



QUESTIONNAIRE TO CONSULT THE STATES AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOR DRAWING UP THE ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE HEMISPHERE

Article 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, with the amendment that came into force on August 1, 2013, indicates that Chapter IV.A of its Annual Report “will include an annual overview of the human rights situation in the hemisphere, derived from its monitoring work, which shall identify the main tendencies, problems, challenges, progress and best practices of civil and political rights, and social, economic and cultural rights.”

This questionnaire has been drawn up to compile information from States and civil society to be considered in preparing Chapter IV.A of the IACHR’s Annual Report for 2013, in relation to the issues of universality, the incorporation of standards to domestic law, and judicial control of compliance with the norms of the inter-American System.

The Inter-American Commission invites the States and civil society to respond to the questionnaire and to send the information considered relevant by October 1, 2013, to the following address:

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Questionnaire

1. Identify how the ratification of the OAS Charter, the American Convention and other inter-American human rights instruments has contributed to incorporating inter-American standards into the design of public policy and the adoption of laws and practices domestically.
2. Indicate the priority challenges pending in terms of incorporating human rights standards into the domestic legal system.
3. Provide examples of decrees or resolutions of the different public authorities that incorporate the standards of the inter-American human rights system.
4. Indicate whether guidelines have been developed by the judiciary to incorporate the standards of the inter-American system into its rulings.

5. Indicate whether in your country the concept of judicial control of compliance with the norms of the System is applied, requiring judges to review the compliance of State measures with a State's international human rights commitments and, if so, share examples of judicial decisions that reflect this.

6. Indicate what mechanisms have been established domestically to effectively implement the Commission's decisions and recommendations.