CHAPTER II
THE PETITION AND CASE SYSTEM

A. Introduction

1. This chapter refers to the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 2014 in relation to the petition and case system.

2. Section B includes statistical information to provide a general overview of the different activities carried out by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. First it presents data concerning the cases and petitions being processed. These comprise the greater volume of the Commission's work. “Cases” is taken as meaning all those petitions declared admissible by means of a report on admissibility. “Petitions” is taken as meaning all those complaints that have been transmitted to the state involved but in which no report on admissibility has been issued. This report includes the statistics of the total number of petitions received by the Commission in 2014, indicating the number of petitions received by country, as well as a comparison of the number of petitions received in 2014 in relation to each of the last fifteen years. It also includes statistical information on the number of petitions it decided to transmit to the States, and the number of petitions being processed, also by country. The statistical information reflects as well the number of requests for precautionary requests received by the Commission in 2014, as well as the number of precautionary measures the Commission decided to grant during that same period. The statistics indicate how many reports on admissibility, inadmissibility, friendly settlement, archive, and the merits the Commission published in 2014. The section also includes statistical tables on the Commission's activity before the Inter-American Court. Finally, statistics are included on the number of hearings the Commission held in 2014.

3. Section C has two parts. The first, section C.1, contains an overview of the resolutions on precautionary measures granted or extended by the IACHR in 2014, in relation to the various member States, under Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure. The resolutions set forth the parameters used by the IACHR in determining the requisites of urgency, seriousness and irreparable nature of each specific case.

4. The second part, section C.2, includes all the reports on which the Commission adopted a decision on admissibility, inadmissibility, the merits, friendly settlement or archive during the period covered by this report. This section contains a total of 89 reports that include 47 admissible; 4 reports inadmissible; 6 reports on friendly settlements; 29 decisions to archive; 3 reports on the merits.

5. Section D includes an analysis of compliance by the States with the recommendations contained in the reports on individual cases published in the Annual Reports since 2000, in keeping with Article 47 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.
B. Statistics

Petitions received by country in 2014
TOTAL: 1758
Peticiones no aceptadas a trámite (2014)
Petitions not accepted for processing (2014)
TOTAL: 1039
Comparación entre peticiones aceptadas a trámite y no aceptadas a trámite (2014)
Comparison between petitions accepted for processing and not accepted for processing (2014)

- No aceptadas
  Not accepted
  1039, 79%

- Aceptadas
  Accepted
  284, 21%
Peticiones que continuaban pendientes de estudio inicial a final del año 2014
Petitions pending initial evaluation at the end of the year 2014
TOTAL: 9039

Antigua and Barbuda 839
Argentina 6
Bahamas 6
Barbados 1
Belice 91
Bolivia 25
Brasil 557
Canada 434
Chile 1747
Costa Rica 39
Cuba 26
Dominica 58
Ecuador 395
El Salvador 26
Grenada 129
Guatemala 253
Guyana 2
Haiti 18
Honduras 58
Jamaica 58
México 2121
Nicaragua 85
Panamá 117
Paraguay 57
Perú 1034
Rep Dominicana 82
Saint Kitts and Nevis 15
Saint Lucia 2
Suriname 310
Trinidad & Tobago 15
United States of America 82
Uruguay 153
Venezuela
Portafolio en trámite (admisibilidad y fondo) al final de cada año
Case docket (admissibility and merits) at the end of every year
Informes sobre admisibilidad publicados por año
Reports on admissibility published by year

Admisibilidad es la etapa en que la CIDH determina si una petición satisface los requisitos establecidos en los artículos 46 y 47 de la Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos, según el procedimiento establecido en los artículos 30 al 36 del Reglamento de la Comisión.

Admissibility is the stage in which the IACHR determines if a petition meets the requirements set forth in Articles 46 and 47 of the American Convention on Human Rights, in accordance with the procedure established in Articles 30 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.
Informe de soluciones amistosas publicados por año
Reports on friendly settlement published by year

Una petición o caso puede, en cualquier momento de las etapas de admisibilidad o fondo, entrar en un proceso de solución amistosa entre las partes.
A petition or case can, at any time in the admissibility or merits stage, enter into a friendly settlement process between the parties.
Informes de fondo aprobados por año
Reports on the merits approved by year

Fondo es la etapa en la que la CIDH decide sobre los méritos del caso según el procedimiento establecido en los artículos 48 y 50 de la Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos y en los artículos 37, 38, 39, 43 y 44 del Reglamento de la Comisión.

Merits is the stage in which the IACHR decides on the merits of the case pursuant to the procedure established in Articles 48 and 50 of the American Convention on Human Rights and Articles 37, 38, 39, 43 and 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.
En el año 2001 cambió la regla de remisión de casos a la Corte, lo cual provocó un descenso de los casos en que es pertinente publicar el informe de fondo.

In 2001 the rule of remission of cases to Court changed; this change decreased the number of cases in which it corresponds to publish a report on the merits.
Casos presentados a la Corte cada año
Cases submitted to the Court each year
Casos presentados a la Corte por país en el año 2014
Cases submitted to the Court by country in 2014
TOTAL: 19
Requests for precautionary measures received per year

Solicitudes de medidas cautelares recibidas por año
Medidas cautelares otorgadas por año*
Precautionary measures granted by year**

*Las medidas cautelares otorgadas pueden incluir situaciones presentadas en años anteriores
**Precautionary measures granted may include requests presented in previous years
Medidas cautelares otorgadas (2014)
Precautionary measures granted (2014)
TOTAL: 33
Estatus actual de solicitudes de medidas cautelares recibidas entre 1-oct-2013 y 28-feb-2014
Current status of precautionary measures received between 1-Oct-2013 and 28-Feb-2014
TOTAL: 177

Ante la Corte, 0
Solicitud de información al Estado - Request information from State, 26
Otorgada - Granted, 9
No otorgada - Not granted, 6
Solicitud de información al peticionario u otro - Request information from applicant or other, 136
Comunicados de prensa emitidos por año
Press releases issued by year

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