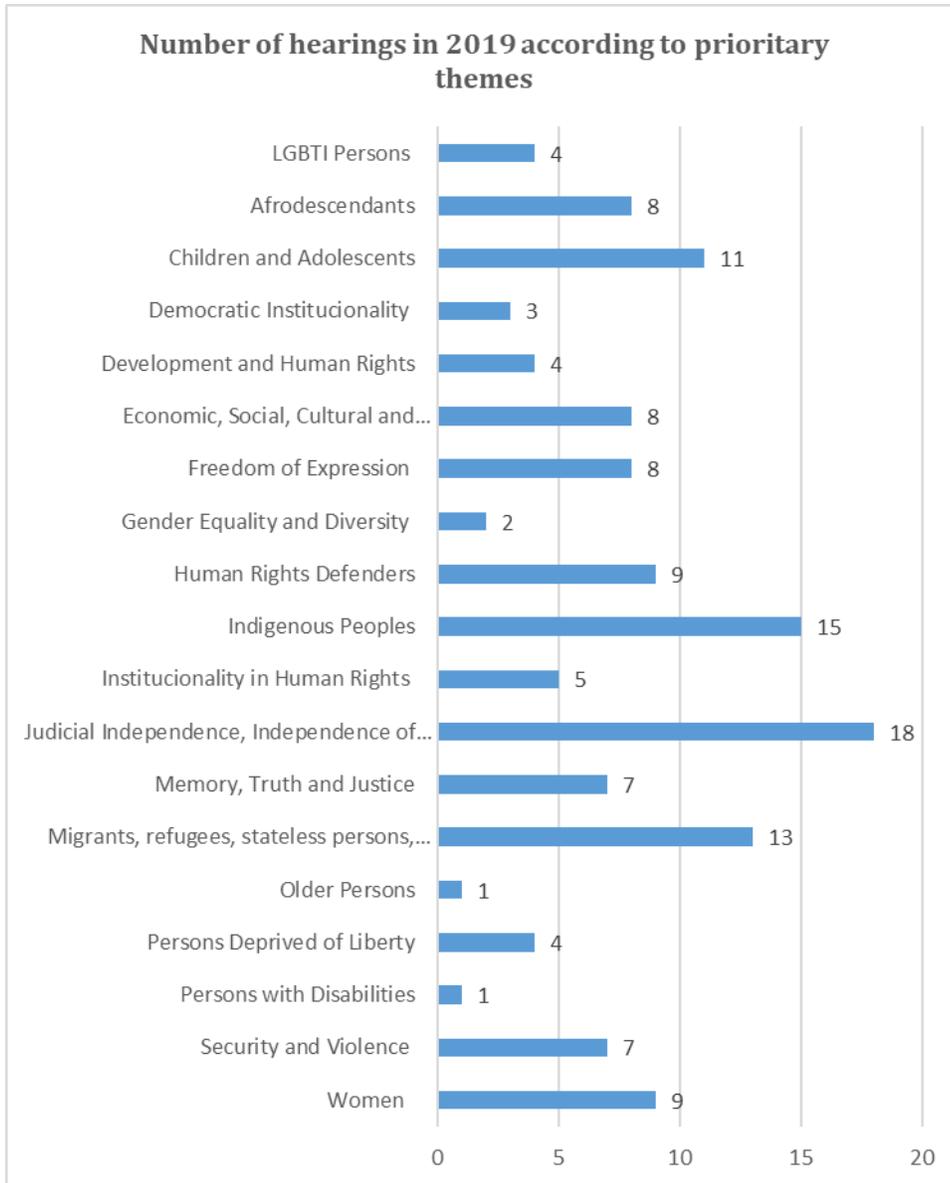
### C. Periods of Sessions of the IACHR held in 2019

7. During 2019, the IACHR held four periods of sessions, three of which took place away from headquarters. Holding sessions away from headquarters enables the IACHR to bring the mechanisms for defending, protecting, and promoting human rights closer to victims and peoples within its sphere of competence. It also expands the Commission's public presence in the region and fosters democratization of access to the inter-American human rights system.

8. During those periods of sessions, in which 108 hearings were held, the IACHR monitored and highlighted a significant number of human rights situations. The hearings dealt with issues related to the monitoring of regional and some subregional situations, and of 22 countries in particular: Argentina, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. They also addressed new trends in human rights and follow up on recommendations issued by the IACHR. Some 330 civil society organizations took part in the hearings.



9. The hearings covered 13 topics and 6 priority cross-cutting themes mentioned in the Strategic Plan. Worth underscoring, in this regard, is the trend toward greater intersectorality in the topics addressed in the hearings.



10. In those periods of sessions, the IACHR decided to convene six hearings on its own initiative (ex officio). They were: Good Practices on Prevention, Investigation and Protection of Human Rights Defenders in the Region," "Human Rights, Development, and Freedom of Association," "Monitoring of Precautionary Measures 70-19; 83-19; 102-19; 115-19; 150- 19; 178-19; 181-19; 250-19," "Environmental Protection in the Amazon and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil," "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada" and "The Human Rights Situation in the Context of Social Protest in Chile."

11. In addition, during the four periods of sessions, 141 working meetings were held on precautionary measures, cases and matters being addressed in friendly settlement proceedings, monitoring of recommendations, cases being processed and topics relating to 17 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, and Venezuela. Parallel to those meetings, there were also numerous bilateral meetings with civil society and with States in the region to address a variety of human rights matters of particular interest.

12. Details regarding each period of sessions and a summary of each hearing can be found at the links provided in the following Table:

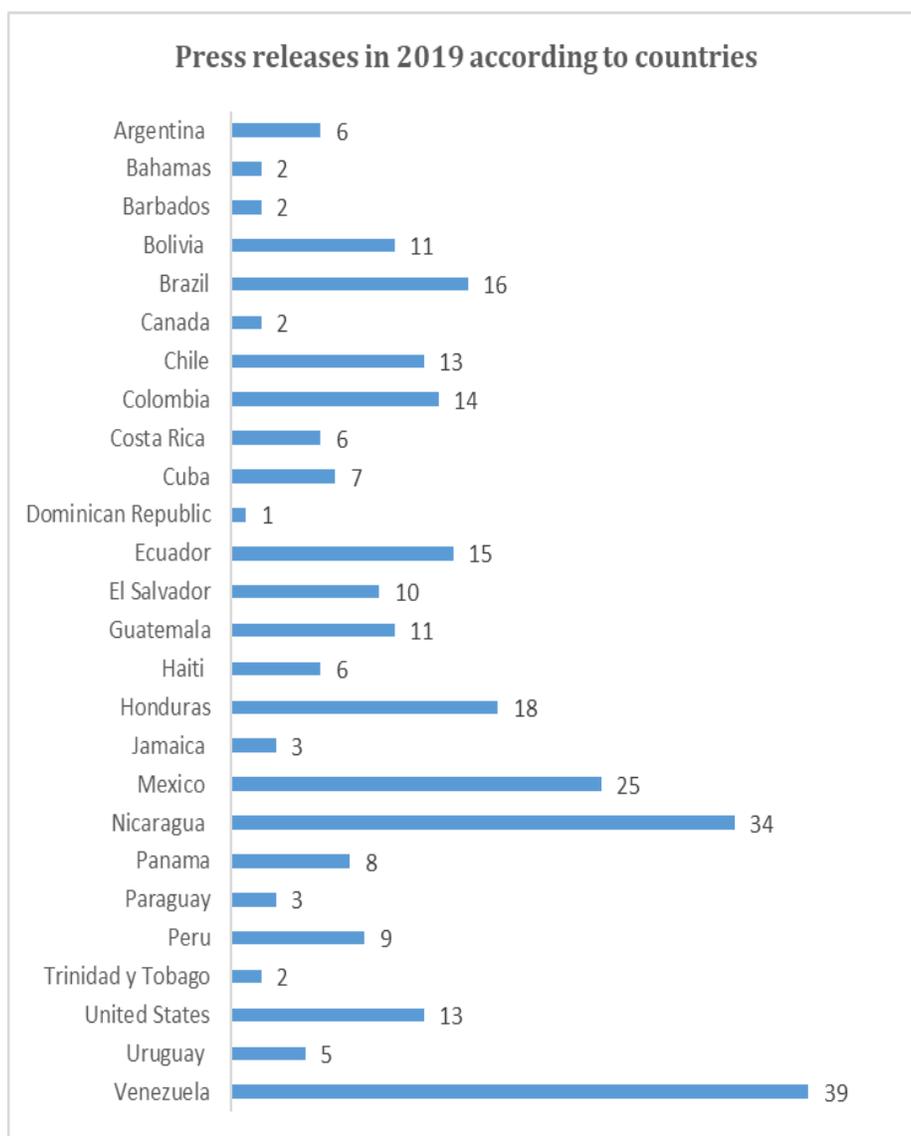
Period of sessions	Dates	Location	Total number of hearings held	Number of working meetings held	Link to the Period of Sessions	Link to the Press Release	Link to hearings held
171st	February 7-16	Sucre, Bolivia	24	30	<a href="#">Multimedia Section</a>	<a href="#">Press release 038/19.</a> <a href="#">Annex</a>	<a href="#">Hearings</a>
172nd	May 3 to 10	Kingston, Jamaica	26	25	<a href="#">Multimedia Section</a>	<a href="#">Press release 129/19.</a> <a href="#">Annex</a>	<a href="#">Hearings</a>
173rd	September 23 to October 2	Washington, D. C.; United States	33	60	<a href="#">Multimedia Section</a>	<a href="#">Press release 248/19.</a> <a href="#">Annex</a>	<a href="#">Hearings</a>
174th	November 6 to 14	Quito, Ecuador	25	26	<a href="#">Multimedia Section</a>	<a href="#">Press release 301/19.</a> <a href="#">Annex</a>	<a href="#">Hearings</a>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>109</b>	<b>141</b>			

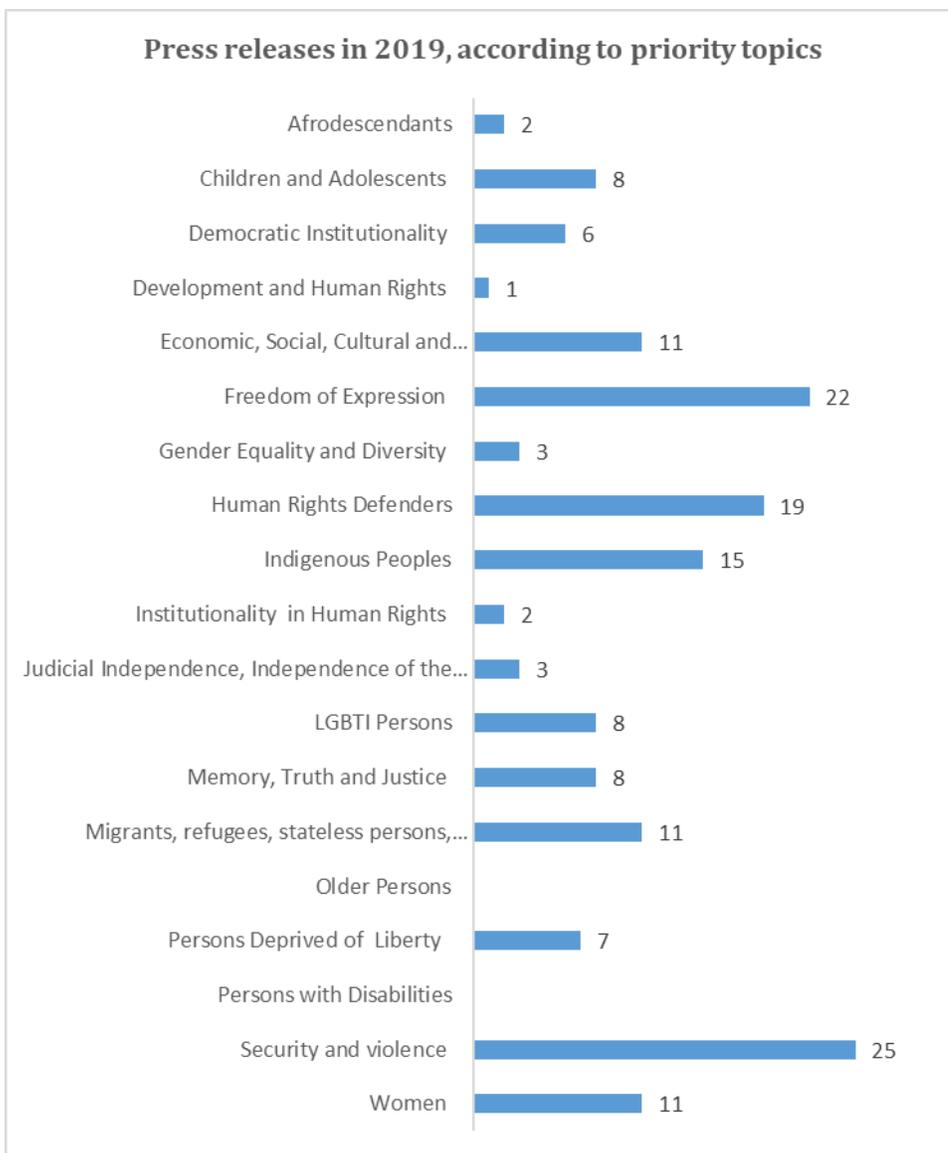
#### D. Resolutions Adopted

13. In 2019, the IACHR adopted four resolutions: Resolution 1/19, "Initial Review of Petitions," of October 29, 2019, in which it decided to re-examine 348 of the 2,734 rejected petitions, for which re-examination had been requested and to give notice of its final decision on each individual petition via the regular channels during first-half 2020 and to reject 2,386 of those petitions; Resolution 2/19, of September 22, 2019, "Creation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Impact Observatory," as a collaborative platform with the objective of reflecting, systematizing, and making visible the impact of its actions in the defense and protection of human rights in the Hemisphere; Resolution 3/19, "Principles governing public Memory policies in the Americas," of November 9, 2019, adopted in light of the need to develop guidelines for crafting, drawing up, and implementing public Memory policies commensurate with the obligation of States to provide truth, justice, reparation and measures to prevent the repetition of serious human rights violations; Finally, Resolution 4/19 "Inter-American principles on the human rights of all migrants, refugees, stateless persons and victims of trafficking in persons" approved on December 7, 2019, for which the IACHR considered it important to consolidate and deepen guidelines and guidelines for the design, development, implementation and evaluation of public policies for the protection and promotion of the rights of migrants, refugees, stateless persons and in situations of displacement and mobility in accordance with state obligations and inter-American standards in this subjects.

