

August 20, 2024

**RE: Manuel Esteban Paez Teran, Belkis Teran
P-834-24
United States**

Excellency:

I have the honor of addressing you on behalf of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to forward a copy of the relevant parts of the petition mentioned above, pursuant to Article 30(2) of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, which this Executive Secretariat received on April 05, 2024.

I respectfully request that Your Excellency's Government submit a response to the petition within a period of three months, which may be extended if necessary to a maximum of four months, pursuant to Article 30(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR. It will not be possible to grant requests for extensions that exceed the period mentioned above. The four-month period may not be extended under Article 30(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR.

This request for information does not constitute a prejudgment regarding the decision the IACHR may eventually adopt on the petition's admissibility.

In this regard, please be informed that, once the four-month period has elapsed, this Executive Secretariat will review the criteria for Resolution 1/16, *On Measures to Reduce Procedural Delays*, available at the following link: <http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/decisiones/pdf/Resolucion-1-16-en.pdf> and, if applicable, the IACHR may notify the postponement of admissibility assessment until the debate and decision on the merits, in accordance with Article 36(3) of the above-mentioned Rules of Procedure.

The Commission also informs that, based on the provisions of Article 40(1) of its Rules of Procedure, at any stage of the examination of a petition or case, on its own initiative or at the request of the parties, the IACHR shall place itself at the disposal of the petitioners and the State to reach a friendly settlement on the basis of respect for the human rights recognized in the American Convention, the American Declaration, or other applicable instruments. For more information on the friendly settlement procedure, the Commission recommends consulting its "Handbook: Friendly Settlement Mechanism in the Petition and Case System", which is available at the following link: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/friendly_settlements/docs/handbook-fs-en.pdf.

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State
VIA His Excellency Francisco Mora
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

Finally, it is my duty to inform you that the Executive Secretariat confirms that the relevant parts of the petition attached to this letter are identical copies of the original content submitted by the petitioners. Any defect not attributable to this Secretariat may be raised by the State in its response to the petition.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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