

**REPORT No. 92/20**

**PETITION 881-08**

REPORT ON ADMISSIBILITY

HUGO ENRIQUE CARE POLO ET AL.

COLOMBIA

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**I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PETITION**

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| **Petitioner:** | M.V.[[1]](#footnote-2) |
| **Alleged victim:** | Hugo Enrique Care Polo and Others[[2]](#footnote-3) |
| **Respondent State:** | Colombia |
| **Rights invoked:** | Articles 3 (judicial personality), 4 (life), 5 (humane treatment), 7 (personal liberty), 8 (fair trial), 19 (rights of the child) and 25 (judicial protection) in relation to Article 1.1 (obligation to respect rights) of the American Convention on Human Rights[[3]](#footnote-4) |

**II. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE IACHR[[4]](#footnote-5)**

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| **Filing of the petition:** | July 29, 2008 |
| **Additional information received at the stage of initial review:** | December 6, 2010 |
| **Notification of the petition to the State:** | August 27, 2014 |
| **State’s first response:** | June 30, 2015 |

**III. COMPETENCE**

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| **Competence *Ratione personae:*** | Yes |
| **Competence *Ratione loci*:** | Yes |
| **Competence *Ratione temporis*:** | Yes |
| **Competence *Ratione materiae*:** | Yes; American Convention (deposit of instrument of ratification on July 31, 1973); Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons (deposit of instrument of ratification on April 12, 2005) |

**IV. DUPLICATION OF PROCEDURES AND INTERNATIONAL *RES JUDICATA*, COLORABLE CLAIM, EXHAUSTION OF DOMESTIC REMEDIES AND TIMELINESS OF THE PETITION**

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| **Duplication of procedures and International *res judicata*:** | No |
| **Rights declared admissible:** | Articles 3 (judicial personality), 4 (life), 5 (humane treatment), 7 (personal liberty), 8 (fair trial), 19 (rights of the child), 22 (movement and residence), 25 (judicial protection) and 26 (economic, social and cultural rights) in relation to Article 1.1 (obligation to respect rights) of the American Convention; Article I of the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons |
| **Exhaustion of domestic remedies or applicability of an exception to the rule:** | Yes, exception established in Article 46.2.c of the American Convention applies |
| **Timeliness of the petition:** | Yes, under the terms of Section VI |

