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#### IACHR ANNOUNCES CALENDAR OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE 128<sup>th</sup> PERIOD OF SESSIONS, WEBCAST AND POSTING OF AUDIO RECORDINGS

Washington, D.C., July 3, 2007 – The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) announces that the audio recordings of the public hearings of its 128<sup>th</sup> period of sessions will be uploaded to the Commission's Webpage and that some of them will be Webcast live through the OAS Webpage.

The hearings will take place on July 18 and 20 on the Terrace level of the General Secretariat Building of the OAS, 1889 F St. NW, Washington, DC, 20006. The calendar of hearings, included in this press release, provides the local time and the identification of which of them will be Webcast.

#### The hearings on the Internet

**Audio:** The recordings of the audio of all public hearings will be uploaded to the IACHR Webpage, [www.iachr.org](http://www.iachr.org), on the same day that the hearing takes place. Radio stations are authorized to retransmit them, provided that credits are properly recognized.

**Videos:** In addition, some of the hearings will be Webcast live in the OAS Webpage, [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org). These videos will also be available on the "Videos On Demand" page of the OAS. The hearings that will be Webcast are identified in the calendar. Communication media and organizations may retransmit these videos, provided that appropriate source credit is given. The highest quality signal available is 65 kbps.

**Links:** The incorporation of links in external Websites to the videos of the hearings is authorized. To include a link in your Webpage, please contact Carlos Koo, phone (202) 458 6074, e-mail [ckoo@oas.org](mailto:ckoo@oas.org).

**Languages:** Please note that in the hearings participants may speak in any of the four official languages of the OAS: Spanish, French, English and Portuguese. The videos and audio recordings are made through the channel of original voices and may include different languages in the same hearing.

**Photographs:** The OAS uploads high resolution pictures of the hearings to its Webpage ([www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)). The media is authorized to publish them, provided that credits are included.

#### Covering the hearings

**Private hearings:** The program of public hearings is made available to journalists for organization purposes only. Please note that the petitioners and the State have the right to ask that the hearing is made private, and they can request it at any time, including minutes before its start.

**Press:** Media representatives do not need to get any specific credentials to cover the public hearings. Journalists may be present in all public hearings. The use of audio recorders and portable computers is allowed, with the condition that they do not interfere with the normal development of the hearing. Cellular phones must be turned off before entering the room.

**Cameras:** The taking of photographs (stills and filming for TV) is permitted only during the first five to ten minutes of the hearing. Photographers and cameramen must leave when asked to do so. After the hearing has started, photographers and cameramen will not be allowed to enter the room. TV crews wishing to cover the hearings at greater length or transmit them live may do so taking direct feeds of sound and images from the OAS' system if that hearing is Webcast.

**Feeds:** The audio connections are XLR and the video connections are BNC. Media representatives who would like to tape the hearings through this system should arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time of the hearing, so all the equipment is ready at the starting time.

**Copies of videos:** High resolution copies of the videos of public hearings that have been Webcast can be required by the public. This service is free for TV channels. The copies can be delivered in Beta SP, in DVCPPro or in DVD, according to the election of the party requiring it. They can be picked up at the OAS headquarters on the same day that the hearing took place. Copies can also be sent by mail to media headquartered outside Washington, DC. To coordinate this service please contact Luis Batlle, phone (202) 458-3336, e-mail [lbattle@oas.org](mailto:lbattle@oas.org).

**Special service for TV stations:** The TV stations headquartered outside Washington, DC, that wish to obtain video footage on the same day that the hearing took place may request the OAS to send them an unedited selection of three minutes of footage through the Internet. This is done through the OAS' FTP server. For more information on this service please contact Patricia Davide, phone (202) 458-6861, e-mail [pdavide@oas.org](mailto:pdavide@oas.org).

**Press contact:** Any questions and interview requests should be directed to Maria-Isabel Rivero, IACHR's Press and Outreach Office director, phone (202) 458-3867, e-mail [cidh-prensa@oas.org](mailto:cidh-prensa@oas.org).