## E. Press Releases Issued in 2019

14. In 2019, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) published 346 press releases, 25% more than in 2018. They dealt with priority topics in the region and contain pronouncements regarding worrisome human rights situations in the Americas as well as acknowledgments of best practices pursued in some States. Through this mechanism, the Commission addressed the 13 priority issues and 6 cross-cutting themes identified in the Strategic Plan and pronounced on various aspects of the human rights situation in the region as a whole and, specifically, in 26 countries: Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The press releases also addressed matters relating to technical cooperation and activities to promote human rights in the region. They also served to highlight major aspects and achievements in the way the IACHR goes about its work.





15. Through joint press releases, the IACHR also stepped up its collaboration with the United Nations human rights system and other regional human rights systems and subregional mechanisms. Thus, 37 press releases were issued jointly with other entities, such as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH), and so on.

16. Following is a list of all the press releases issued by the Commission in 2019.

No.	Press Releases
1	1/19 IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over the Deaths of Two Migrant Children in the Custody of Immigration Authorities in the United States. Washington, D.C., January 7, 2019.
2	2/19 - IACHR Releases Schedule of Public Hearings for 171 Period of Sessions to be held in Sucre, Bolivia, and Calls for Participation in Hearing Ex Officio Washington, D.C., January 7, 2019.
3	3/19 IACHR Calls on the Mexican State to Refrain from Taking Legislative Measures That Run Counter to International Standards on Pretrial Detention. Washington, D.C., January 9, 2019.

4	<a href="#">4/19 - IACHR Celebrates Progress on Friendly Settlements in 2017–2018.</a> Washington, D.C., January 9, 2019.
5	<a href="#">5/19 IACHR Alerts About Further Weakening of Rule of Law in Venezuela Ahead of New Presidential Mandate.</a> Washington, D.C., January 9, 2019.
6	<a href="#">6/19 CIDH denounces the weakening of the rule of law in the face of serious human rights violations and crimes against humanity in Nicaragua.</a> Washington, D.C., January 10, 2019.
7	<a href="#">7/19 IACHR Expresses Concern over Measures That May Hamper the Fight against Impunity and Corruption in Guatemala.</a> Washington, D.C., January 10, 2019.
8	<a href="#">8/19 IACHR Completes Working Visit to Colombia to Assess Alarming Issue of Murders of Social Leaders and Human Rights Defenders.</a> Washington, D.C., January 15, 2019.
9	<a href="#">9/19 IACHR Expresses Concern about Acts of Violence against Rural Workers in Brazil</a> Washington, D.C., January 18, 2019.
10	<a href="#">10/19 IACHR expresses its deep concern over the claims of forced sterilizations against indigenous women in Canada.</a> Washington, D.C., January 18, 2019.
11	<a href="#">11/19 IACHR Condemns Terrorist Attack [on the Cadet School of the National Police] of Colombia</a> Washington, D.C., January 20, 2019.
12	<a href="#">12/19 - IACHR Calls on the Republic of Venezuela to Guarantee the Right to Protest and to Public Demonstrations</a> Washington, D.C., January 23, 2019.
13	<a href="#">13/19 - IACHR Laments Deaths in Fire at Ecuadorian Drug Rehabilitation Center</a> Washington, D.C., January 24, 2019.
14	<a href="#">14/19 - IACHR Asks Guatemalan State Not to Amend National Reconciliation Law</a> Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019.
15	<a href="#">15/19 - IACHR Condemns Deaths in Protests and Calls on State Institutions to Protect the Human Rights of the Venezuelan People</a> Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019.
16	<a href="#">R16/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) condemns the murder of José Rafael Murúa Manríquez and observes with concern the continuity of violence against journalists in Mexico</a> Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019.
17	<a href="#">17/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures to Protect Juan Guaidó in Venezuela.</a> Washington, D.C., January 25, 2019.
18	<a href="#">18/19 - IACHR and OHCHR make progress in joint actions within the framework of their joint mechanism for the protection of human rights defenders in the Americas.</a> Washington, D.C., January 28, 2019.
19	<a href="#">19/19 - Special Rapporteurship ESCER of the IACHR expresses deep concerns about human, environmental and labor tragedy in Brumadinho (Minas Gerais, Brazil), and calls for the integral reparations for victims.</a> Washington, D.C., January 30, 2019.
20	<a href="#">20/19 - IACHR calls for Participation in Face-to-Face and Online Consultations about the Unit on Memory, Truth, and Justice.</a> Washington, D.C., January 31, 2019.
21	<a href="#">21/19 IACHR Considers that the Law on Dialogue, Reconciliation and Peace in Nicaragua is Incompatible with International Standards Regarding Truth, Justice and Reparation.</a> Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019.
22	<a href="#">22/19 - IACHR Alarmed by Arrests in the Context of Protests in Venezuela.</a> Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019.

23	<a href="#">R23/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur demands the immediate release of journalists detained in Venezuela and refrain from expelling foreign correspondents.</a> Washington, D.C., February 1, 2019.
24	<a href="#">24/19 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern over Alarming Prevalence of Gender-based Killings of Women in Brazil.</a> Washington, D.C., February 4, 2019.
25	<a href="#">25/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress Made by Costa Rica to Implement Friendly Settlement in the Emilia Morales Campos Case</a> Washington, D.C., February 4, 2019.
26	<a href="#">26/19 - IACHR Condemns Increasing Attacks on the Press and Ongoing Human Rights Violations in Nicaragua.</a> Washington, D.C., February 6, 2019.
27	<a href="#">27/19 - IACHR Presents Overview of the Results of its Precautionary Measures Mechanism for 2018</a> Washington, D.C., February 7, 2019.
28	<a href="#">28/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce Final Stage of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights.</a> Washington, D.C., February 8, 2019.
29	<a href="#">29/19 - IACHR Presents Overview of the Results Achieved by its Special Follow-Up Mechanisms in 2018</a> Washington, D.C., February 8, 2019.
30	<a href="#">30/19 - IACHR Elects New Board.</a> Sucre, Bolivia, February 8, 2019
31	<a href="#">31/19 - IACHR Expands and Deepens Civil Society Participation in Efforts to Fulfill its Mandate.</a> Washington, D.C., February 9, 2019.
32	<a href="#">32/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Ecuador to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights</a> Washington, D.C., February 13, 2019.
33	<a href="#">33/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over situation in Haiti.</a> Washington , D.C., August 13, 2019
34	<a href="#">34/19 - IACHR Announces 172nd Period of Sessions in Jamaica.</a> Washington, D.C., February 15, 2019.
35	<a href="#">35/19 - IACHR Invites States to Take Part in the Periodic Portfolio Review Currently Being Planned</a> Washington, D.C., February 15, 2019.
36	<a href="#">36/19 - IACHR Reports Unprecedented Outcomes of Its Work in 2018 and Presents Progress Report for the Second Year of the Strategic Plan</a> Washington, D.C., February 15, 2019.
37	<a href="#">37/19 - IACHR Urges Honduras and Guatemala to Guarantee the Rights of People in the Migrant and Refugee Caravan.</a> Washington, D.C., February 19, 2019.
38	<a href="#">38/19 - IACHR Concludes 171st Period of Sessions.</a> Washington, D.C., February 20, 2019. <a href="#">Annex to Press Release 38/19: Public Hearings held during the 171st Period of Sessions</a>
39	<a href="#">39/19 - IACHR visits Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica</a> Washington, D.C., February 22, 2019.
40	<a href="#">40/19 - IACHR Concerned about Harassment against Human Rights Defenders in Venezuela.</a> Washington, D.C., February 22, 2019.
41	<a href="#">41/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures in Favor of People at Risk in Venezuela.</a> Washington, D.C., February 22, 2019.
42	<a href="#">42/19 - IACHR Welcomes Actions to Protect the Right to a Nationality and to Prevent Statelessness in the Region</a> Washington, D.C., February 25, 2019.
43	<a href="#">43/19 - IACHR Condemns Illegitimate Deprivation of Liberty of Human Rights Defenders Otilia Eugenio Manuel and Hilario Cornelio Castro in Mexico.</a> Washington, D.C., February 26, 2019.
44	<a href="#">44/19 - IACHR Brings Chile Case before the IA Court.</a> Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019.

45	45/19 - IACHR Concerned about Failure to Investigate Threats against Justice Operators Active in Cases of Serious Human Rights Violations during Uruguayan Dictatorship. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019.
46	46/19 - Concerned about Worsening Violence and Scarcity in Haiti, IACHR Unveils Plans for a Rapid and Integrated Response Coordination Unit to Monitor the Situation. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019.
47	47/19 - IACHR Concerned about Ecuador's New Measures to Address Forced Migration of Venezuelans. Washington, D.C., February 27, 2019.
48	48/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (SRESCER) presents a report on its results in 2018 and, together with the IACHR, calls for a commitment to its strengthening. Washington, D.C., August 27, 2019
49	49/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce Final Stage of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights. Washington, D.C., February 28, 2019.
50	50/19 - IACHR Calls on Venezuelan Institutions to Protect Rights of National Assembly President Juan Guaidó. Washington, D.C., February 28, 2019.
51	51/19 - IACHR Calls for Conditions that Enable the Enjoyment of Human Rights during Nicaraguan Dialogue. Washington, D.C., February 28, 2019.
52	52/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights Condemn the Violent Repression in Venezuela and Urge the State to Protect Human Rights in the Current Political, Economic and Social Crisis. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019.
53	53/19 - IACHR Condemns Murder of Indigenous Tolupan Precautionary Measure Beneficiary and his Son in Honduras. Washington, D.C., Friday, March 01, 2019.
54	54/19 - IACHR Launches Questionnaire on Corruption and Human Rights to Draft Thematic Report. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019.
55	55/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measure in Favor of Bolivarian National Guard Sergeant in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019.
56	56/19 - IACHR Asks Venezuela to Adopt Protection Measures in Favor of Pemon Indigenous Persons and of a Bare Indigenous Rights Defender. Washington, D.C., March 1, 2019.
57	57/19 - IACHR and Oxfam Sign Agreement for Cooperation in Latin American and Caribbean Human Rights Crises. Washington, D.C. / Mexico City, March 4, 2019.
58	58/19 - IACHR Concerned about Cuba's New Constitution and its Implementation. Washington, D.C., March 4, 2019.
59	59/19 - IACHR Requests That Venezuela Adopt Protection Measures for Lieutenant Colonel Isbert José Marín Chaparro. Washington, D.C., March 7, 2019.
60	R60/19 - On the occasion of 2019 International Women's Day, the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression presents the report "Women journalists and freedom of expression: discrimination and gender-based violence faced by women journalists in the exercise of their profession." Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019.
61	61/19 - On International Women's Day, the IACHR Calls on States to Promote and Strengthen the Political Participation and Representation of Women in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019.
62	R62/19 - Freedom of Expression Experts of the UN and the IACHR Express Alarm over Expansion of Censorship Measures in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 8, 2019.