**V. FACTS ALLEGED**

1. The petition denounces alleged violations to the human of rights of 63 persons who between the years 1981 and 2006 were allegedly victims of forced disappearances perpetrated by illegal armed groups. The petitioner claims that State authorities were aware that the disappearances were going to happen and failed to take any action to prevent them. It also claims that even though many years have elapsed since the disappearances occurred; the State has not fulfilled its obligation to clarify what happened and convict those responsible. It further claims that the family members of the disappeared persons were subjected to forced displacement and impeded to file remedies to request compensation for the disappearances.
2. The petitioner alleges that between the years of 1981 and 2006[[5]](#footnote-6), a series of forced disappearances, including those of the 63 alleged victims, occurred in the municipality of Tierralta perpetrated by illegal armed groups who, it argues, shall be presumed to be paramilitary forces belonging to the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC). The petitioner claims that the alleged victims were engaged in agricultural work and that the disappearances were conducted by the illegal groups with acquiescence, collaboration and impunity by the state. It is asserted that weeks or days before their occurrence rumors that disappearances and other acts of violence were about to happen were common among the people in the region and openly discussed in public places. It claims that state authorities including mayors, the police and the army were aware of this but were indifferent or omitted to provide or request help to prevent the occurrence of these crimes. The petitioner also asserts that the families of the alleged victims were subjected to “forced displacement, persecution and fear” by the paramilitary groups and suffered economic loss as a consequence of being forced to abandon their means of subsistence to move to other areas of the country.
3. It indicates that on August 23, 2007 the alleged victims’ family members, who were impeded to access other judicial remedies due to the generalized fear existing in the region, filed a request for an extrajudicial conciliation audience aimed against the Nation and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Justice. It is claims that this request was granted by the 33 Prosecutor´s Office on Administrative Matters on September who issued a summons to the Minister of Internal Affairs and Justice to an audience. However, it is claimed that on February 6, 2008, the extrajudicial conciliation was refused by the representative of the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, who claimed that it was unclear whether the plaintiffs had exhausted remedies and that, in the absence of the Minister of Defense, the subject matter was outside the competence of the ministry. On February 8, 2008, the Court issued a notice stating the conciliation ended without agreement.
4. It also claims that due to the generalized fear existing in the region where an armed conflict was ongoing the disappeared persons’ relatives had to wait several years until the paramilitary groups demobilized before they could file criminal complains. It indicates that after the paramilitary groups agreed to the process of peace and justice in 2005 the families of the victims sought criminal recourse before the Central Police Inspection Unit and the Prosecutor's Office, between the years of 2006 and 2007[[6]](#footnote-7), with the exception of one filed in 1999. The petitioner alleges that these actions were fruitless as the investigations have not yielded any results. Moreover, it is alleged that during the investigative process, the relatives of the alleged victims were not given the ample opportunity to participate and be heard in the clarification of the facts or in their pursuit of a fair compensation. It stresses that the investigations should have been initiated ex officio immediately after the facts occurred and that there has been an unjustified delay in the resolution of the investigations. Additionally, the petitioner provides that the relatives of the alleged victims exercised their right of petition before the Attorney General of the Nation on June 1, 2007 to request him a certified report on the progress of the investigations. However, it claims this petition was not responded.
5. The petitioner stresses that the family members of the disappeared persons have never obtained answers about their relatives’ probable deaths and that the bodies of the victims have never appeared. It is claimed that the generalized fear reigning on region prevented the disappeared persons’ family members from filing direct reparation claims to request compensation for the moral and material damages they had suffered. Moreover, it considers that the generalized fear, the unwarranted delay in the resolution of the criminal investigations and the lack of response to the petition file with the Attorney General mean the exceptions to the exhaustion of domestic remedies requirement provided for by Article 46.2 of the American Convention should be applied to its petition.
6. The State, on its part, claims that the facts alleged refer to many unknown perpetrators who could be members of illegal self-defense groups or guerrillas; facts which cannot be concluded with certainty from the Petition. The State expresses that in the context of the non-international armed conflict suffered more than fifty years ago, with the presence of different illegal groups participating in the conflict, specifically guerrillas groups and illegal self-defense groups; it is neither possible to clearly specify which illegal armed group the responsibility can be attributed to; nor is it possible to affirm that all the acts alleged are due to the conflict as the acts of violence might have been due to personal conflicts.
7. The State also argues that the petitioner has not detailed how or by what means the public servants knew that the alleged acts of forced disappearance were going to occur. Further, the State highlights the lack of information concerning the alleged forced disappearance of two of the alleged victims[[7]](#footnote-8) in respect of which it considers no complete information was attached by the petitioner in violation of the Commission’s rules of procedure. It also complains that the petitioner has not detailed about which family members were subjected to displacement or explained how this would have impeded them to go to their local authorities to file complains about the alleged displacement or the disappearances. It also claims that the relevant domestic remedies enshrined in Colombian legislation had not been exhausted as the alleged victims’ relatives have not pursued remedies before the administrative jurisdiction. Likewise, it argues that due to the long time elapsed between the alleged human rights violation and the presentation of this petition to the inter-American system, the petition is not timely and should therefore be declared inadmissible.

**VI. ANALYSIS OF EXHAUSTION OF DOMESTIC REMEDIES AND TIMELINESS OF THE PETITION**

1. The Commission observes that the petitioning party claims that the exceptions to the exhaustion of domestic remedies requirement provided for by Article 46.2 of the American Convention are applicable to their petition. It also takes notes that the State maintains that the petition is untimely and that domestic remedies have not been exhausted as the petitioners have not pursued remedies before the administrative jurisdiction
2. The Commission recalls its long standing criteria that petitions, such as the instant one, which include complaints of forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, the domestic remedies that are relevant as far as admissibility is concerned are those connected with the investigation and the punishment of the persons responsible, according to the domestic legislation applicable to offenses subject to ex officio prosecution. The precedents established by the IACHR point out that, every time an alleged crime liable to prosecution ex officio is committed, the State is required to promote and spearhead the criminal proceedings and that this is the suitable remedy to clarify the facts, try those responsible, and set forth the corresponding criminal sanctions, in addition to facilitating other modes of reparation of a monetary kind. Furthermore, the Commission has established that, as a general rule, a criminal investigation must be conducted promptly to protect the interests of the victims, safeguard the evidence, and even protect the rights of all persons who, in the context of the investigation, may be deemed suspects.[[8]](#footnote-9) On the basis of the information provided by the parties, it is observed that, in all cases, the complaints were filed by the families of the alleged victims with the jurisdictional authorities before or by 2007. Nevertheless, according to the information on the petitions’ dossier, no progress has been made in the investigations, as all cases are in their initial stages.
3. In view of these considerations and without prejudging on the merits, the Commission considers that the exception to the exhaustion of domestic remedies requirement provided for by Article 46.2(c) of the American Convention is applicable to the instant petition, given that more than 11 years have elapsed since the criminal investigations begun without a first instance decision having been issued. Also, the Commission, taking onto consideration the continued nature of the effects of the alleged enforced disappearances, believes that the petition was filed within a reasonable time and that the requirement set forth in Article 32.2 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure has been met.

