

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS -EXPLAINER-

170TH PERIOD OF SESSIONS – DECEMBER 3-7, 2018

What is the IACHR?

The **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)** addresses human rights conditions in the 35 countries of the Organization of American States (OAS), including the United States. The IACHR is composed of seven independent human rights experts, elected by the OAS Member States. The IACHR decides complaints concerning alleged human rights violations, grants emergency protection to individuals, and issues reports on a wide range of topics. It also holds public hearings during its sessions to learn more about specific human rights concerns, hear from civil society and the government, and facilitate better protection of human rights.

What happens at the hearings?

The IACHR hears from civil society and affected individuals, and – in country-specific hearings – from government representatives. The commissioners usually ask questions and identify their concerns.

Where are the hearings held?

IACHR headquarters in
Washington, D.C.



Can I watch the hearings?

YES! The IACHR's hearings are open to anyone who wants to attend. They will also stream on the IACHR's website.

Issues addressed at the Hearings

The IACHR will hold two
hearings related to
migrants' rights in
December 2018

Migrant Rights Defenders

December 5: hearing on
the treatment of migrants'
rights defenders by the
U.S. government, including
targeted harassment and
deportation of activists.

The "Caravan"

December 6: hearing on
the treatment of the so-
called "caravan" of
migrants by governments
in the region. The IACHR
will receive information
from several civil society
organizations, including on
the U.S. government's
policies and actions.

For More Information

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