**Wednesday, July 18, 2007 - Room A**

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<b>Time</b> (Washington, D.C.)	<b>Topic of the hearing</b>	<b>Participants</b> (the asterisk identifies the party that asked for the hearing)
9:00 - 10:00	National Commission of Reparation and Reconciliation of Colombia	Government of Colombia (*)
10:15 - 11:15	General human rights situation in Colombia	Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, Grupo Interdisciplinario de Derechos Humanos, Colectivo de Abogados "José Alvear Restrepo" (*)
11:30 - 12:15	Situation of children and youth linked to the internal armed conflict in Colombia	Coalición Colombia / CEJIL (*)
12:15 - 1:00	General human rights situation in Guatemala	Government of Guatemala (*)
3:00 - 3:45	Situation of freedom of the press in Mexico	Reporteros Sin Fronteras / Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social (CENCOS) / Article XIX / AMARC-México / Fundación Manuel Buendía / Sindicato Nacional de Redactores de la Prensa / Red de Protección a Periodistas y Medios de Comunicación / Colectivo por la Transparencia (*)  Government of Mexico
4:00 - 5:00	Petition 1121/04 – Rogelio Jiménez López and others, Mexico	Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de las Casas (*)  Government of Mexico
5:15 - 6:00	Situation of feminicides in Chihuahua, Mexico	Centro de Derechos Humanos de las Mujeres / Justicia para Nuestras Hijas (*)

**Wednesday, July 18, 2007 – Room B**

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9:00 – 10:00	Clarification of the forced disappearance of persons in Bolivia	Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos de Bolivia (ASOFAMD) / Centro para la Justicia y la Ley Internacional (CEJIL) (*)  Government of Bolivia
10:15 – 11:15	Situation of the rights of the maquila workers in Central America	Concertación por un Empleo Digno en la Maquila (CEDM) / Grupo de Monitoreo Independiente de El Salvador (GMIES) / Centro de los Derechos de las Mujeres (CDM) / Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación de la Compañía de Jesús (ERIC) / Centro Nicaragüense de Derechos Humanos (CENIDH) / Centro para la Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos (CALDH) / CEJIL (*)
11:30 – 12:30	Petition 828/01 - Oscar Gorigoitia and others, Argentina	Carlos Varela Álvarez (*)  Government of Argentina
3:00 – 4:00	General human rights situation in Haiti	Commission Episcopale Nationale Justice et Paix / Alliance Gonaïvienne por le Developpement et pour le Respect des Droits Humains (AGREDAH) (*)  Government of Haiti
4:15 - 5:00	Situation of Afrobrazilian women	GELEDES (*)  Government of Brazil
5:15 – 6:00	Concessions of access and usage of radioelectric frequencies in the Americas	Asociación Mundial de Radios Comunitarias (AMARC) an Article XIX (*)

**Friday, July 20, 2007 - Room A**

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9:00 - 10:00	Precautionary measures for the detainees in the Naval Base of the United States in Guantanamo	Center for Constitutional Rights / Washington College of Law / CEJIL (*)  Government of the United States
10:15 - 11:00	Cases 12.561 y 12.562, Wayne Smith and Hugo Armendáriz, United States	Center for Global Justice, Center for Justice and International Law, Gibbs Houston Pauw (*)  Government of the United States
11:15 - 12:00	Case Andrés Trujillo and others (events that took place on April 11, 2002), Venezuela	Alfredo Romero Mendoza, Mohamad Merhi y otros (*)  Government of Venezuela
3:00 - 3:45	Freedom of expression in Venezuela	Government of Venezuela (*)
3:45 - 4:30	Situation of the union members deprived of liberty in Cuba	Siro Del Castillo, Comisionado para el Caribe de la Comisión Latinoamericana por los Derechos y las Libertades de los Trabajadores y los Pueblos (CLADHELT) (*)
4:45 - 5:45	Situation of persons in jail in Cuba	Directorio Democrático Cubano (*)

**Friday, July 20, 2007 – Room B**

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<b>Time</b> (Washington, D.C.)	<b>Topic of the hearing</b>	<b>Participants</b> (the asterisk identifies the party that asked for the hearing)
9:00 - 10:00	National Plan on Human Rights 2006-2010, Peru	Centro de Asesoría Laboral de Perú (CEDAL) (*)
10:15 - 11:00	Sexual violence against women in the context of the internal armed conflict in Peru (1980-2000)	APRODEH / DEMUS / IDL / REDINFA (*)
11:15 - 12:15	Obstacles for the implementation of precautionary measures in Honduras	Comité de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos en Honduras (COFADEH) / Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación (ERIC) / Asociación para una Sociedad más Justa (ASJ) / CEJIL (*)
3:00 - 4:00	Independence of the Judiciary in Honduras	Asociación de Jueces por la Democracia / CEJIL (*) Government of Honduras
4:15 - 5:00	Case 12.518 – José Rubén Rivera, El Salvador	Pro Búsqueda / CEJIL (*) Government of El Salvador
5:15 - 6:00	Institutional threats to the independence of the Judiciary in El Salvador	Foro de Jueces Democráticos e Independientes / Asociación de Jueces por la Democratización de la Justicia en El Salvador / Center for Civil and Human Rights of Notre Dame University / Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Centroamericana (IDHUCA) / CEJIL (*)