63	R63/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression presents a special report on the situation of freedom of expression in Cuba. Washington, D.C., March 13, 2019.
64	64/19 - IACHR Presents Report and 2019 Work Plan, Sets Up Team on Ayotzinapa Case Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019.
65	65/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Recent Violent Attacks against LGBTI People in the Americas. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019.
66	66/19 - Brazil must ensure justice for rights defender Marielle Franco killed a year ago, say UN and IACHR experts. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019.
67	67/19 - IACHR Presents Accountability Report for 2018 Budget. Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019.
68	68/19 - International Seminar on Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Autonomy and Self-Government Ends Successfully. Mexico City, March 15, 2019.
69	69/19 - IACHR Releases New Report on Police Violence against Afro-descendants in the United States. Washington, D.C., March 18, 2019.
70	70/19 - IACHR Welcomes the Moratorium on Executions of Death Row Inmates in the US State of California. Washington, D.C., March 20, 2019.
71	R71/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Journalist in Honduras and Urges to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., March 20, 2019.
72	72/19 - IACHR Releases 2018 Annual Report Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019.
73	R73/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR presents its 2018 Annual Report. Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019.
74	74/19 - IACHR Calls on States to Commit to Adopt Legislation Defining and Prohibiting Racism, Racial Discrimination and Intolerance. Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019.
75	75/19 - IACHR Adopts Precautionary Measures to Protect Julio Lancellotti and Daniel Guerra Feitosa in Brazil Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019.
76	76/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures to Protect Women and Newborns at the Concepción Palacios Maternity Hospital in Venezuela Washington, D.C., March 21, 2019.
77	IACHR and SRESCER Express Their Concern Over the Lack of Electricity and Drinking Water in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 22, 2019.
78	78/19 - IACHR Condemns Murder of Indigenous Bribri Leader Who Was a Beneficiary of Precautionary Measures in Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., March 22, 2019.
79	79/19 -IACHR Grants Precautionary Protection Measures in Favor of People Detained at the Department of Military Counterintelligence in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., March 25, 2019.
80	80/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress Made in 2018 Toward Compliance with Friendly Settlements Washington, D.C., March 26, 2019.
81	81/19 - IACHR Congratulates the State of Argentina for Achieving Full Compliance with the Friendly Settlement Report on the Marcos Gilberto Chaves and Sandra Chaves Case Washington, D.C., March 27, 2019.
82	82/19 - IACHR Congratulates State of Bolivia for Attaining Full Compliance with Friendly Settlement Concerning Alfredo Díaz Bustos Case. Washington, D.C., March 28, 2019.
83	83/19 - The IACHR Congratulates the State of Mexico for Attaining Full Compliance with the Friendly Settlement Concerning the Case of Irineo Martínez Torres and Candelario Martínez Damián Washington, D.C., March 29, 2019.

84	84/19 - IACHR Welcomes UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2019.
85	85/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress on Recognition of the Rights of Trans Persons in the Region. Washington, D.C., March 29, 2019.
86	86/19 - IACHR Congratulates State of Peru for Attaining Full Compliance with 3 Friendly Settlements. Washington, D.C., April 2, 2019.
87	87/19 - IACHR and Colombian Branch of the OHCHR Insist on the Need to Keep up Talks, Stress their Call for Non-Violence in Cauca. Washington, D.C., April 4, 2019.
88	88/19 - IACHR Takes Case involving Venezuela to the Inter-American Court. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019.
89	89/19 - IACHR Calls for Participation in Hearing on Peru. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019.
90	90/19 - IACHR Condemns Continuing Acts of Repression in Nicaragua during Negotiating Table Talks. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019.
91	91/19 - IACHR Observes Persistent Human Rights Issues in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019.
92	92/19 - IACHR Takes Case involving Venezuela to the Inter-American Court. Washington, D.C., April 8, 2019.
93	93/19 - IACHR Releases Schedule of Public Hearings for 172 Period of Sessions to be held in Jamaica. Washington, D.C., April 9, 2019.
94	94/19 - IACHR Calls for Participation in Hearing Ex Officio. Washington, D.C., April 10, 2019.
95	95/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 35/19 Concerning Petition 1014-06, Antonio Jacinto López, Mexico. Washington, D.C., April 12, 2019.
96	96/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 34/19 on Case 11,990A, Oscar Orlando Bueno Bonnet et al., Colombia. Washington, D.C., April 12, 2019.
97	97/19 - IACHR Completes Working Visit to Argentina to Discuss Friendly Settlements. Washington, D.C., April 12, 2019.
98	98/19 - IACHR Calls for Specialized Academic Network for Technical Cooperation. Washington, D.C., April 15, 2019.
99	99/19 - IACHR Invites Human Rights Defenders to Take Part in a Course on the Strategic Use of the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., April 16, 2019.
100	100/19 - IACHR and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons Welcome Decision for the protection of internally displaced persons in Mexico. Washington, D.C., April 17, 2019.
101	101/19 - One Year after the Onset of the Crisis in Nicaragua, IACHR Once Again Expresses Its Permanent Commitment to Victims of Human Rights Violations. Washington, D.C., April 17, 2019.
102	102/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Argentina to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., April 24, 2019.
103	103/19 - IACHR Concerned about Killings Committed by Police Officers in Brazilian Urban Contexts. Washington, D.C., April 25, 2019.
104	104/19 - IACHR Concerned about Bill that Would Leave Unpunished Serious Human Rights Violations of El Salvador's Past. Washington, D.C., April 25, 2019.
105	105/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress by the States of the Americas in Implementing Recommendations in Merits Reports in 2018. Washington, D.C., April 29, 2019.

106	106/19 - IACHR and OHCHR-Honduras Reject Violence in Honduras. Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., April 30. 2019.
107	R107/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, UNESCO, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights celebrate World Press Freedom Day with a Panel on the protection of freedom of expression and the Internet. Washington, D.C., April 30. 2019.
108	108/19 - Amid Ongoing Restrictions on Public Protest, IACHR Urges Nicaragua to Comply with Implementation of Agreements. Washington, D.C., April 30. 2019.
109	109/19 - IACHR Brings Nicaragua Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., May 1, 2019
110	110/19 - IACHR Invites People to Share Information on the Human Rights Situation of Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., May 2, 2019
111	111/19 - IACHR Welcomes Steps Taken in Chile to Implement National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture. Washington, D.C., May 7, 2019
112	112/19 - IACHR Brings Honduras Case before IA Court. Washington, D.C., May 9, 2019
113	113/19 - IACHR and IPPDH Announce International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights. Washington, D.C., / Buenos Aires, May 13, 2019
114	114/19 - IACHR Calls for Submission of Academic Papers to Mark its 60th Anniversary. Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019
115	115/19 - IACHR Condemns the Escalation of Attacks against Members of the Venezuelan National Assembly. Kingston, May 14, 2019
116	R116/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns closure of Radio Caracas Radio 750 AM, the censorship of television channels, restrictions on the Internet, and the arrest of journalists in Venezuela. Washington D.C., May 14, 2019
117	117/19 - IACHR Submits a Request to the Inter-American Court for Provisional Protection Measures for 17 People Who Are Being Deprived of Their Freedom and Are at Extreme Risk in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 15, 2019.
118	118/19 - IACHR Speaks Out Against Stigmatization Campaign in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., May 16, 2019.
119	119/19 - Promote tolerance and diversity, speak out against hate and bigotry. Statement by human rights experts on the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. Geneva/Washington, D.C., May 17, 2019.
120	R120/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the continuance of murders of journalists and communicators in Mexico and urges the State to implement decisive measures to protect and combat impunity. Washington, D.C., May 17, 2019.
121	121/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 43/19 on Case 13,408, Alberto Patishtán Gómez, Mexico. Washington, D.C., May 20, 2019.
122	122/19 - IACHR Condemns Acts of Violence and the Death of One Person at a Nicaraguan Prison. Washington, D.C., May 20, 2019.
123	123/19 - IACHR notes with concern the passage of the National Reconciliation Bill in El Salvador, which contains provisions contrary to human rights. Washington, D.C., May 21, 2019.
124	124/19 - IACHR Condemns Acts of Violence in Guatemalan Prison. Washington, D.C., May 21, 2019.
125	125/19 - Concerned About Worsening Conditions of Detention at DGCM Headquarters in Venezuela, IACHR Urges State to Comply with Precautionary Measures. Washington, D.C., May 22, 2019.

126	126/19 - IACHR Publishes Report on Progress and Challenges toward Recognition of the Rights of LGBTI Persons in the Americas. Washington, D.C., May 22, 2019.
127	127/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 37/19 on Case 12,190, José Luis Tapia and other Carabineros, Chile. Washington, D.C., May 24, 2019.
128	128/19 - IACHR Brings Colombia Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019.
129	129/19 - IACHR Completes 172nd Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019.
130	130/19 - IACHR Monitors Progress and Challenges Concerning Colombia's One-Year-Old Special Jurisdiction for Peace. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019.
131	131/19 - Inter-American System Rapporteur and United Nations Experts Express Deep Concern Over Disappearance of Venezuelan Migrants Following Caribbean Shipwreck. Washington, D.C., May 30, 2019.
132	132/19 - IACHR and Regional Branches of the OHCHR Concerned about the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas in the First Four Months of 2019. Bogotá / Guatemala City / Mexico City / Panama City / Santiago / Tegucigalpa / Washington, D.C., May 30, 2019
133	133/19 - IACHR Calls on the State of Nicaragua to Guarantee Memory, Truth, and Justice in Accordance with Its International Obligations. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019.
134	134/19 - IACHR Announces Results of Participant Selection Process for Training Course for Human Rights Defenders. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019.
135	135/19 - IACHR Completes Visit to Uruguay. Washington, D.C., / Montevideo, May 31, 2019
136	136/19 - IACHR Condemns the Deaths of over 50 People in Brazilian Prisons. Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019.
137	137/19 - IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern Over the Passing of the Comprehensive Care for Victims Act in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., / Panama City, June 3, 2019.
138	138/19 - IACHR Completes Working Visit to Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., June 3, 2019.
139	139/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship Condemn Move to Break Up Peaceful March in Favor of LGBTI Persons in Cuba. Washington, D.C., June 4, 2019.
140	140/19 - IACHR Announces the Publication of Report No. 71/19 on Case 12.942, Emilia Morales Campos, concerning Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., June 4, 2019.
141	141/19 - IACHR Welcomes Signing of Friendly Settlement in Case 13,017 C-Families of Victims of Panama's Military Dictatorship. Washington, D.C., June 4, 2019.
142	142/19 - IACHR Ends Follow-Up Visit to Honduras. Washington, D.C., June 5, 2019.
143	143/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Acts of Violence during the Education and Healthcare Strike in Honduras. Washington, D.C., June 6, 2019.
144	•144/19 - IACHR Applauds Successful High-Level Dialogue on Transitional Justice in El Salvador. Washington, D.C., June 10, 2019.
145	145/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern Over the Passing of the Amnesty Law in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019.
146	146/19 - IACHR Concludes Working Visits to Costa Rica and Honduras to Monitor the Predicament of Nicaraguans Who Have Been Forced to Flee Their Country. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019.
147	R147/19 - Guatemala: Freedom of expression and the media's role are crucial to guaranteeing free and transparent elections this June 16. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019.

148	148/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress Made by Uruguay to Comply with Friendly Settlement Concerning Petition 1227-07, David Rabinovich. Washington, D.C., June 12, 2019.
149	149/19 - IACHR Concerned About Actions that Affect Brazil's National Mechanism to Prevent and Fight Torture. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019.
150	150/19 - Applications for the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights Are Now Closed. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019.
151	R151/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of journalist Petión Rospide and expresses its concern over the ongoing violence against journalists in the framework of the public demonstrations' coverage in Haiti. Washington, D.C., June 14, 2019.
152	152/19 - IACHR Welcomes Abolition of Death Penalty in New Hampshire, United States. Washington, D.C., June 17, 2019.
153	R153/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns the murder of journalist Norma Sarabia in Mexico and notes with concern the ongoing attacks against journalists. Washington, D.C., June 17, 2019.
154	154/19 - IACHR is Accepting Requests for Hearings for its 173th Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., June 20, 2019.
155	155/19 - On World Refugee Day, IACHR Asks States in the Region to Take Action and Protect the Human Rights of Refugees. Washington, D.C., June 21, 2019.
156	156/19 - IACHR Applauds the Signing of the Friendly Settlement Agreement for Case 13.017 A - Relatives of Victims of the Military Dictatorship in Panama. Washington, D.C., June 24, 2019.
157	157/19 - IACHR Completes Working Visit in Argentina. Washington, D.C., June 24, 2019.
158	158/19 - IACHR Notes Uruguay Court Decision Limiting the Application of Statute of Limitations to Crime Committed during the Dictatorship. Washington, D.C., June 24, 2019.
159	159/19 - IACHR calls on the State of Canada to address the recommendations issued by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in order to protect and guarantee their human rights. Washington, D.C., June 25, 2019.
160	160/19 - IACHR Presents Performance Report and Results for the Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI). Washington, D.C., June 25, 2019.
161	161/19 - On the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, the IACHR calls for the eradication of all acts of torture against persons deprived of their liberty. Washington, D.C., June 26, 2019.
162	162/19 - IACHR Asks IA Court to Adopt Provisional Measures in Favor of Members of the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights (CENIDH) and the Permanent Commission on Human Rights (CPDH) in Response to the Extreme Risk They Are Facing in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., June 27, 2019.
163	163/19 - IACHR Announces the Publication of Report No. 91/19 on Case 13.017 C, Relatives of Victims of the Military Dictatorship in Panama, October 1968 to December 1989. Washington, D.C., June 28, 2019.
164	R164/19 - Experts on freedom of expression of the UN and the IACHR express their concern over death threats against journalist Glenn Greenwald, director of The Intercept Brasil, and his family. Washington, D.C., July 1, 2019.
165	165/19 - IPPDH and IACHR announce list of selected people for the IV edition of the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights. Washington, D.C., August 2, 2019

