

# Serrano Cruz Sisters v. El Salvador

## I. COMPLIANCE AND FOLLOW-UP ADDENDUM<sup>1</sup>

**September 1, 2016:** The Court declared that the State had fully complied with the obligation to create a database to aid in the search for missing persons.<sup>2</sup> However, it emphasized that the State must continue to operate the database indefinitely.<sup>3</sup>

Second, the Court found that the State was complying with the order to provide individualized medical and psychological treatment to the victims' families.<sup>4</sup> However, the Court declined to declare the State's obligation completely fulfilled yet, and requested further information on how the State will continue to guarantee such treatment.<sup>5</sup>

The Court also asked the State to provide a detailed report as to how it intends to continue investigating the case and search for the Serrano Cruz Sisters and missing persons from another case: *Contreras et al. v. El Salvador*.<sup>6</sup> The report should detail how the State intends to hold the responsible agents and government officials accountable, search for the missing victims, and ensure access to files and records regarding the investigation.<sup>7</sup>

The Court decided to continue monitoring the following reparation measures: the investigation of the disappearance of the Serrano Cruz Sisters; a national search for missing youth; the creation of a genetic database to help identifying victims and their relatives; and the provision of medical and psychological treatment to victims.<sup>8</sup>

The Court ordered the State to submit a report regarding its compliance with these measures by January 20, 2017.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Serrano Cruz Sisters v. El Salvador*, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, Inter-Am. Ct. H.R. ¶ 10 (Sept. 1, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* ¶ 11.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* ¶ 17.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* ¶¶ 18-19.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* ¶ 19.

<sup>8</sup> *Serrano Cruz Sisters v. El Salvador*, Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Order of the Court, "Resolves" ¶ 3.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* "Resolves" ¶ 4.