

**COSTA RICA**

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## I. TABLE OF RATIFICATION OF INTER-AMERICAN TREATIES BY COSTA RICA

	Signature	Ratification Accession	/ Deposit
American Convention on Human Rights <sup>1</sup>	11/22/69	03/02/70	04/08/70 RA
Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture	07/31/86	11/25/99	02/08/00 RA
Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, "Protocol of San Salvador"	11/17/88	09/29/99	11/16/99 RA
Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty	10/28/91	03/30/98	05/26/98
Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará"	06/09/94	07/05/95	07/12/95 RA
Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons	06/10/94	03/20/96	06/02/96 RA
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities	06/08/99	12/08/99	02/08/00 RA

## II. COUNTRY REPORTS

The IACHR has not published any special country report on Costa Rica.

## III. THEMATIC REPORTS

IACHR Report on Justice for Women Victims of Sexual Violence: Education and Health (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II. Doc. 65, 28 December 2011, para 107. Citations refer to Costa Rican laws.

IACHR Report on the Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Americas, OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 64, 31 December 2011. Several paragraphs refer to Costa Rica.

IACHR, Second Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas (2012), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 66, 31 December 2011. Citations refer to decisions of the Inter-America Court related to Costa Rica.

IACHR, The Situation of People of African Descent in the Americas, OEA/Ser.L/V/II. Doc. 62, 5 December 2011. Refers to the 2000 Costa Rican Census and other statistics of the Afro-descendant population.

IACHR, Legal Standards related to Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System: Development and Application (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II. 143 Doc. 60, 3 November 2011. Several paragraphs refer to Costa Rica (laws, and national and international decisions).

IACHR, Legal Standards related to Gender Equality and Women's Rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System: Development and Application (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II. 143 Doc. 63, 9

<sup>1</sup> Recognition of the jurisdiction of the Court from July 2, 1980.

December 2011. It refers to several laws, statistics and judicial decisions of the Costa Rica's Constitutional Chamber.

IACHR, Access to information of Reproductive Health from a Human Rights Perspective (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II. 143 Doc. 61, 22 November 2011. Several citations refer to the case of Herrera Ulloa v. Costa Rica (Inter-American Court of Human Rights).

IACHR, The Road to substantive Democracy: Women's Political Participation in the Americas, OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 79, 18 April 2011. Refers to examples of women's participation in the government and Costa Rica's electoral laws.

IACHR, Juvenile Justice and Human Rights in the Americas (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 78, 13 July 2011. Refers to the Child and Adolescent Statute of Costa Rica.

IACHR, Annual Report of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression 2010 (2011). Several paragraphs refer to Costa Rica.

IACHR, The Right to Freedom of Expression in the Inter-American System on Human Rights (2009). Several paragraphs refer to Costa Rica.

#### **IV. ADMISSIBILITY REPORTS (Since 2010)**

- Luis Fernando Guevara Diaz, Report No. 13/12, March 20, 2012 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/docs/annual/2012/TOC.asp> )
- William Gómez Vargas, Report No. 72/11, March 31, 2011 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/docs/annual/2011/TOC.asp>)
- La Reforma, Report No. 105/11, July 22, 2011 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/docs/annual/2011/TOC.asp> )

#### **V. REPORT ON THE MERITS (Since 2010)**

None

#### **VI. CASES SUBMITTED TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT (Since 2010)**

- Gretel Artavia Murillo et al. ("In Vitro Fertilization"). Case No. 12.361, Costa Rica, July 29, 2011 (Avaliable at: <http://www.cidh.oas.org/demandas/12.361Eng.pdf>)

#### **VII. JUDGMENTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

- I/A Court H.R., Caso Artavia Murillo y otros (Fertilización in vitro) v. Costa Rica. Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations and Costs. Judgment of November 28, 2012. Series C No. 257 (Avaliable at: [http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/casos/articulos/seriec\\_257\\_ing.doc](http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/casos/articulos/seriec_257_ing.doc) )

#### **VIII. PRESS RELEASES**

- [2/12 - IACHR Deplores Violent Deaths in Costa Rican Prison.](#) Washington, D.C., January 6, 2012.
- [91/11 - IACHR Takes Case Involving Costa Rica to Inter-American Court.](#) Washington, D.C., August 16, 2011