166	166/19 - IACHR and Inter-American Court of Human Rights invite to the Third Forum of the Inter-American Human Rights System and call for proposals of parallel events. Washington, D.C./ San José, Costa Rica, July 3, 2019
167	167/19 - IACHR Expresses Alarm and Concern over the Death of Captain Rafael Acosta Arévalo in Custody in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019.
168	168/19 - IACHR Concludes Visit to Haiti. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019.
169	169/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Situation in Honduras and Calls on State to Guarantee Rights to Protest and Peaceful Assembly, in Accordance with Inter-American Standards. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2019.
170	170/19 - IACHR Concludes Week-Long Training Course for Human Rights Defenders in Peru. Lima, Peru. Washington, D.C., July 9, 2019.
171	171/19 - IACHR Celebrates 60th Anniversary. Washington, D.C., July 10, 2019.
172	172/19 - IACHR Concerned about Ongoing Repression in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., July 11, 2019.
173	R/173/19- Joint Declaration on the Twentieth Anniversary: Challenges for Freedom of Expression in the Coming Decade. Washington, D.C., July 10, 2019.
174	174/19 -IACHR and OHCHR Express Concern over the Provisions of the Criminal Code in Honduras and Call for a Review in Accordance with International and Inter-American Human Rights Standards. Washington, D.C., / Tegucigalpa, July 12, 2019
175	175/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern About Plans to Shut Down Several Branches of Brazilian Ombudsperson’s Office. Washington, D.C., July 17, 2019.
176	176/19 - IACHR Condemns Violence against Trans Persons in Honduras. Washington, D.C., July 18, 2019.
177	R177/19 - CIDH presents case on Colombia to the IACHR. Washington, D.C., July 19, 2019.
178	178/19 - Successful Conclusion of the Seminar on the “Inter American System and the Rights of Indigenous Women”. Medellín, July 19, 2019
179	179/19 - IACHR Presents Performance Report and Results Relating to Friendly Settlements for the First Half of 2019. Washington, D.C., July 22, 2019.
180	180/19 - IACHR Expresses Deep Concern about the Situation of Migrants and Refugees in the United States, Mexico, and Central America. Washington, D.C., July 23, 2019.
181	181/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 102/19, on Case 13,017 A—Families of Victims of Panama’s Military Dictatorship (October 1968–December 1989). Washington, D.C., July 24, 2019.
182	182/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 103/19 on Petition 1224–07 (David Rabinovich—Uruguay) and Congratulates the State for its Full Compliance with this Friendly Settlement Agreement. Washington, D.C., July 24, 2019.
183	183/19 - On International Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean and Diaspora Women's Day, the IACHR calls on states to eradicate stigmatization of Afro-descendent women. Washington, D.C., July 25, 2019.
184	184/19 - IACHR and SRESCER manifest their concern for oil spills in Peru and urge the State to take action to prevent, mitigate and investigate urgently. Washington, D.C., July 26, 2019.
185	185/19 - IACHR and SRESCER seek Advisory Opinion from Inter-American Court on freedom of association from gender perspective. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2019.
186	186/19 - IACHR Presents Its Six-Month Performance Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2017–2021 and the Results of Its Work in the First Half of 2016. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2019.

187	187/19 - IACHR conducts Working Visit to Miami to Present Report on Human Rights Situation in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., July 31, 2019.
188	188/19 - IACHR Launches New Online Form to Submit Precautionary Measures Requests. Washington, D.C., August 1, 2019.
189	R189/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns increased violence against journalists and the media in Mexico and urges the State to strengthen strategies for prevention, protection, and fight against impunity at federal and state levels. Washington, D.C., August 5, 2019
190	190/19 - IACHR Condemns Massacre with More than 60 Dead in Brazilian Prison. Washington, D.C., August 5, 2019.
191	191/19 - IACHR Makes Working Visit to Florida to Present a Report on Human Rights Situation in Cuba. Washington, D.C., August 6, 2019.
192	192/19 - IACHR Announces 174th Period of Sessions in Ecuador. Washington, D.C., August 6, 2019.
193	193/19 - IACHR condemns mass shootings and all discourse or form of hate, racism and intolerance in the United States of America. Washington, D.C., August 6, 2019.
194	194/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern over Nicaragua's Announcement That It Will Not Continue Dialogue and Calls on the State to Comply with Its Obligations to Guarantee and Respect Human Rights. Washington, D.C., August 6, 2019.
195	195/19 - IACHR Announces the Selection of Academic Papers on the Impact of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Its 60-Year History. Washington, D.C., August 7, 2019.
196	196/19 - IACHR Concerned about Excessive Use of Force by Police against LGBTI Persons in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., August 7, 2019.
197	197/19 - Special Follow-Up Mechanism on Ayotzinapa Affair Makes Second Official Visit to Mexico in 2019. Washington, D.C., August 7, 2019.
198	198/19 - IACHR Commemorates International Day of the World's Indigenous People. Washington, D.C., August 9, 2019.
199	199/19 - IACHR Held Talks with States to Publicize Pilot Project to Expand the Friendly Settlement Mechanism. Washington, D.C., August 13, 2019.
200	•200/19 - IACHR Publishes Reports No. 105/19 (Case 12,961 A—Bolívar Salgado Welban and Others); 101/19 (Case 12,961 C—Marcial Coello Medina and Others); and 104/19 (Case 12,961 D—Jorge Enrique Valladares Argueñal and Others), Honduras. Washington, D.C., August 14, 2019.
201	201/19 - IACHR expresses its profound concern for the reinstatement of the death penalty at the federal level in the United States. Washington, D.C., August 15, 2019.
202	202/19 - IACHR Announces the Publication of Report No. 106/19 on Case 12.986, José Antonio Bolaños Juárez, Concerning Mexico. Washington, D.C., August 15, 2019.
203	203/19 - IACHR announces dates and scope of its visit to the southern border of the United States of America. Washington, D.C., August 16, 2019.
204	204/19 - IACHR Presents Report on Internal Displacement in Central America's Northern Triangle Countries. Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019.
205	205/19 - IACHR Drafts Country Report Concerning the Situation of Human Rights in Cuba Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019.

206	R 206/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns prison sentence against journalist Roberto Quiñones and expresses concern about the persistence of criminalization and harassment against communicators and human rights defenders in Cuba. Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019.
207	207/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 109/19 on Case 11,144—Gerson Jairzinho González Arroyo, Colombia. Washington, D.C., August 21, 2019.
208	208/19 - REDESCA of the IACHR expresses profound concern about discrimination for political reasons in the exercise of the rights to work and health in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., August 21, 2019.
209	209/19 - IACHR Expands Precautionary Measures to Protect Child and Adolescent Patients in 13 Wards at José Manuel de los Ríos Hospital in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., August 21, 2019.
210	210/19 - IACHR Releases Schedule of Public Hearings for 173rd Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., August 22, 2019.
211	211/19 - IACHR Urges the United States to Stay the Execution of Russell Bucklew. Washington, D.C., August 23, 2019.
212	R212/19 - Nicaragua: Must stop reprisals against journalists, say human rights experts. Washington, D.C., August 26, 2019.
213	R213/19 - Special Rapporteurship condemns the murder of journalist Nevith Condes in Mexico; urges the State to review and reinforce protection measures and the activities of the Special Prosecutor's Office to address the serious situation of violence against social communicators. Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019.
214	214/19 - On the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, the IACHR Calls on States to Comply with their International Obligations. Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019.
215	215/19 - IACHR and its SRESCER express serious concern about deforestation and fires in the Amazon. Washington, D.C., September 03, 2019.
216	216/19 - IACHR Welcomes Signing of Friendly Settlement in Case 12,909 Gerardo Bedoya Borrero and Family. Washington, D.C., September 4, 2019.
217	217/19 - Official pronouncement of the IACHR commemorating its 60th anniversary. Santiago, Chile, September 4, 2019.
218	218/19 - Questionnaire to develop the report, "Citizen Security privatization: impact of private security on human rights". Washington, D.C., September 5, 2019.
219	219/19 - IACHR Requests IA Court Expand Provisional Measures in Favor of Members of Miskitu Indigenous Communities in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., September 6, 2019.
220	220/19 - IACHR Speaks Out Against Ongoing Repression in Nicaragua and Expresses Its Concern at Increased Harassment of Human Rights Defenders and People Who Have Been Released from Prison. Washington, D.C., September 6, 2019.
221	221/19 - IACHR voices concern regarding acts of violence during the electoral process in Colombia. Washington, D.C., September 10, 2019.
222	222/19 - IACHR Completes Successful Forum on Transitional Justice for Salvadoran Justice Sector. Washington, D.C., September 10, 2019.
223	223/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Ecuador to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., September 12, 2019.
224	224/19 - IACHR Invites Human Rights Defenders to Take Part in Second Training Course on Strategic Use of Inter-American System of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., September 12, 2019.
225	225/19 - IACHR Concludes Commemorative Visit to Chile. Washington, D.C., September 13, 2019.

226	226/19 - IACHR Concludes Commemorative Visit to Argentina. Washington, D.C., September 13, 2019.
227	227/19 - IACHR Publishes Report on Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach. Washington, D.C., September 16, 2019.
228	228/19 - IACHR conducted visit to the United States' Southern Border. Washington, D.C., September 16, 2019.
229	229/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Peru to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., September 16, 2019.
230	230/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Protection Measures in Favor of Freddy Alberto Navas Lopez, Leader of the Campesino Movement in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., September 17, 2019.
231	231/19 - IACHR Stresses its Commitment to Defending and Promoting Human Rights and Democracy. Washington, D.C., September 17, 2019.
232	232/19 - Office of the Special Rapporteur condemns that communicators Pedro Jaimes and Jesús Medina have served one year in prison in Venezuela without being convicted. Washington, D.C., September 18, 2019.
233	233/19 - IACHR welcomes progress made by Paraguay with compliance with the friendly settlement agreement reached in Case 12,629. Indigenous Community of Kelyenmagategma. Washington, D.C., September 18, 2019.
234	234/19 - IACHR presents report on forced migration of Nicaraguans to Costa Rica. Washington, D.C., September 20, 2019.
235	235/19 - IACHR presents its compliments to the national human rights institutions that signed the declaration of commitment to technical cooperation. Washington, D.C., September 23, 2019.
236	236/19 - International Bisexual Visibility Day: Visibility as the First Step Toward Comprehensive Guarantees for Bisexual People's Right to Mental Health. Washington, D.C., September 23, 2019.
237	237/19 - IACHR and its SRESCER express their solidarity with the people of The Bahamas regarding the damage wrought by Hurricane Dorian and call upon it to implement an urgent human rights-based response Washington, D.C., September 23, 2019.
238	238/19 - IACHR condemns the prevalence of murders and other forms of violence against Garifuna women in Honduras. Washington, D.C., September 24, 2019.
239	239/19 - IACHR Conveys Its Solidarity with the Families of the 43 Missing Students from Ayotzinapa and Expresses Deep Concern over the Lack of Justice and Clarification of Events. Washington, D.C., September 25, 2019.
240	240/19 - IACHR Urges Paraguay to Investigate Discovery of Human Remains at the "House of Horror" Site. Washington, D.C., September 26, 2019.
241	241/19 - IACHR urges transparency in the selection of six magistrates for the Constitutional Court of Peru and guarantees of their independence Washington, D.C., September 26, 2019.
242	242/19 -The face-to-face week of the International Course on Public Policies concludes in Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C., September 27, 2019.
243	243/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures on behalf of an adolescent with an incurable disease in Colombia. Washington, D.C., October 01, 2019.
244	244/19 - IACHR Adopts Precautionary Measures to Protect the Guyaroká Community of the Kaiowá Guaraní Indigenous People in Brazil. Washington, D.C., October 1, 2019.
245	245/19 - IACHR Releases New Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Honduras. Washington, D.C., October 3, 2019.

246	246/19 - IACHR Publishes Report No. 137/19 on Case 12,233 (V́ctor Aḿstica Moreno and Others—Chile), Congratulates the State for its Full Compliance with this Friendly Settlement Agreement. Washington, D.C., October 3, 2019.
247	247/19 - IACHR Welcomes Progress Made by Mexico to Implement Friendly Settlement in the Case of Antonio Jacinto Ĺpez. Washington, D.C., October 3, 2019.
248	248/19 - IACHR Completes 173rd Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., October 4, 2019.
249	249/19 - IACHR Condemns Execution of Russell Bucklew in Missouri, United States of America. Washington, D.C., October 7, 2019.
250	250/19 - IACHR Presents Report on the Situation of Human Rights of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Pan-Amazon Region. Washington, D.C., October 8, 2019.
251	251/19 - First Joint Consultation discussing the inclusion of LGBTI persons in the economic, social and cultural sphere. Bridgetown, Barbados, October 8, 2019
252	252/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship Concerned about Excessive Use of Police Force against Demonstrators and Attacks on Journalists during Protests in Ecuador. Washington, D.C., October 9, 2019.
253	253/19 - IACHR Takes Precautionary Measures to Protect the Close Family of Venezuelan Lawyer and Human Rights Defender Tamara Suju Roa. Washington, D.C., October 9, 2019.
254	254/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measures in Favor of Rafael Acosta Aŕvalo's Family in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., October 9, 2019.
255	255/19 - IACHR Brings El Salvador Case before IA Court. Washington, D.C., October 10, 2019.
256	256/19 - On the International Day of the Girl Child, the IACHR Stresses States' Obligation to Grant Special, Reinforced Protection to Girls' Fundamental Right. Washington, D.C., October 10, 2019.
257	257/19 - IACHR Brings Honduras Case before IA Court. Washington, D.C., October 11, 2019.
258	258/19 - IACHR and its Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression Concerned about Violence and Increased Political Tensions in Haiti. Washington, D.C., October 11, 2019.
259	259/19 - On the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women, IACHR urges the member countries of the OAS to recognize their Human Rights and guarantee them a life free of violence. Washington, D.C., October 15, 2019.
260	260/19 - IACHR Expresses Concern Over Dismissal of Ombudsman in Panama. Washington, D.C., October 16, 2019.
261	•261/19 - IACHR Announces Schedule of Hearings for 174th Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., October 17, 2019.
262	262/19 - IACHR Announces Observation Mission to Ecuador in Response to Protests. Washington, D.C., October 17, 2019.
263	263/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Protection Measures in Favor of Student Leader Cristopher Nahiroby Olivas Valdivia and His Family in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., October 18, 2019.
264	264/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measures for Two Missing Persons in Mexico. Washington, D.C., October 18, 2019.
265	265/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measures in Favor of H́ctor Armando Herńndez Da Costa in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., October 18, 2019.
266	266/19 - IACHR and IA Court Announce Agenda and Invite People to Sign Up for the Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum. Washington, D.C., October 22, 2019.

