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 2015 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 2015, indicating the number of petitions received by country, as well as a comparison of the number of petitions received in 2015 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 2015, 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 2015. 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 2015.

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 2015, 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 adopted by the Commission on admissibility, inadmissibility, merits, friendly settlement, or archive of petitions and cases in the period covered by this report. This section contains a total of 76 reports: 42 declaring petitions admissible; 2 reports declaring petitions inadmissible; 6 reports on friendly settlement; 22 reports on merits, and 5 reports on publication. The IACHR also decided to set aside 107 petitions and cases, which were archived.

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

**Peticiones recibidas por país (2015) Petitions received by country**

**TOTAL: 2164**

![Bar chart showing petitions received by country in 2015](chart.png)
Peticiones recibidas por año (1997-2015)
Petitions received per year
Peticiones no aceptadas a trámite (2015) Petitions not accepted for processing

TOTAL: 876
Comparación entre peticiones aceptadas a tramite y no aceptadas a trámite (2015)
Comparison between petitions accepted for processing and not accepted for processing

- Aceptadas
  Accepted
  208 (19%)

- No aceptadas
  Not accepted
  876 (81%)
Comparación entre peticiones aceptadas a trámite y no aceptadas a trámite, por país (2015)

Comparison between petitions accepted for processing and petitions not accepted for processing, by country
Comparación entre peticiones recibidas y decisiones sobre apertura, por año
Comparison between petitions received and decisions on processing, per year
Peticiones que continuaban pendientes de estudio inicial al final del año 2015
Petitions pending initial evaluation at the end of the year 2015
TOTAL: 9673
Admisión 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. 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.

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. 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.
Portafolio en trámite (admisibilidad y fondo) al final de cada año
Case docket (admissibility and merits) at the end of every year
Casos archivados por año
Cases archived by year
Durante el 2015 se aprobaron 42 informes de admisibilidad que representan un total de 143 peticiones ya que cinco informes acumulan 106 casos.

Admisibilidades la etapa en que la CIDH determina si una petición satisface los requisitos de admisibilidad 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 admissibility 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.

In 2015, 42 admissibility reports were approved; they represent 143 petitions, because five reports accumulate 106 petitions.
Informes de solución amistosa 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.
Durante el 2015 se aprobaron 22 informes de fondo que representan un total de 28 casos ya que dos informes acumulan ocho casos.

In 2015, 22 merits reports were approved; they represent 28 cases, because two reports accumulate eight petitions.
Informes de fondo publicados por año
Reports on the merits published by year

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
Cases submitted to the Court by country
TOTAL: 14
Requests for precautionary measures received per year
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
Solicitudes de medidas cautelares recibidas por país (2015)
Requests for precautionary measures received by country
TOTAL: 674
Solicitudes de medidas cautelares otorgadas por país (2015)
Precautionary measures granted by country

TOTAL: 45

*El total puede incluir decisiones en solicitudes presentadas en años anteriores*
*The total may also include decisions of requests received in previous years*
Comunicados de prensa emitidos por año
Press releases issued by year
Informe temáticos aprobados por año
Thematic reports approved each year