
Bueno Alves v. Argentina

I. COMPLIANCE AND FOLLOW-UP ADDENDUM¹

May 30, 2018: The Court reviewed the State’s compliance with the remaining reparation measures.² These measures required the State to: (1) compensate the deceased victim, Ms. Tomasa Alves de Lima, for non-pecuniary damages, and (2) conduct investigations to determine who is responsible for the human rights violations found in the Judgment and punish them in accordance with the law.³

The Court noted that the State has neglected to compensate the beneficiaries of Ms. Alves de Lima,⁴ and reiterated the order to the State to pay the non-pecuniary damages that it owes to Ms. Alves de Lima’s heirs.⁵ Additionally, the Court decided to continue supervising the State’s compliance with this measure.⁶

Furthermore, the Court determined that the State had failed to appropriately investigate Mr. Juan Francisco Bueno Alves’s torturers.⁷ The Court concluded that the State must continue investigating the acts of torture with heightened efforts and appropriate methods for advancement.⁸ Because Mr. Alves’s case was not particularly complex, the State can find out the relevant facts and perpetrators without difficulty.⁹ The Court also indicated the State has a duty to actively inform the Court of its efforts to comply with the Judgment.¹⁰

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² *Bueno Alves v. Argentina*, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, Inter-Am Ct. H.R. “Considering That,” ¶ 1 (May 30, 2018).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* ¶ 9.

⁵ *Id.* “Resolves,” ¶ 1(a).

⁶ *Id.* ¶ 1.

⁷ *Id.* “Considering That,” ¶ 18.

⁸ *Bueno Alves v. Argentina*, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, “Considering That,” ¶ 18.

⁹ *Id.* ¶ 20.

¹⁰ *Id.* ¶ 2.

March 11, 2020: The Court issued an update on the State's compliance with the Judgment.¹¹

The Court determined that the State complied with its obligation to compensate Ms. Alves de Lima.¹² The State deposited the \$10,000.00 owed to Ms. Alves de Lima in a National Treasury account over ten years ago.¹³ This amount reflected the non-pecuniary damages owed to her as established by the Judgment.¹⁴ However, Ms. Alves de Lima's representative demonstrated that the procedure for distributing the payment to her heirs had never been initiated.¹⁵ Yet, the Court found that the State properly disbursed payment to Ms. Alves de Lima, as well as all of the other monetary obligations imposed on it by the Judgment.¹⁶

The Court decided to continue monitoring the State's efforts to investigate and uncover Mr. Bueno Alves's torturers and to punish them.¹⁷ The Court indicated that it would assess the State's compliance with this obligation in a later resolution.¹⁸

¹¹ *Bueno Alves v. Argentina, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, Inter-Am. Ct. H.R.* "Viewed," ¶ 1 (March 11, 2020).

¹² *Id.* "Considering That," ¶ 16.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.* ¶ 6.

¹⁵ *Id.* ¶ 14.

¹⁶ *Id.* "Resolves," ¶ 2.

¹⁷ *Bueno Alves v. Argentina, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, "Resolves,"* ¶ 3.

¹⁸ *Id.*; *Id.* "Considering That," ¶ 3.