267	267/19 - IACHR Establishes Special Follow-Up Mechanism for Venezuela (MESEVE). Washington, D.C., October 21, 2019.
268	268/19 - IACHR Concerned about Violence during Electoral Process in Bolivia. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2019.
269	269/19 - The Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESKER) of the IACHR call to civil society organizations, the academy, and other interested actors to submit information regarding the situation of the ESKER in the region. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2019.
270	270/19 - IACHR condemns excessive use of force and rejects all forms of violence in connection with the social protests in Chile. Washington, D.C., October 23, 2019.
271	271/19 - IACHR Calls for Participation in Ex Officio Hearing Concerning Chile. Washington, D.C., October 24, 2019.
272	272/19 - IACHR and MESENI Visit Panama to Monitor the Situation of Nicaraguan Migrants and Refugees. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019.
273	273/19 - IACHR presents the results of its efforts to monitor the Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019.
274	274/19 - IACHR Completes Successful Forum on Transitional Justice in El Salvador, Reminds the State of the Applicable Inter-American Standards. Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019.
275	275/19 - On Intersex Awareness Day, the IACHR salutes the efforts of the OAS General Assembly to eradicate discrimination and violence against intersex persons in the Inter-American region. Washington, D.C., October 27, 2019.
276	276/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures to Protect Justice Operators in Guatemala. Washington, D.C., October 28, 2019.
277	277/19 - IACHR issues protection measures on behalf of Hugo Enrique Marino Salas in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., October 29, 2019.
278	278/19 - IACHR Concludes First Two Stages of its Program for Overcoming Procedural Backlog with Outstanding Results. Washington, D.C., October 29, 2019.
279	279/19 - IACHR expresses concern over migrant DNA collection and policies restricting the mobility of migrant persons in the United States. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019.
280	80/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Peru to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019.
281	281/19 - Consultation questionnaire on consolidating and expanding civil society participation in IACHR activities. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019.
282	282/19 - IACHR Brings Brazil Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019.
283	283/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Ecuador to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., November 1, 2019.
284	284/19 - IACHR Condemns and Expresses Concern over the Murder of a Councilor in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., November 5, 2019.
285	285/19 - IACHR concludes observation mission to Ecuador. Quito / Washington, D.C., November 5, 2019.
286	286/19 - IACHR Grants Protection Measures in Favor of Yanessa and Asháninka Families during the Process of Official Recognition of their Community and Granting Them Land Titles in Peru. Washington, D.C., November 6, 2019.

287	287/19 - IACHR Adopts Resolution on Initial Review of Petitions. Washington, D.C., November 7, 2019.
288	288/19 - IACHR and UN Human Rights Presences Once Again Call for the Creation of a Safe, Favorable Environment for Human Rights Defenders in the Americas. Bogotá / Guatemala City / Mexico City / Panama City / Port-au-Prince / Santiago de Chile / Tegucigalpa / Washington, DC, November 7, 2019
289	289/19 - IACHR and I/A Court H.R. Complete Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum. Washington, D.C., - Washington, D.C./ San José, Costa Rica/Quito, Ecuador, November 7, 2019
290	290/19 - IACHR Concerned about Political Crisis and Situation of Human Rights in Bolivia. Washington, D.C./ Quito, Ecuador, November 11, 2019
291	291/19 - SRESCER expresses deep concern regarding Brazil oil spill and call urgently the full implementation of the environmental contingency plan in the affected areas. Washington, D.C., November 11, 2019.
292	292/19 - IACHR resolutely condemns the attacks on and murders of individuals, authorities, and members of the Indigenous Guard in Colombia. Washington, D.C., November 12, 2019.
293	293/19 - IACHR rejects generalized violence in Bolivia and calls for the respect democratic institutions in the country. Washington, D.C., /Quito, Ecuador, November 12, 2019
294	294/19 - IACHR urges the United States to comply with the recommendations issued in regard with Víctor Saldaño's human rights. Washington, D.C., November 13, 2019.
295	R295/19 - Freedom of expression experts concerned by slow progress into investigation and prosecution for murder of Mexican journalist Javier Valdez. Geneva/Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
296	296/19 - IACHR Warns about the Risk of Impunity for Human Rights Violations in Bolivia, Calls for a National Dialogue to Reach a Constitutional Solution to the Crisis. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
297	297/19 - IACHR Condemns Persecution of Victims of Repression in Nicaragua and Calls on State to Prevent Revictimization and Promote Truth, Justice, Reparation, and Measures of Nonrepetition. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
298	•298/19 - IACHR Expresses Its Concern over a New Attempt to Dismiss the Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsperson. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
299	299/19 - IACHR Brings Venezuela Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
300	300/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Peru to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2019.
301	301/19 - IACHR Completes 174th Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., /Quito, Ecuador, November 20, 2019
302	302/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Ecuador to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2019.
303	303/19 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Argentina to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Washington, D.C., November 21, 2019.
304	304/19 - IACHR Ends Working Visit to Paraguay. Washington, D.C., November 21, 2019.
305	305/19 - A Year After La Saline Massacre, the IACHR Remains Concerned about the Ongoing Political and Institutional Crisis in Haiti. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019.
306	306/19 - 30 years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed, the IACHR calls on States to renew their commitment to children. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019.

307	307/19 - IACHR Publishes Compendium on Equality and Non-discrimination. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019.
308	308/19 - IACHR Brings Venezuela Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., Friday, November 22, 2019.
309	309/19 - IACHR Brings Guatemala Case before the IA Court. Washington, D.C., November 22, 2019.
310	310/19 - IACHR, Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women, and MESECVI's Committee of Experts Call on States to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls in the Americas. Washington, D.C., November 25, 2019.
311	311/19 - IACHR Launches New Website Section to Monitor Friendly Settlements. Washington, D.C., November 25, 2019.
312	312/19 - IACHR Completes Preliminary Visit to Chile. Washington, D.C., November 29, 2019.
313	313/19 - IACHR Concerned about Repression by Government Agents in Colombia, Rejects All Forms of Violence in the Context of Protests. Washington, D.C., December 02, 2019.
314	314/19 - IACHR Launches On-Site Visit to El Salvador. Washington, D.C., December 2, 2019.
315	315/19 - IACHR Welcomes Friendly Settlement Signed in Petition 314-09, German Eduardo Giraldo Agudelo and Family. Washington, D.C., December 3, 2019.
316	R316/19 - The Office of the Special Rapporteur Condemns the Murder of Journalist José Arita in Honduras and Urges to Investigate Connection to Journalistic Activity. Washington, D.C., December 4, 2019.
317	317/19 - IACHR Condemns the Excessive Use of Force during Social Protests in Chile, Expresses Its Grave Concern at the High Number of Reported Human Rights Violations, and Rejects All Forms of Violence. Washington, D.C., December 6, 2019.
318	318/19 - IACHR condemns police action resulting in the deaths of 9 people in Brazil. Washington, D.C., December 6, 2019.
319	319/19 - IACHR Grants Protection Measures in Favor of Paola Pabón, Christian González, and Virgilio Hernández in Ecuador. San Salvador, El Salvador / Washington, D.C., December 9, 2019
320	320/19 - OHCHR, IACHR Condemn Murders of Indigenous Leaders in Maranhão, Brazil. Washington, D.C., / Santiago, Chile, December 9, 2019.
321	321/19 - The IACHR presents its preliminary observations following its visit to Bolivia and requests an urgent international investigation take place into the serious human rights violations that have occurred in the country since the October 2019 elections. Washington, D.C., December 10, 2019.
322	322/19 - IACHR is Accepting Requests for Hearings for its 175th Period of Sessions. Washington, D.C., December 12, 2019.
323	323/19 -/IACHR grants protection measures to child J.M.V. in Trinidad and Tobago. Washington, D.C., December 13, 2019.
324	324/19 - IACHR welcomes the signing of the friendly settlement agreement in the case of Geminiano Gil Martínez and family. Washington, D.C., December 17, 2019.
325	325/19 - IACHR welcomes the signing of the friendly settlement agreement in the case of Luis Horacio Patiño and family. Washington, D.C., December 17, 2019.
326	326/19 - IACHR urges the Cuban State to comply with the precautionary measures on behalf of José Daniel Ferrer García. Washington, D.C., December 17, 2019.
327	327/19 - The IACHR proposes to Mexico that it reinstate the GIEI on Ayotzinapa. Washington, D.C., Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

328	328/19 - IACHR Creates an Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts to Support Investigations into Recent Violence and Human Rights Violations in Bolivia, and Announces an On-Site Visit to the Country. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2019
329	329/19 - IACHR Welcomes the Creation of Mexico's Extraordinary Forensic Identification Mechanism, Awaits its Swift Implementation. Washington, D.C., December 18, 2019
330	330/19 - IACHR Presents Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia. Washington, D.C., December 20, 2019
331	331/19 - Presentation of the thematic Report of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, on Protest and Human Rights. Washington, D.C., December 20, 2019
332	332/19 - IACHR Adopts General Guidelines on the Follow-up of Recommendations and Decisions, as Well as Resolution 2/19 on the Creation of an Impact Observatory. Washington, D.C., December 23, 2019
333	333/19 - IACHR Adopts Resolution on the Principles of Public Policies on Memory in the Americas. Washington, D.C., December 23, 2019
334	334/19 - IACHR, OHCHR Urge the State of Honduras to Protect the Lives and Integrity of Individuals Held in Penitentiary and Juvenile Detention Facilities, Following the Declaration of a State of Penitentiary Emergency in the Country. Washington, D.C., December 26, 2019
335	335/19 - IACHR presents its preliminary observations following its in loco visit to El Salvador. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
336	336/19 - IACHR Concludes the On-Site Week of Its Second Week-Long Training Course for Human Rights Defenders at its Headquarters in Washington. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
337	337/19 - IACHR Extends Precautionary Measures in Favor of PROVEA Coordinator and Directors of the Venezuelan Criminal Forum. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
338	338/19 - IACHR Extends Precautionary Measures in Favor of 17 Women Human Rights Defenders in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
339	339/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Measures in Favor of María Patricia Arce Guzmán, Mayor of the Vinto Municipality in Bolivia. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
340	340/19 - IACHR Grants Protection Measures in Favor of Nadia Alejandra Cruz Tarifa and Nelson Marcelo Cox Mayorga, of the Bolivian Ombudsperson's Office. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
341	341/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measures in Favor of Congresswoman Delsa Jennifer Solórzano Bernal in Venezuela. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
342	342/19 - IACHR Issues Protection Measures in Favor of Bayron José Corea Estrada and His Family in Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
343	343/19 - IACHR Grants Protection Measures in Favor of Amaya Coppens and 15 Other People Who Are Deprived of Their Freedom in Nuevo Chipote Prison, Nicaragua. Washington, D.C., December 27, 2019
344	344/19 - IACHR Urges Colombia to Investigate Human Remains Found at Las Mercedes Cemetery. Washington, D.C., December 30, 2019
345	345/19 - IACHR Adopts Inter-American Principles on the Human Rights of All Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons, and Victims of Human Trafficking. Washington, D.C., December 30, 2019
346	346/19 - IACHR Issues Report on Corruption and Human Rights. Washington, D.C., December 31, 2019

## F. The Social Participation Agenda

17. In 2019, the IACHR continued its practice of establishing periodic channels of dialogue with civil society and the academic sector.

18. Approximately 330 civil society organizations took part in the Public Hearings held in connection with the 171st, 172nd, 173rd, and 174th periods of sessions in Bolivia, Jamaica, the United States (headquarters), and Ecuador. Open meetings were also conducted with civil society during the periods of sessions, in which the organizations contributed information regarding the human rights outlook in the countries of the Americas. Holding sessions away from headquarters increased access to the IACHR for civil society organizations from different parts of the region, expanding the role of actors involved in the inter-American human rights system.

