

**Order of the President of the
Inter-American Court of Human Rights
of August 21, 2007
Provisional Measures regarding Guatemala**

Matter of the Forensic Anthropology Foundation

HAVING SEEN:

1. The Order of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter "the Court", "the Inter-American Court" or "the Tribunal") issued on July 4, 2006, whereby it ordered the adoption of provisional measures in favor of members of the Forensic Anthropology Foundation (hereinafter, "the FAFG"), among whom was Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón.
2. The communication of August 2, 2007, whereby Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón requested the Inter-American Court to rescind the measures adopted in his favor as a member of the FAFG team, due to the fact that as from July 11, 2007, he was no longer working for said organization.
3. The note of August 10, 2007, whereby the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court requested the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (hereinafter, "the Commission" or "the Inter-American Commission") to submit such observations as it might deem pertinent regarding the request to rescind provisional measures filed by Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón.
4. The communication of August 14, 2007, whereby the Commission expressed that it had no observations to make regarding the request to rescind provisional measures adopted in favor of Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón due to the fact that he had ceased to work for the FAFG.

CONSIDERING:

1. That Guatemala has been a State Party to the American Convention on Human Rights since May 25, 1978, and accepted the contentious jurisdiction of the Court on March 9, 1987.
2. That Article 63(2) of the American Convention establishes that in "cases of extreme gravity and urgency, and when necessary to avoid irreparable damage to persons," at the request of the Commission, the Court may adopt such provisional measures as it deems pertinent, in matters not yet submitted to its consideration.
3. That the Inter-American Court ordered, at the request of the Inter-American Commission, the adoption of provisional measures in favor of FAFG members and

other persons, among whom was Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón (*supra* Having seen paragraph 1).

4. That Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón requested that the provisional measures adopted in his favor be rescinded, since he was no longer working for the FAFG (*supra* Having seen paragraph 2).

5. That the Inter-American Commission did not submit any observations to the request to rescind provisional measures adopted in favor of Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón (*supra* Having seen paragraph 4).

6. That the Court deemed it necessary to adopt provisional measures in favor of FAFG members in view of the threats they have received in relation to the work performed by the Foundation concerning the identification and recovery of human remains. Due to the fact that Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón's work relationship with the FAFG has ceased to exist, and in light of the request filed directly by said beneficiary, this President deems it unnecessary to maintain the provisional measures ordered in his favor by the Tribunal.

THEREFORE:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

in exercise of the authority conferred on him by Article 63(2) of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 25 of the Court's Rules of Procedure, and in consultation with the Judges of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights,

DECIDES:

1. To rescind the provisional measures adopted pursuant to the Order of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of July 4, 2006 in favor of Mr. Fernando Arturo López-Antillón.

2. To request the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to give notice of this Order to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the representatives of the beneficiaries and the State of Guatemala.

Sergio García-Ramírez
President

Pablo Saavedra-Alessandri
Secretary