

Justice Commission of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Sir and Madam:

We, the InterReligious Task Force On Central America, are writing with regard to the final sentence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) in the case of the **Serrano Cruz sisters, Erlinda and Ernestina**. We are deeply concerned that, to our knowledge, your government has not complied with the nine obligatory corrective measures laid down by the IACHR. This lack of compliance shows a lack of respect for the victims.

We are also deeply concerned that the Pro-Búsqueda Association is currently the object of a campaign of intimidation and sabotage by agents of the Salvadoran State. As you know, this association works for justice for the families of children who were forcibly disappeared during the Salvadoran armed conflict.

In light of these facts, we strongly urge you to:

- Ask forgiveness from the Serrano Cruz family
- Comply with the mandates of the sentence handed down by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) in regard to the Serrano Cruz sisters
- Send us a written report of the steps you have taken to comply with the IACHR order

Compliance with the declaration of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' Final Sentence in the case of the Serrano Cruz sisters creates an opportunity for the Salvadoran State to take responsibility for the forced disappearance of Erlinda and Esnestina Serrano Cruz and to serve the cause of justice. We strongly urge you to comply with the declaration.

For Peace with Justice,

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The following people hereby urge that you take action on this matter as indicated in this letter.