19. During the on-site visit to El Salvador, from December 2 to 4, 2019, the IACHR held an open meeting with Salvadoran civil society organizations, as well as numerous meetings with organizations working on issues that were prioritized in the visit. In 2019, the IACHR also conducted a large number of virtual meetings with civil society in Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, regarding the work being done by its various mechanisms.

20. The IACHR also met with civil society during its country visits in 2019, which included visits to Argentina, Barbados, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, and Uruguay.

21. In addition, the Commission met with civil society organizations during the 49th regular session of the OAS General Assembly, held in Medellín, Colombia, and during activities carried out within the framework of the United Nations Human Rights Council, in Geneva, Switzerland.

22. The IACHR convened civil society organizations to take part in the second face-to-face public consultation of the Memory, Truth, and Justice Unit in Sucre, Bolivia, on February 14, 2019, as part of the ongoing participatory process of developing that Unit's work. Participating in that meeting were 30 people from 7 countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Peru, and the United States.

23. As regards thematic reports, the IACHR continued to prioritize and honor its commitment to hold public consultations as a way to elicit inputs from all relevant actors, including civil society organizations, whose contributions are vital for drawing up these reports. In 2019 the IACHR drew up [questionnaires to be filled in](#) by civil society with input for reports on "Domestic systems for implementing IACHR decisions," "Economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights of indigenous and tribal Afrodescendent peoples in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua," "Corruption and human rights in America," "The economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights situation of Afrodescendants in the Americas," "Privatization of security: impact of private security on human rights," Inter-American principles on the human rights of migrants, refugees, and other persons in the context of mixed migratory movements," and "National systems for protecting the rights of older persons in America."

24. For the 2019 IACHR Annual Report, the IACHR again invited civil society organizations and other actors in the 35 OAS member states to send information regarding the human rights situation in the region as input for Chapters IV.A., IV.B, and V.

25. Using its special monitoring mechanisms, the IACHR continued promoting ongoing dialogue with civil society organizations and with victims and family members of victims of human rights violations. Notable in that connection is the Commission's ongoing presence in Mexico and its periodic meetings with family members in the Ayotzinapa case, within the framework of the Special Monitoring Mechanism (MESA). Likewise, in the Dominican Republic, the IACHR held videoconferences and meetings, and conducted surveys with civil society in connection with the Round Tables on the Implementation of Public Human Rights

Policies in that country, as part of a strategy implemented in response to a request by civil society. With regard to the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), the IACHR underscores its collaboration and steady exchange of information with civil society organizations, as well as its strategy of providing technical assistance and capacity-building for Nicaraguan civil society organizations, through tailored training courses for them in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Miami, and Washington, D.C. The recently launched Special Monitoring Mechanisms for Venezuela (MESEVE) aims to work closely with various key players, including civil society organizations. Finally, the Special Technical Counseling Committee (MESAT) for compliance with the human rights recommendations of the IACHR, installed in Honduras, also plans to conduct activities open to civil society participation.

26. In connection with its 60th anniversary and pursuant to its Strategic Plan 2017-2021, the IACHR continued developing ties and cooperation partnerships with academic bodies throughout the region. To that end, it called upon universities and other academic institutions specializing in human rights to join the [“Academic Network Specializing in Cooperation with the IACHR”](#), with a view to providing technical support for the Commission's work, especially the tasks performed by its Special Rapporteurs. As this Report went to press, 64 applications to join that Network had been received from universities and other academic institutions.

27. Meanwhile, cooperation continues with universities, other academic and research institutions, and civil society organizations. In all, eight cooperation agreements were signed. These were with the following institutions: Universidad del Magdalena, Colombia; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali, Colombia; the Law Faculty at Rutgers University, United States; Instituto Ibero-Americano para la Paz in The Hague; the Law Faculty of Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina; Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina, Colombia; University of Monterrey, Mexico, and OXFAM International.

28. With a view to expanding civil society participation in its activities and proposing new mechanisms and channels for such participation, the IACHR invited interested organizations to fill in a [questionnaire](#) posted on its website. The inputs received via the questionnaire will be vital for drawing up a public document on the policy to be pursued for civil society participation in IACHR activities, as envisaged in Program 12 of the Strategic Plan 2017-2021. The suggestions made by civil society will also be key inputs for developing dissemination and training materials for participation, with a view to bolstering the inter-American human rights system as a pillar and joint commitment of the Americas.

## **G. Technical Cooperation**

29. The IACHR's work revolves around three pillars: the individual petitions system; monitoring of the human rights situation in the member states; and counseling and technical cooperation with States. Using that structure, the Commission considers that, within the context of protecting the rights of all persons under the jurisdiction of the States of the Americas, it is especially important to pay particular attention to the communities and groups that, historically, have borne the brunt of discrimination and exclusion.

30. Within that framework, the IACHR engages in activities providing assistance and technical cooperation to member states, helping them to develop and pursue public policies with a human rights approach and offering ideas and responding to specific requests made by States. The main focus is on forging greater familiarity with, and use of, the inter-American human rights system by States, encouraging the application of inter-American standards, and fostering compliance with the system's recommendations.

31. Indeed, one of the priorities that the IACHR selected for 2019 was to strengthen its capacity to provide technical cooperation with member states, regional organizations, and other institutions. Thus, throughout the year, the IACHR moved ahead both with the drafting of instruments and inputs to support those responsible for formulating public policies and with the consolidation of the ties needed to provide technical assistance and backing for the States' institutional strengthening strategies, while at the same time developing cooperation with other institutions.

32. Especially noteworthy in this area was the Commission's adoption of a first report on "[Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach](#)" designed to provide an effective tool for those responsible for planning, formulating, implementing, and monitoring or evaluating public policies. The report places at their disposal inter-American principles and standards in that field, along with a set of practical guidelines to shape States' actions at the various stages of a human rights-oriented public policy cycle. In 2020, the IACHR plans to continue reinforcing its public policy work, providing technical assistance to the States in the region based on the standards and recommendations embodied in this Report.

33. During the year, the IACHR published another report entitled "[Internal Displacement in the Northern Triangle of Central America: Public Policy Guidelines](#)." Again, the purpose of this document is to provide a practical tool for government officials in charge of compliance with human rights obligations as well as for representatives of civil society organizations that work in promotion and protection of the rights of internally displaced people and that demand that the State adopt measures and public policies to respond to this troubling situation.

34. As part of that same technical assistance strategy, the IACHR produced a "[Practical Guide: Guidelines for the formulation of public policies on internal displacement](#)". This Guide is an attempt to provide a didactic presentation of the principal recommendations for the formulation of public policies to address this human rights issue,

35. As part of this same institutional strengthening and technical cooperation goal, another novel training initiative of the IACHR in 2019 is worth highlighting. This was the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights that the IACHR organized in partnership with the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policy and Human Rights (IPPDH). The partly face-to-face and partly online six-month course was for 100 State officials responsible for public policy design, direction, implementation, and evaluation; members of civil society organizations and movements, academics, and society at large.

36. Finally, attention should be drawn to the work carried out by the IACHR with the Technical Unit of the Justice Sector of El Salvador pursuant to a request for technical cooperation to broaden knowledge, reflection, and dialogue in the judiciary on transitional justice processes in that country. To provide that technical cooperation, the IACHR organized 64 hours of training through a workshop comprising four consecutive modules between August and November 2018. The modules designed for 70 participants in the El Salvadoran judiciary addressed key issues in transitional justice, with the help of IACHR specialists and international experts.

37. The IACHR wishes to express its will and readiness to provide technical cooperation to States, regional organizations, social organizations, and other institutions for the purposes of institution building and formulation, implementation, and assessment of public policies on strengthening and observance of the human rights of internally displaced persons, based on the inter-American standards.

38. In the course of 2019, 21 new inter-agency cooperation agreements were signed, including 8 with universities. The complete list of institutions is as follows: The Attorney General's Office (*Procuración General de la República* - PGR), Colombia; the Executive Commission for Caring for Victims of the United Mexican State; the Benito Juárez University in Oaxaca; Universidad Metropolitana, Ecuador; Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsman's Office; the National Council of the Federal Public Prosecutors' Office, Brazil; the Federal Public Prosecutors' Office, Brazil; the Law Faculty at the University of Oklahoma; Mexico's National Council against Discrimination (CONAPRED); the Public Prosecutors' Office, Chile; Torcuato Di Tella University, Argentina; Colombia's Truth, Peaceful Coexistence, and Non-Repetition Commission; the International Land Coalition; the Law Faculty at Universidad Nacional de Córdoba; the Los Angeles Law Faculty at the University of California; Brown University; the Labor Public Prosecutors' Office of Brazil; the Catholic University of Peru; the Institute for Social Responsibility and Human Rights (IRRESODH); Save the Children; the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Defense of Children and Adolescents (REDLAMYC); and the Colombian State.

39. Under the aegis of those agreements, advances are being seen with the expansion of the fellowship program and of the associate staff program, as well as with training, promotion, and academic research activities. During this period, 7 professionals joined the Executive Secretariat under the Associated Personnel Program.

#### **H. Activities of the IACHR in connection with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights**

40. On November 6 and 7, 2019, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the IACHR held their joint Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum at the Catholic University of Ecuador in Quito sponsored and organized by the Office of the Procurator-General; of Ecuador.

41. The theme of the Third Inter-American Human Rights System Forum was about celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the 40th anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The idea was to reflect on the historical impact of their work and to trigger debate about present and future challenges given the current regional context, about how effective the system is, and about other key topics on the human rights agenda in America, through a constructive exchange of views among States, civil society, international organizations, universities, social and trade union movement, and the general public.

42. Worth noting is that, in connection with the Forum, the objective of the Inter-American Conference on Public Policies was to establish a dialogue with State authorities, civil society representatives, academia, experts, and regional and international organizations with a view to jointly identifying progress made and still pending challenges with formulating and implementing public policies with a human rights objective in the region.

#### **I. Relations with the Political Organs of the OAS**

43. One of the functions of the IACHR is to provide advisory services to States on human rights matters; these services are provided through the IACHR's ties with the political bodies of the OAS: the General Assembly (GA) and the Permanent Council (PC) and its Committees, particularly the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) and the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CAAP). The IACHR lends support to OAS political organs in order to promote the necessary minimal human rights standards in resolutions, declarations, treaties, conventions, and other Inter-American instruments. It also maintains relations with other areas of the OAS.

44. In 2019, the IACHR was represented continuously at meetings of the OAS Permanent Council, the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, and the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs. The IACHR also responded to requests to submit information to the political organs of the Organization regarding implementation of resolutions, as well as other specific requests by the Member States, with the participation of the Commissioners, the Executive Secretary, Special Rapporteurs, and human rights specialists of the Executive Secretariat. Following is a list of those presentations:

- i. Presentation by Paulo Abrão, the Executive Secretary of the IACHR, at the request of the Secretary General of the OAS, at the Special Meeting of the Permanent Council on January 11, 2019, to consider the situation in Nicaragua.
- ii. Presentation by Edison Lanza, the IACHR's Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, pursuant to the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2928 (XLVIII-O/18) "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: Right to Freedom of Thought and Expression, Including on the Internet in Electoral Contexts (CAJP, January 31, 2019).
- iii. Presentation by Mario López-Garelli, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary, during the Special Meeting of the CAJP, held on February 12, 2019, to exchange information and national experiences with regard to the power of inclusion and the benefits of diversity.

