

SAN FRANCISCO PROTOCOL
Adopted by the IACHR on January 2017, in San Francisco, California, EEUU

PREVIOUS MODEL	NEW PROCEDURES
The parties promote the Friendly Settlement Procedure (FSP).	The parties and the IACHR promote the FSP.
The IACHR facilitates the negotiation and dialogue between the parties in order to reach an agreement.	The IACHR applies techniques on alternative conflict resolution (ACR) and facilitates the dialogue between the parties to reach an agreement.
The IACHR transmits the communications between the parties and opens spaces for dialogue.	The IACHR transmits the communications between the parties and opens spaces for dialogue and applies techniques on alternative conflict resolution (ACR).
The State expresses interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the initial study stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The petition is evaluated in advance. - It is communicated to the Section on Friendly Settlement Procedure (SSAS) and it is registered. - The SSAS registers the expression of interest. 	The State expresses interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the initial study stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The petition is evaluated in advance. - It is communicated to the Section on Friendly Settlement Procedure and it is registered. - The SSAS registers the expression of interest.
As soon as the petition procedure starts the IACHR offers its good services to reach a friendly settlement on the matter.	As soon as the petition procedure starts the IACHR offers its good services to reach a friendly settlement on the matter.
There is an expression of interest to enter into a friendly settlement procedure by one party at the admissibility stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are forwarded in writing to the other party. - They are communicated to the SSAS. - SSAS registers the expressions of interest. 	There is an expression of interest to enter into a friendly settlement procedure by one party at the admissibility stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are forwarded in writing to the other party. - They are communicated to the SSAS. - SSAS registers the expressions of interest. - The parties are informed on the FSP. - SSAS explores informally zones of possible agreement.
As soon as the admissibility report is notified, the IACHR offers its good services to reach a friendly settlement on the matter.	As soon as the admissibility report is notified, the IACHR offers its good services to reach a friendly settlement on the matter.
One of the parties expresses interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the merits stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The communication is forwarded in writing to the other party. 	One of the parties expresses interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the merits stage, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The communication is forwarded in writing to the other party. - The communication is forwarded to the SSAS. - SSAS registers the expression of interest. - The parties are informed on the FSP.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSAS explores informally zones of possible agreement.
<p>Both parties express interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the admissibility merits stages,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Friendly Settlement Procedure (FSP) starts. - The file is transferred to the SSAS. - The IACHR opens spaces for dialogue - SSAS provides technical advisory services. - Facilitates the procedure to the parties. 	<p>Both parties express interest in entering into a friendly settlement procedure at the admissibility merits stages,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Friendly Settlement Procedure (FSP) starts. - The file is transferred to the SSAS. - The IACHR opens spaces for dialogue - SSAS provides technical advisory services. - Applies mediation techniques. - Promotes the negotiation procedure.
<p>The parties reach a Friendly Settlement Agreement (FSA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The IACHR follows up on the compliance with each agreement reached - Announces the FSA in press releases on working meetings held and Periods of Sessions. 	<p>The parties reach a Friendly Settlement Agreement (FSA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The IACHR follows up on the compliance with each agreement reached - Announces the FSA in press releases on working meetings held and Periods of Sessions.
<p>The parties do not reach a FSA or there is manifest noncompliance by the State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FSA is closed. - The file is transferred back to the admissibility or merits Section so that the petition continues the corresponding procedure. 	<p>The parties do not reach a FSA or there is manifest noncompliance by the State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FSA is closed. - The file is transferred back to the admissibility or merits Section so that the petition continues the corresponding procedure.
<p>The IACHR approves the FSA through an article 49 report, prior consultation with the petitioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once the FSA has been signed and if the parties request it in the text of the agreement. - Once all the points have been complied with if the parties indicate the need of full compliance in the text of the agreement. - Once a substantive compliance has been obtained, if the parties keep silence. 	<p>The IACHR approves the FSA through an article 49 report, prior consultation with the petitioners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once the FSA has been signed and if the parties request it in the text of the agreement. - Once all the points have been complied with if the parties indicate the need of full compliance in the text of the agreement. - Once a substantive compliance has been obtained, if the parties keep silence. <p>The IACHR issues a press release announcing the approval of the friendly settlement report.</p>

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<p>Once the friendly settlement is published, the IACHR will do the follow up until the full compliance with the FSA, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request information to the parties. - Working meetings. - Public Hearings. - The IACHR Annual Report (Chap. II.D) 	<p>Once the friendly settlement is published, the IACHR will do the follow up until the full compliance with the FSA, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request information to the parties. - Working meetings. - Public Hearings. - The IACHR Annual Report (Chap. II.D) - Include an analysis on the advances and challenges observed in the compliance of the FSA - Notify in writing to the parties the decisions to close the follow up stage when full compliance of the FSA has been achieved. - Issue a press release announcing the closing of the follow up because of full compliance of the FSA.