

# RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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## *Article 1. Purpose*

1. These Rules regulate the organization and establish the procedures of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
2. The Court may adopt such other Rules as are necessary to carry out its functions.
3. In the absence of a provision in these Rules or in case of doubt as to their interpretation, the Court shall decide.

## *Article 2. Definitions*

For the purposes of these Rules:

- a. the term "Court" means the Inter-American Court of Human Rights;
- b. the term "Convention" means the American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San Jose, Costa Rica);
- c. the term "Statute" means the Statute of the Court approved by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States on October 31, 1979 (AG/RES. 448 [IX-0/79], as amended);