- iv. Presentation by Commissioner Margarete May Macaulay, the IACHR Rapporteur for Women's Rights, at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council on March 6, 2019, under the item to commemorate International Women's Day.
- v. Presentation by the IACHR's Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (SRESCER), Soledad García Muñoz, during the special meeting of CAJP on promoting and protecting human rights in business, held on March 7, 2019. The presentation focused on the progress made on the consultations and work carried out in connection with the drafting of the report on "Business and Human Rights: Inter-American Standards".
- vi. Presentation by the IACHR's Assistant Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation on Human Rights, Maria Claudia Pulido, to the Working Group of the Permanent Council on Nicaragua, on March 8, 2019.
- vii. Presentation of the IACHR's Regular Fund Budget Execution in 2018 and Annual Report on Implementation of the IACHR Strategic Plan 2017-2021, delivered by Paulo Abrao, Executive Secretary of the IACHR, at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council on March 13, 2019.
- viii. Presentation of the annual report of the IACHR to the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, delivered before the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs by Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, IACHR President, during the meeting held on March 21, 2019.
- ix. Presentation by Ms. Soledad García Muñoz, IACHR's Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (SRESCER) at the special meeting on "Vulnerability and Resilience: A Crosscutting Approach" (CP/INF. 8219/19 of March 22, 2019).
- x. Presentation by Paulo Abrão, the Executive Secretary of the IACHR, at the Informal Meeting of the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) held on March 18, 2019.
- xi. Presentation by Paulo Abrão, the Executive Secretary of the IACHR at the special meeting of the Permanent Council held on March 27, 2019, to consider the topic "Follow-up on the latest events and humanitarian developments in Venezuela".
- xii. Presentation by the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Commissioner Joel Hernández García, in the seventh special meeting of the CAJP of April 4, 2019, on the Mechanisms for Monitoring Detention Centers by each official public defender institution in the region, pursuant to the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2928 (XLVI-O/18), "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights".
- xiii. Presentation by Commissioner Joel Hernández (IACHR) at the special meeting of the Permanent Council to consider "The Situation in Nicaragua" (CP/INF. 8247/19 of April 05, 2019).
- xiv. Presentation by ES/IACHR Chief of Staff, Marisol Blanchard, during the regular meeting of the CAJP held on April 25, 2019, under the item "Follow-up to the mandate of resolution AG/RES. 2928 (XLVIII-O/18) on Administration of Justice and Human Rights".
- xv. Presentation by the IACHR's Assistant Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation on Human Rights, Maria Claudia Pulido, at the special meeting of the Permanent Council to address "The Situation in Nicaragua," on April 26, 2019.
- xvi. Presentation by the IACHR's Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza, at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council on May 1, 2019, to commemorate World Press Freedom Day.
- xvii. Presentation by IACHR Commissioner Flávia Piovesan, Rapporteur on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex (LGBTI) Persons at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council on May 22, 2019, in commemoration of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.
- xviii. Presentation by Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, IACHR President, at the special meeting of the Permanent Council to address the human rights situation in Venezuela, on July 17, 2019.
- xix. Presentation by IACHR Executive Secretary, Paulo Abrão, at the special meeting of the Permanent Council on the subject of the "Commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attack against the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) headquarters in the Argentine Republic," held on July 18, 2019.
- xx. Presentation by the President and Executive Secretary at the special meeting of the Permanent Council on October 2, 2019, in connection with the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the

- creation and installation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, pursuant to Declaration AG/DEC. 99 (XLIX-O/19).
- xxi. Presentation by Commissioner Antonia Urrejola Noguera (via DVC), Second Vice President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Rapporteur on Nicaragua, at the Special Meeting of the Permanent Council held on November 25, 2019, with the Purpose of Presenting the Commission's Report OAS High Level on Nicaragua.
  - xxii. Presentation by the Senior Advisor to the IACHR Executive Secretary, Mario López-Garelli, at the Regular Meeting of the CAJP of November 26, 2019, in the item "Follow-up to the mandates of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), "Promotion and protection of Human Rights: Right to freedom of religion or belief".
  - xxiii. Presentation by the Senior Advisor to the IACHR Executive Secretary, Mario López-Garelli, during the special meeting of the CAJP on December 5, 2019, regarding the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
  - xxiv. Presentation by Commissioners Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, IACHR President and Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child, and Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on Women's Rights, at the special meeting of the Permanent Council on preventing and eradicating violence against women, held on December 10, 2019.
  - xxv. Presentation by Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, IACHR President, at the Special Meeting of the Permanent Council of December 11, 2019 with the Purpose of Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Adoption of the American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José de Costa Rica) and the 40th Anniversary of the Installation of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica, in Compliance with the Mandate Included in Resolutive Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Declaration AG/DEC. 99 (XLIX-O/19).
  - xxvi. Presentation by the Executive Secretary of the IACHR, Paulo Abrão, at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council held on December 11, 2019, in the item "International Day of Persons with Disabilities".
  - xxvii. Presentation by the Coordinator of the Precautionary Measures Section of the IACHR, Joana Zylbersztajn, at the Regular Meeting of the CAJP on December 17, 2019, in the item "Follow-up to the mandates of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), "Promotion and protection of Human Rights: Right to freedom of religion or belief".

45. In 2019, 16 meetings were held to review portfolios of petitions, cases, precautionary measures, and friendly solutions, and to follow up on recommendations with the following States: Uruguay (April 1); Canada (April 17; Ecuador (May 16 and 17)); Colombia (June 4 and 5 and November 21); Nicaragua (July 30); Argentina (August 13 and 14, October 31 to November 1 and December 11); Bolivia (September 3 and 4); Costa Rica (September 19 and 20); Chile (October 3 and 4); Panama (November 21); Guatemala (December 9 to 11), and Brazil (December 16 to 18).

46. In connection with the 49th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, the IACHR held bilateral meetings with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs or Heads of Delegation; and with the delegations of the member states and observer countries. It also met with civil society organizations.

## **J. Activities of the IACHR with Regional and Universal Human Rights Bodies**

47. The IACHR further developed its collaboration with the United Nations human rights system on several fronts. On the one hand, it continued various previous practices, such as delivering inputs for the Universal Periodic Review of Bolivia, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, and the United States and it welcomed United Nations special rapporteurs, representatives of field offices of the Offices of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights (OHCHR), and a UNICEF representative to take part in hearings during its 171st and 172nd periods of sessions. In particular, an ex officio public hearing took place at the 172nd PS in collaboration with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association, Clément Voule, on the subject of "Human rights, development, and freedom of association." In addition, during the same period, 17 press releases were published, along with 8 joint letters with OHCHR or special procedures of the United Nations system.

48. Since 2018, the IACHR has been participating on a more regular basis in sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. In 2019, it stepped up that form of collaboration. For the first time, the IACHR took part in the high-level segments of the sessions, on February 27; on that occasion, Commissioner Joel Hernández gave a presentation focusing principally on the situation in Nicaragua. The IACHR also participated in the inter-active discussion of the Human Rights Council on March 7, with a speech on the situation in Nicaragua. Furthermore, on March 19, the IACHR held a parallel meeting on the situation in Nicaragua and the work of the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), in which 18 delegations from the Americas, Asia, and Europe took part.

49. Commissioner Hernández was also one of the speakers at two other parallel meetings, both about Nicaragua. One of those meetings took place on March 5 and was entitled "The human rights crisis in Nicaragua: an analysis based on the findings of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts for Nicaragua (IGIE-NI)." It was organized jointly by Amnesty International and the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL). The other, organized by Human Rights Watch, took place on March 7 and was entitled "The role of the Human Rights Council in putting an end to the human rights crisis in Nicaragua."

50. On March 21, 2019, the Human Rights Council adopted Resolution 40/2 on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nicaragua, which expresses grave concern regarding serious human rights violations and abuses since 2018; calls upon the Government to release all those arbitrarily or illegally detained; deeply regrets the decision by the Government of Nicaragua to suspend the mission of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts in Nicaragua (GIEI-Ni) and the Special Follow-up Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI), and calls upon the Government to resume its cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

51. During the 42nd session of the Human Rights Council, the IACHR took part as a guest in the high-level panel discussion of the report by the High Commissioner on the human rights situation in Nicaragua. The Commission also took part in the inter-active dialogue on the situation of migrants in the region; presented comments on the report of the Special Rapporteur on Memory, Truth, and Reparation; participated in parallel meetings on Nicaragua and Brazil; and met with civil society and OHCHR representatives.

52. Notably, in 2019 the IACHR [signed a Roadmap with the United Nations Special Procedures](#) for broadening and boosting cooperation. In the course of the year, there were 23 joint initiatives, including communiquees, letters, and public activities. In addition, a methodology was developed and applied for monitoring implementation of the actions envisaged in the Roadmap.

53. On October 21-22, 2019, the IACHR took part in the Workshop on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Other Related Forms of Intolerance organized by OHCHR in Geneva, Switzerland. The workshop brought together the universal human rights system, regional mechanisms, States, civil society, and academia to discuss the principal challenges in this field and to work out strategies for cooperating with regional human rights mechanisms and the universal system. That workshop completed the series of consultations on that topic initiated in 2018. In addition, on October 23, the IACHR took part in the annual meeting of focal points of regional human rights mechanisms and OHCHR.

54. In the year covered by this report, the IACHR proceeded with its second year of implementing the Joint Action Mechanism to Contribute to the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas, with OHCHR, following the progress made in 2017 with crafting its draft agenda and conducting public consultations and the first year of implementation in 2018, when the joint action mechanism was consolidated with specific proposals for actions to be undertaken in five priority areas: (1) Joint studies, (2) Monitoring and protection, (3) Advocacy, (4) Promotion, and (5) Technical assistance.

55. To ensure that those measures are carried out, it was agreed that the two organs would periodically exchange information for jointly analyzing issues and situations of special concern, as well as steps to ensure effective and timely protection for any defenders who might be at risk. In addition,

progress was made with the drawing up of three biannual action plans with OHCHR national offices in Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico.

56. In 2019, the two bodies took a series of joint steps, including joint national and regional pronouncements on situations of mutual concern; joint participation in monitoring, promotion, and training activities; and increased sharing of information and assessments of the human rights situation of defenders in the region, including important information in relation to precautionary measures.

57. Within the framework of the Mechanism, the IACHR spearheaded the production of press releases and four-monthly reports on the situation of human rights defenders in the region. On May 30, a press release was published, entitled "IACHR and Regional Branches of the OHCHR Concerned about the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas in the First Four Months of 2019," adopted by the OHCHR offices in Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Chile, and Honduras. On November 7, a second press release/report was published, entitled "IACHR and UN Human Rights Presences Once Again Call for the Creation of a Safe, Favorable Environment for Human Rights Defenders in the Americas" and signed by the OHCHR in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Haiti, Chile, and Honduras.

58. In the period covered by this report, information was also shared regarding the situation of human rights defenders. In particular, information was shared regarding the increased number of murders in Mexico and used to compile statistics on the number of attacks thus far. In addition, the IACHR's Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders proceeded to develop inputs for the document produced by the OHCHR branch in Mexico, containing a diagnostic assessment of the modus operandi of the National Protection Mechanism. That document points to weaknesses in the way the National; Mechanism functions and presents a series of recommendations and guidelines on how to improve it. In connection with the Mechanism, information was shared about the situation of leaders and activists in connection with the protests in Honduras associated with the national strikes in the health and education sectors. In the same vein, on May 6, the IACHR and the South America branch of OHCHR sent a joint communique to the Peruvian State declaring their support for the adoption by the Ministry of Justice of the protocol on protection for human rights defenders.

59. As regards promotion, in January 2019, the IACHR and the Mexican branch of OHCHR conducted a joint training course in Chihuahua, Mexico. As for joint studies, the first joint diagnostic assessment study of the situation of human rights defenders in the Americas is nearing completion. Likewise, progress has been made with gathering preparatory material for a best practices manual.

60. Apart from its coordination with the universal human rights system, in 2019 the IACHR also continued its cooperation with regional and subregional human rights systems. In particular, the IACHR followed up on cooperation with Mercosur's Public Policies Institute in connection with the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights. The course, with its 100 participants, targets state officials responsible for public policy design, direction, implementation, and evaluation; members of civil society organizations and movements, academics, and society at large. The first version of the course ended in 2019 and a second version began.

## **K. Follow-up on Recommendations**

61. In 2019, in connection with the Special Program for Monitoring Recommendations (Program 21) of the Strategic Plan [2017-2021](#), the IACHR took steps to consolidate the Monitoring of Recommendations and Impact Section established in 2018 to coordinate follow-up to recommendations issued by the IACHR through its various instruments and tools and to assess the impact and effectiveness of its projects and programs. Since September 2019, the Monitoring of Recommendations and Impact Section has been overseen directly by the Executive Secretary ([Executive Order No. 19-01](#)), which will facilitate expansion of the monitoring work performed by the whole of the IACHR Executive Secretariat and make it more integral, cross-cutting, and coordinated among all its areas.

62. Pursuant to Article 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR, in 2019 the Commission continued to promote efforts to strengthen the processes for keeping track of its recommendations. In particular, the IACHR made headway with crafting methodologies, which led to the adoption of [General Guidelines on the Follow-up of Recommendations and Decisions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), a technical tool to ensure concrete and specialized follow-up to each case. In implementing those Guidelines, the IACHR fostered an effective rapprochement among the different users of the inter-American system with a view to forging paths toward real compliance with Commission's recommendations, as well as with the various agreements entered into by the parties. Likewise, at the 173rd period of session, the Commission adopted the [Resolution on the Creation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Impact Observatory](#). This project seeks to build a collaborative platform with the objective of reflecting on, systematizing, and highlighting the impact of its actions in the defense and protection of human rights in the Hemisphere.

63. In 2019, progress was also made with developing the Inter-American Recommendations Monitoring System (SIMORE). This is an online I.T. tool systematizing the recommendations made by the Commission through its various mechanisms: adopted friendly settlement agreements, annual reports (Chapter IV.B), published reports on the merits, country reports, thematic reports, and precautionary measures granted. SIMORE lets users of the inter-American human rights system remit information regarding measures adopted by States to comply with those recommendations. In addition, SIMORE is an accountability, transparency, participation, and access to information mechanism that facilitates follow-up on recommendations and boosts ability to oversee measures and promote compliance with international obligations. The IACHR highlights the fact that, during the OAS General Assembly on June 28, 2019, the States of the Hemisphere reaffirmed their appreciation of the efforts undertaken to implement this system within the framework of the IACHR Strategic Plan 2017-2021 ([Resolution AGAG/RES. 2941](#)). SIMORE is still at the testing stage, which includes consultations with various kinds of users (government officials, members of society, academics, and so on). It is expected to be launched in the first quarter of 2020.