**VII. ANALYSIS OF COLORABLE CLAIM**

1. The Commission observes that the instant petition includes allegations regarding the State consented to or collaboration in the forced disappearances of 63 persons; that it has failed its duty to duly investigate the disappearances and punish those responsible; and that the family members of the disappeared persons were internal displacement.
2. In view of these considerations and after examining the factual and legal elements set forth by the parties, the Commission considers that the allegations of the petitioning party are not manifestly groundless and require a study on the merits as the alleged facts could, if proven, amount to violations of Articles 3 (judicial personality), 4 (life), 5 (humane treatment), 7 (personal liberty), 8 (fair trial), 19 (the child), 22 (movement and residence), 25 (judicial protection) and 26 (economic, social and cultural rights) of the American Convention in connection with Article 1.1 (obligation to respect rights), as well as to Article I of the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons. Regarding the disappearances that according to the allegations began before the date the ratification instrument of the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearances was deposited by the state, the Commission considers this Convention applies in relation to the alleged continuity and lack of clarification of the alleged forced disappearance crimes[[9]](#footnote-10). Additionally, considering the multiple, complex and continuous nature of the displacement of people, in particular that related to the direct effects that derive from it on the rights to free movement and residence, housing and personal integrity as well as the uprooting that in social and cultural terms may be presented, the Commission considers that the allegations related to this phenomenon could characterized possible violations of Articles 5, 22 and 26 of the American Convention in a joint and interconnected manner.

**VIII. DECISION**

1. To find the instant petition admissible in relation to Articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 19, 22, 25 and 26 of the American Convention in relation to its Articles 1(1) and Article I of the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearances of Persons; and
2. To notify the parties of this decision; to continue with the analysis on the merits; and to publish this decision and include it in its Annual Report to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.

Approved by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the 20th day of the month of April, 2020. (Signed): Joel Hernández, President; Antonia Urrejola, First Vice President; Flávia Piovesan, Second Vice President; Margarette May Macaulay, Esmeralda E. Arosemena Bernal de Troitiño, Julissa Mantilla Falcón, and Stuardo Ralón Orellana, Commissioners.

