
López Lone et al. v. Honduras

I. COMPLIANCE AND FOLLOW-UP ADDENDUM¹

May 25, 2017: The Court reviewed the State’s compliance with the Judgment.² It determined that the State had failed to comply with its obligation to reinstate Mr. Adán Guillermo López Lone and Ms. Tirza del Carmen Flores Lanza to their former judicial positions.³ The Court held a private hearing to address restitution after the State indicated that it was unable to reinstate the victims to their previous positions and instead provided them with monetary compensation.⁴ The representatives of the victims argued that the State was able to reinstate the victims but lacked the political will to do so.⁵ Following the hearing, the Court concluded the State did not try all available measures to comply with the Judgment.⁶ At the same time, the Court noted that Mr. Luis Alonso Chévez de la Rocha was willing to accept monetary compensation in lieu of reinstatement.⁷ Thus, the Court found that the State had fully complied with its obligation to Mr. Chévez del la Rocha.⁸

The Court found that the State had fully complied with its obligation to publish and distribute the Judgment.⁹ The Court also concluded that the State had complied with its obligation to compensate the victims for the requisite pecuniary and non-pecuniary damages outlined in the Judgment.¹⁰ Further, the Court noted that the State properly reimbursed

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² López Lone, et al. v Honduras, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, Inter-Am Ct. H.R. “Considering That,” ¶ 1 (May 25, 2017).

³ *Id.* “Resolves,” ¶ 1.

⁴ *Id.* “Considering That,” ¶ 16.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* ¶ 24.

⁷ *Id.* ¶ 17.

⁸ López Lone, et al. v Honduras, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, “Resolves,” ¶ 2.

⁹ *Id.* ¶ 3.

¹⁰ *Id.* ¶ 4.

the Centro por la Justicia y el Derecho Internacional (“CEJIL”) and the Asociación por la Democracia for all associated costs and expenses.¹¹

The Court indicated that it would continue monitoring the State’s progress towards reinstating Mr. López Lone and Ms. Flores Lanza to appropriate positions within the judiciary.¹² Additionally, the Court indicated that it would continue supervising the State’s compliance with its obligation to reimburse the victims for any expenses they incurred while participating in the compliance monitoring hearings.¹³ The Court also ordered the State to provide a follow-up report detailing the State’s discussions with the victims and the State’s actions to comply with the Judgment.¹⁴

March 9, 2020: The Court found that the State had partially complied with its obligation to reinstate victims, Mr. López Lone and Ms. Flores Lanza, to their former judicial positions.¹⁵ The Court noted that Mr. López Lone was reinstated to the judiciary as a Sentencing Court Judge in San Pedro Sula, and Ms. Flores Lanza was reinstated to the judiciary as a Magistrate in the Court of Labor Appeal in San Pedro Sula.¹⁶ However, the Court determined that the State had not yet complied with its obligation to compensate fully the victims with the employment related benefits that they lost during the time they were removed from their judicial positions.¹⁷ Thus, the Court indicated that it would continue monitoring the State’s compliance with this issue. The Court further ordered the State to submit a status report within three weeks from the notice of the order.¹⁸

Lastly, the Court concluded that the State had fully compensated Mr. López Lone and Ms. Flores Lanza for the expenses they incurred while participating in the compliance monitoring hearings.¹⁹

¹¹ López Lone, et al. v Honduras, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, “Resolves,” ¶ 4.

¹² *Id.* ¶ 6.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.* “Considering That,” ¶¶ 28-29; “Resolves,” ¶ 7.

¹⁵ López Lone, et al. v Honduras, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, Inter-Am Ct. H.R. “Resolves,” ¶ 1 (Mar. 9, 2020).

¹⁶ *Id.* “Considering That,” ¶ 10.

¹⁷ *Id.* “Resolves,” ¶ 1.

¹⁸ *Id.* ¶ 4.

¹⁹ *Id.* ¶ 2.