64. Within the framework of its Strategic Plan [2017-2021](#), the IACHR has encouraged the establishment of special mechanisms to follow-up on implementation of its recommendations as a novel practice in the international human rights law context. For the IACHR, such mechanisms foster a more holistic analysis of the IACHR's decisions and recommendations; facilitate the provision of up-to-date information to the international community regarding a particular situation or concrete case; add to the Commission's presence in-situ; encourage systematic and periodic monitoring of priority issues; and expand the scope of dialogue with the parties and the quest for solutions reached through consensus, among other benefits. All that is conducive to in-depth and specialized monitoring by the Commission of compliance with the commitments and obligations entered into by member states with respect to human rights.

65. In 2019, the IACHR promoted [dissemination of the outcomes of these Mechanisms](#) the establishment of the [Technical Support Group \(GAT\)](#) for the Ayotzinapa Affair installed in Mexico City, in the new stage of the Special Monitoring Mechanism (MESA); the new national stage of the Working Group on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic; the new phase of the [Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua \(MESENI\)](#), working out of IACHR headquarters; the establishment of the [Special Monitoring Mechanisms for Venezuela \(MESEVE\)](#); the Special Technical Counseling Committee (MESAT) for compliance with the human rights recommendations of the IACHR, installed in Honduras; and dialogues geared to establishing new cooperation mechanisms with member states, including [Haiti](#), for follow-up and implementation of the IACHR's recommendations.

#### ***Special Follow-Up Mechanism on the Ayotzinapa Case (MESA)***

66. As soon as the IACHR heard the denunciations of the disappearance of 43 teacher training college students in Mexico, it adopted Precautionary Measure 409-14 and asked the State to look and care for the victims and investigate what happened. Later, by agreement with the State and representatives of family members of the victims, the IACHR established an Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI), which lent technical assistance to the state authorities and submitted two reports containing

recommendations to the State. Subsequently, the Commission deemed it necessary to establish a Special Monitoring Mechanism on the Ayotzinapa case (MESA) to track implementation of the recommendations made by the GIEI. That Mechanism has issued two reports containing recommendations to the Mexican State regarding core aspects of the precautionary measure.

67. In 2019, at the request of the State and family members of the victims, the MESA came up with a new Work Plan, to continue follow-up on the recommendations contained in the precautionary measure and reinforce the Mechanism by providing technical advice through the Technical Support Group (GAT) comprising Mexico-based staff of the Executive Secretariat and international experts. The ongoing presence of the IACHR team in Mexico has made it possible to stay in close contact with the parents of the disappeared youths and has facilitated more frequent talks with authorities, representatives, and civil society organizations involved with the precautionary measure, so as to keep more detailed, first-hand track of recommendations relating to efforts to look and care for the victims and investigate what happened and to the adoption of structural and non-repetition measures.

68. As regards international experts, the Group included former members of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI), Ángela Buitrago and Francisco Cox, who took part as consultants providing technical advice on criminal investigation matters. The Mechanism and, above all, the Technical Support Group, carried out the Work Plan activities in coordination with the Truth and Access to Justice Commission for the Ayotzinapa Case established by the Mexican State to provide family members and their advisors with the material and human resources needed for them to assist as co-plaintiffs with the investigations. In going about its work, MESA personnel, from headquarters or in situ, attended all regular and special meetings of the Truth Commission to which it was convened. In addition, it requested that special meetings be convened.

69. In 2019, the Mechanism kept track of the search activities and plans reported by the Presidential Commission and of the use of Lidar technology for those searches. In connection with the investigation, the Mechanism continued to read the criminal investigation file and was present at some of the procedures undertaken by the Presidential Commission. In addition, at the beginning of the year, it monitored the then still pending appointment of the Public Prosecutor Specializing in the case, until he was appointed. Noteworthy, too, in this period was the establishment of the Special Investigation and Litigation Unit for the Ayotzinapa case in the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic (FGR). The Technical Support Group worked with that Unit on a number of specific topics in the inquiries. As regards care for victims, the Mechanism followed up on the Care Protocol for the nine urgent cases referred to in meetings of the Presidential Commission, in coordination with representatives and health sector authorities, apart from meeting with authorities on the Executive Commission for Caring for Victims in order to ascertain how the Protocol was to be implemented.

70. With respect to structural measures, the GAT took part in roundtable discussions convened by the National Search Commission in order to come up with a Standardized Search Protocol. It is also worth noting that the team at headquarters and on the ground constantly supported the talks between groups of family members of the disappeared persons and State authorities on establishing the Special Forensic Identification Mechanism, which began on May 9, 2019, at the period of sessions held in Jamaica, in connection with the public hearing on Enforced Disappearances and the Proposed Special Forensic Identification Mechanism for Mexico that was later adopted on December 5, 2019.

71. The Commissioners also paid visits to Mexico under the 2019 Work Plan. On January 15, 2019, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño and Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva both attended the the launching of the Ayotzinapa Case Truth Commission. On March 24, 2019, Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva was present at the relaunching of the National System to Search for Missing Persons. The Commissioners also visited Mexico from July 31 to August 1. The delegation traveled to Ayutla de los Libres, in the state of Guerrero, to visit Aldo Gutiérrez, a youth wounded on the night of September 26, 2014, and his family, and verified the medical care he is receiving and the home that was built for him. The

Commissioners also attended the meeting of the Presidential Truth Commission and met with authorities and relatives of the students. The IACHR issued press release No. 197/19 on that visit.

72. On September 25, 2019, the IACHR issued a statement in a [press release](#), marking the fifth anniversary of the events that had occurred, voiced its concern at the absence of results in terms of justice and the truth, and deplored the lack of answers to questions about what happened and about who had been involved.

### ***Special Monitoring Mechanism for Nicaragua (MESENI)***

73. On June 24, 2018, the IACHR installed the MESENI to monitor compliance with the recommendations made by the IACHR following its visit to the country, based on the Preliminary Observations on that visit and the Report on "Gross Violations of Human Rights in the Context of Social Protests in Nicaragua." MESENI is also monitoring compliance with precautionary measures granted in that context and continues to monitor the human rights situation in Nicaragua in keeping with the IACHR's mandate.

74. Even though the Nicaraguan State announced on December 19, 2018 its decision to suspend the presence of MESENI and IACHR visits to the country, the Special Mechanism continues to monitor the human rights situation in Nicaragua from the Commission's headquarters in Washington D.C. and via working visits to other countries in the region, where there are Nicaraguans who have fled persecution in search of international protection. In 2019, the IACHR paid five MESENI-related visits. Thus, Commissioner Joel Hernández visited Costa Rica and Honduras between May 19 and 24, 2019. Later on, on June 17 and 18, Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, President of the IACHR, and Commissioner Antonia Urrejola, the Rapporteur for Nicaragua, visited Miami, in the United States. Commissioner Flávia Piovesan, the Rapporteur for Panama, paid a working visit to that county on September 16 and 17, 2019 and, finally, Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas visited Costa Rica from September 12 to 13, 2019.

75. On June 24, 2019, one year after MESENI began operating, the Inter-American Commission presented a [progress report on outcomes and impacts](#). In that report, the IACHR came up with a positive assessment of the actions taken to protect the rights of the Nicaraguan population, preserve historical memory of what had happened in Nicaragua, and influence the path pursued by victims and their family members to elicit truth, justice, and reparation.

76. Based on its monitoring of the human rights situation, via the MESENI, the IACHR is putting together a strategy for providing a sustained and timely response to the human rights crisis in Nicaragua. During the period under review, the IACHR remitted seven requests to the Nicaraguan State for information regarding the specific situation of victims of State oppression and one Article 41 letter regarding the situation of persons deprived of liberty. In addition, the IACHR convened six public and one private hearing to garner specific information on human rights violations in the country.

77. Thanks to its visits and work done at headquarters, the MESENI collected 198 testimonies in 2019. Those testimonies and the information gathered via monitoring were vital for drawing up reports and publicizing the very serious situation in the country. During 2019, the Commission organized more than 25 video-conferences with civil society organizations and human rights defenders still in Nicaragua, with a view to obtaining first-hand information on the situation. Based on the above, the IACHR published 30 press releases on developments in the human rights crisis in Nicaragua in order to alert the international community to that situation. In addition, as of April 2019, the IACHR has been publishing monthly bulletins on MESENI activities with regard to Nicaragua.

***Working Group (Mesa de Trabajo) on the implementation of human rights policies in the Dominican Republic***

78. In keeping with its work plan, the IACHR installed the Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic in 2018 and 2019.<sup>2</sup>

79. Initially, the Working Group held two meetings, with the participation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, representatives of the State, Dominican civil society, and national and regional observers. The first meeting of the Group took place at the headquarters of the Organization of American States, in Washington, D.C., while the second was held in Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic.

80. Upon completing the first phase of the Working Group, the IACHR assessed progress and still pending challenges in Chapter V of the IACHR Annual Report for 2018. While still pending tasks and challenges were identified for attaining full compliance with the recommended measures, the Commission welcomed the actions taken by the State to resolve the human rights situation in the Dominican Republic, especially with respect to migration and the acquisition of nationality, policies for combating all forms of discrimination, and policies on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

81. The second phase of implementation of the Working Group occurred in 2019 and consisted of four commitments entered into by the Dominican State: i) to hold a meeting with civil society, which took place on May 23, 2019<sup>3</sup>; ii) to fill in a questionnaire on human rights provided by the IACHR, in respect of which the IACHR received at Note dated November 6, 2019 from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the OAS containing the State's response to the questionnaire<sup>4</sup>; iii) to conduct a training course in human rights for government officials, which was delivered on August 13 and 14, 2019, in the Dominican Republic<sup>5</sup>; and iv) to present a report at year's end in Washington, illustrating the progress made by the country with respect to human rights. That presentation took place on November 25, 2019 at the Commission's headquarters, with the participation of representatives of the State and Commissioner Luis Ernesto Vargas.

***Special Technical Counseling Committee (MESAT) for compliance with the human rights recommendations of the IACHR***

82. The Special Technical Counseling Committee (MESAT) for compliance with the Commission's human rights recommendations was installed in November 2019 to provide technical advice to the State of Honduras on implementing the IACHR's recommendations, pursuant to Article 41.e of the American Convention on Human Rights and in accordance with the Commission's mandate and the powers vested in it. The idea behind the installation of this Committee is to: provide technical assistance on human rights-related matters previously agreed upon between the parties; to offer technical assistance to Honduras with implementing IACHR recommendations; to follow up on compliance with the recommendations made by the IACHR in its Preliminary Observations and country reports; and to provide technical assistance with legislative initiatives and public policies on human rights.

83. The MESAT will conduct working visits to Honduras by the Rapporteur for that country and technical staff of the IACHR Executive Secretariat. Its work will be coordinated with the Honduran institutions

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<sup>2</sup> IACHR, [IACHR Installs Working Group on Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic](#), Press Release No. 75/2018, April 3, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> ICHR, Press Release 273/19 - [IACHR presents the results of its efforts to monitor the Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic](#), Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the Organization of American States (OAS). Note MP-RD-OEA 0785-19, November 6, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> ICHR, Press Release 273/19 - [IACHR presents the results of its efforts to monitor the Working Group on the Implementation of Human Rights Policies in the Dominican Republic](#), Washington, D.C., October 25, 2019.

involved in the areas prioritized by the State within the MESAT framework, under the umbrella of the Human Rights Secretariat of Honduras. The MESAT will also engage in dialogue with Honduran civil society, as required by the products and activities envisaged in the Work Plan. Those products and activities will be developed and carried on with the help of thematic specialists in the IACHR Executive Secretariat.

84. The first working visit took place in November 2019, when the IACHR presented its report on "The Human Rights Situation in Honduras." Other activities carried out in connection with the MESAT included the launching of the report on "Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents: Challenges and Best Practices in Latin America and the Caribbean"; a training workshop on "Inter-American Standards: Violence and Discrimination against Women, Girls, and Adolescents"; and a training workshop on "Monitoring of IACHR Recommendations and Sharing Best Practices on SIMOREH and the Inter-American SIMORE."

### ***Special Monitoring Mechanism for Venezuela (MESEVE)***

85. To strengthen its monitoring in Venezuela and to respond promptly to the new challenges posed by the very serious human rights crisis in that country, in October the Commission installed the Special Monitoring Mechanism for Venezuela. ([MESEVE](#)).

86. The MESEVE will constantly monitor the human rights situation in the country and evaluate the political context and alleged violations with a view, as necessary, to prioritizing applications for precautionary measures, petitions received, admissibility reports, and reports on the merits. In addition, the MESEVE will follow up on the precautionary measures granted and the recommendations it makes to the State, and will encourage and support activities designed to strengthen Venezuelan civil society. The MESEVE will also work with other OAS and United Nations mechanisms to document the systematic violations of human rights in Venezuela.

87. The MESEVE plans to produce two reports in 2020, one on the overall human rights situation in Venezuela, and the other on the human rights situation of Venezuelan migrants. To gather material for the latter report, the MESEVE is planning on-site missions to a number of countries in the region that serve as transit or host countries for Venezuelan migrants.

88. It is important to point out that the IACHR has made a major effort to keep track of the human rights crisis in Venezuela. In 2019, the Commission issued 30 press releases on that country. Moreover, during IACHR periods of sessions in 2019, there were 13 thematic hearings on the human rights situation in Venezuela and the situation of Venezuelan migrants in the region. Likewise, the Commission began processing 90 petitions; sent 4 contentious cases to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; granted 21 precautionary measures; and extended one precautionary measure granted in 2018.