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I. TABLE OF RATIFICATION OF INTER-AMERICAN TREATIES BY EL SALVADOR

	Signature	Ratification Accession	/ Deposit
American Convention on Human Rights ¹	11/22/69	06/20/78	06/23/78 RA
Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture	10/16/87	12/05/94	12/05/94 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	05/04/95	06/06/95 RA
Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty	-	-	-
Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará"	08/14/95	11/13/95	01/26/96 RA
Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons	-	-	-
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities	06/08/99	01/15/02	03/08/02 RA

II. COUNTRY REPORTS

Since 2010 the IACHR has not published any special country report on El Salvador. Available at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/reports/country.asp>

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. Refers to the discriminatory effect of rulings delivered by the Salvadorian courts on cases of violence against women. Refers also to the Decree 126 that was adopted to sanction sexual violence in education settings.

IACHR, Report on the Human Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Americas (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 64, 31 December 2011. Several paragraphs refer to the visit to El Salvador in October 2010 of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty, and to the main challenges in the prison system.

IACHR, Second Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 66, 31 December 2011. Several paragraphs refer to the situation in El Salvador regarding the attacks against human rights defenders.

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 December 2011. Refers to the decision of the Trial Court of La Unión of December 22, 2008, that applies Inter-American legal standards in a case of an attempted sexual abuse.

¹ Recognition of the jurisdiction of the Court from June 6, 1995.

IACHR, Access to Justice for Women Victims of Sexual Violence in Mesoamerica (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II. Doc. 63, 9 December 2011. The report has a particular emphasis on this country.

IACHR, The Road to substantive Democracy: Women's Political Participation in the Americas (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 79, 18 April 2011. Refers to female representation in different areas: the three branches of government, education, party leadership positions, etc.

IACHR, The Work, Education and Resources of Women: The Road to Equality in Guaranteeing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II.143, Doc. 59, 3 November 2011. Several paragraphs refer to examples of El Salvador, statistics, laws and ratifications of treaties.

IACHR, Juvenile Justice and Human Rights in the Americas (2011), OEA/Ser.L/V/II., Doc. 78, 13 July 2011. Refers to Salvadorian laws, precautionary measures and preventive detention for detained children; types of services or programs for children and main challenges in the juvenile justice system.

IV. ADMISSIBILITY REPORTS (Since 2010)

- René Mauricio Artiga Navarro, *et al.* Report No. 157/11, November 2, 2011 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/admissibilities.asp>)
- Natividad de Jesús Ramírez, *et al.* Report No. 143/10, November 1, 2010 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/admissibilities.asp>)
- Patricia Emilie Cuellar Sandoval, *et al.* Report 1138-04, August 20, 2010 (Avaliable at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/admissibilities.asp>)

V. REPORT ON THE MERITS (Since 2010)

- Rochac *et al.* Case 12.577, Report 75/12, November 7, 2012 (See Section below)
- Massacres of El Mozote and nearby places, Case 10.720, Report 177/10, November 3, 2010 (See Section below)
- Gregoria Herminia Contreras *et al.* Case 12.517, Report 95/09, September 8, 2009 (See Section below)

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

- Rochac *et al.* Case 12.577, March 21, 2013 (Avaliable at <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/court/12.577FondoEng.pdf>)
- Massacres of El Mozote and nearby places, Case 10.720. March 8, 2011 (Avaliable at: <http://www.cidh.oas.org/demandas/10.720Esp.pdf>)
- Gregoria Herminia Contreras *et al.* Case 12.517, June 28, 2010 (Avaliable at: http://www.cidh.oas.org/demandas/12.517_ElSalvador_ENG.pdf)

VII. JUDGMENTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Since 2010)

- Case of the Massacres of El Mozote and nearby places v. El Salvador. Merits, Reparations and Costs, Judgment of October 25, 2012. Series C No. 252 (Available at: http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/casos/articulos/seriec_252_ing1.pdf)
- Case of Contreras et al. v. El Salvador. Merits, Reparations and costs. Judgment of August 31, 2011. Series C No. 232 (Available at: http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/casos/articulos/seriec_232_ing.pdf)

VIII. PRESS RELEASES

- [90/13 - IACHR Condemns Attack on Pro-Búsqueda and Destruction of Records in El Salvador](#) . Washington, D.C., November 22, 2013
- [72/13 - El Salvador Must Investigate Grave Human Rights Violations from the Armed Conflict](#). Washington, D.C., October 2, 2013
- [28/13 - IACHR Takes Case involving El Salvador to the Inter-American Court](#). Washington, D.C., April 29, 2013}
- [88/12 - In light of the situation in El Salvador, IACHR emphasizes importance of the principle of independence of the Judiciary](#). Washington, D.C., July 16, 2012
- [63/12 - Office of the Special Rapporteur Expresses Satisfaction for Guilty Verdict against a Murderer of Cameraman in El Salvador](#). Washington, D.C., June 12, 2012.
- [62/11 - IACHR Condemns Murder of Human Rights Defender in El Salvador](#). Washington, D.C., June 24, 2011.
- [53/11 - Experts Agree that Citizen Security is a Human Rights Issue](#). El Salvador, June 7, 2011.
- [38/11 - Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression Condemns Murder of Cameraman in El Salvador](#). Washington, D.C., May 2, 2011.
- [25/11 - IACHR Takes Cases Involving Colombia, El Salvador, and Honduras to Inter-American Court](#). Washington, D.C., March 25, 2011.
- [116/10 - Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Women Concludes Working Visit to El Salvador](#). San Salvador, November 19, 2010.
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- [72/10 - IACHR Takes Case Involving El Salvador to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#). Washington, D.C., July 20, 2010.
- [52/10 - IACHR Regrets Violent Deaths in Prisons in El Salvador](#). Washington, D.C., May 12, 2010
- [6/10 - IACHR Welcomes El Salvador's Recognition of Responsibility and Apology for Grave Human Rights Violations during the Armed Conflict](#). Washington, D.C., January 21, 2010.