**Annex**

**THE EXHASUTION OF DOMESTIC REMEMDIES BY THE ALLEGED VICTIMS**

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| Name of alleged victim | Date of the alleged initial incident | Domestic remedies filed |
| 1. Hugo Enrique Care Polo | May 2, 2001 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, August 17, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 2.Andrés José Lopez Solera | May 15, 1989 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, August 31, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 3. Anselmo Arturo Santero Carpio | February 20, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, July 17, 2006 |
| 4. Calixto Jose Santero Carpio | Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 5.Sergio Jose Pestana Velásquez | October 10, 2003 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, October 24, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 6.Edgar Antonio Lujan Gonzales | March 19, 1994 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, July 17, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 7.Carmelo Antonio Morales Pastrana | December 20, 1996 | Copy of “Verbal complaint” to the Central Police Inspection Department of Cordoba, City Hall of Tierralta November 3, 2006 |
| Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, February 13, 2007 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 8.Jesus Marίa Zea Peréz | February 24, 1998 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, November 21, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 9.Jorge Luis Córdoba Mestra | May 4, 1989 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, November 10, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 10.Amado de Jesus Valderrama Paez | December 24, 2001 | Written complaint to the Local Unit of the Prosecutor, February 8, 2007 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 11.Emiro Enrique Durango Martίnez (Gonzales) | February 27, 1996 | Written complaint to the Local Unit of the Prosecutor, February 28, 2007 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 12.José Eduardo Pérez Gόmez | December 28, 1998 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, November 15, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 13.Dan Miler Rojas Pastrana | March 20, 2003 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, November 16, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 14.Edilberto Manuel Olivares Narvaez | September 12, 2002 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, November 2, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 15.Wilson Zapata Zapata | November 19, 2004 | Copy of “Verbal complaint” to the Central Police Inspection Department of Cordoba, City Hall of Tierralta October 27, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 16.Catalino de la Rosa Junco | August 19, 1981 | Written criminal complaint to the Local Unit of the Twenty-second Prosecutor, October 20, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 17.Edwin Cecilio Aparicio Calonge | October 6, 1988 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 15, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 18.Gladys Del Carmen Florez Tamayo | October 6, 1988 | Complaint to Secretary of the first municipal court of Tierralta at the verbal request of the interested party October 17, 2006; which refers to a report to the Criminal Investigations court of the City of Monteria of the actions of forced disappearance of the victims |
| 19.Elmer Caballero Aparicio |  |  |
| 20.Adriano De Jesús | January 7, 1988 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 15, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 21.Freddy Manuel Reyes Rojas | October 5, 2005 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 22.Nover Manuel Alvarez Caro | February, 10, 2005 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 21, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 23.Leonardo Daniel Velásquez Lugo | March 13, 2002 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 24.Jose Antonio Del Toro Perez | April 2, 1998 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 25.Simon Jose Mestra Plaza | February 3, 1994 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 21, 2006 |
| 26.Luis Carlos Mestra Plaza | Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 27.Teofilo Raul Bedoya Fabra | June 6, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| 28.Nacer Yobanis Bedoya Fabra | Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 29.Luis Roberto Echavarria Valdez | June 14, 1999 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 30.Jorge Enrique Berrio Lopez | December 10, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 22, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 31.Luis Carlos Din Causil | November 24, 1995 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 21, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 32.Robinson Manuel Gonzales Martinez | September 8, 1990 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, July 10, 2006  Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 33.Anastacio Manuel Gonzales Martinez |
| 34.Ernesto Elkin Gonzales Hernandez | February 22, 2003 |
| 35.Pedro Pablo Puello Rios | August 3, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 36.Jhon Jairo Sepúlveda Triana | March 12, 1992 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 27, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 37.Argemiro de Jesús Sepúlveda Osorio | June 20, 1994 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, July 19, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 38.Dairo Muñoz Ortiz | July 25 (20), 1998 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 27, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 39.Carlos Segundo Venta Carrascal | November 5, 2002 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 40.Jairo Manuel Ruiz Perez | November 15, 1992 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, May 26, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 41.Jose Luis Cogollo Arrieta | June 1, 2001 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 6, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 42.Jorge Eliécer Cardona Hernández | April 10, 2001 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 43.Dairo Jose Montt Tapia | June 5, 2000 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 6, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 44.Luis Manuel Ruiz Jimenez | June 4, 1998 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 22, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 45.Sergio Emilio Duarte Durango | April 17, 1996 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 46.Eliécer De Jesus Gonzales Yanez | November 15, 2004 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 13, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 47.Cesar Augusto Perez Gonzales | January 15, 2002 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 8, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 48.Jose Maria Cogollo Galeano | May 10, 1985 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 49.Claudia Isabel Rosario Sanchez | May 22, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 6, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 50.Ortalides Cantero Vargas | July 15, 1998 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 8, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 51.Jorge Luis Osorio Sibaja | October 20, 1997 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, August 3, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 52.Yirlesa Luz Ortega Marmol | July 14, 2003 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, May 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 53.Wilfran Onalbis Pérez Sánchez | October 14, 1999 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, August 17, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 54.Edwin Manuel Lara Triana | November 26, 1992 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 12, 2006  Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 55.Rodrigo Elias Hoyos Triana | January 3, 2000 |
| 56.Rodrigo Manuel Diaz | January 25, 1995 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 6, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 57.Miguel Enrique Ortega Chova | August 28, 2000 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, May 12, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 58.Moisés Pacheco Puello | May 13, 1996 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 8, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 59.Alberto Luis Mόrelo Escobar | October 12, 2000 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 60.Audisnel Altamiranda Sanchez | May 15, 1993 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 61.Eusebio Sanchez Oquendo | February 25, 1994 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, June 7, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 62.Eduardo Felipe Lopez Ricardo | December 9, 1998 | Complaint filed with the Twenty-second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, July 27, 2006 |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |
| 63. Humberto Manuel Estrada Anaya | March 20, 1999 | Complaint filed with the Twenty/second Delegated Prosecutor before the Judges of the Municipalities of Tierralta and Valencia, May 18, 2006. |
| Extrajudicial conciliation request from Judicial Officer in contentious administrative proceedings before the Administrative tribunal of Cordoba was admitted, September 14, 2007 |

1. The Commission takes notes that, as pointed out by the State and contrary to what is stated in the petition, the petitioner has not included in the annexes to its petition authorizations from the alleged victims for it to act on their behalf. However, the Commission recalls that it has already determined that according to Article 44 of the American Convention and Article 23 of its rules of procedure petitioners are not required to have the authorization of the alleged victims or that they provide a power of attorney as their legal representative. (See, IACHR, Report No. 71/16, Petition 765-09. Admissibility. Q’oq’ob community of the municipality of Santa Maria Nebaj. Guatemala. December 6, 2016, para. 23). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The petition refers to 63 alleged victims which are individualized by an annexed document. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Hereinafter “American Convention”. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The observations submitted by each party were duly transmitted to the opposing party. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Details pertaining the dates in which each of the enforced disappearances is alleged to have occurred are included in the annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. The dates in which each of the criminal complaints are alleged to have been filed are detailed in the annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Edwin Cecilio Aparicio Calonge and Humberto Manuel Estrada Anaya. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. IACHR, Report No. 49/14, Petition 1196/07, Admissibility. Juan Carlos Martínez Gil, Colombia, July 21, 2014, para. 29. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
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