

DISABILITY RIGHTS

— international —

Litigation Docket 2023

No.	Country	Litigation & Co-petitioners	Human Rights Body	Plaintiffs: who they are and what we are seeking for them	Legal issues and strategic impact of case
1 2	Mexico	<p><u>Petition</u> on grave violations at private Institution Casa Esperanza where people with disabilities were detained, abused, tortured, and forcibly sterilized.</p> <p>Co-petitioner: O’Neill Human Rights Institute, Mental Health Initiative</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking community integration and reparations for the 37 people detained at private facility “Casa Esperanza”	<p><u>Impact of the case:</u> 175,000 children and adults officially estimated to be detained in institutions. Unofficial estimates put this number at over 300,000.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the right to community integration and to no discrimination; legal capacity; access to justice; not be arbitrarily deprived of liberty; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; and to health.</p> <p>The Casa Esperanza case has a special emphasis on women rights and focuses on grave human rights violations including forced sterilization, forced labor and trafficking.</p>
3	Guatemala	<p><u>Precautionary measure</u> and petition on grave violations at the National Mental Health Hospital “Federico Mora,”</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking community integration and reparations for the 334 people detained at the institution in 2014	1,000 people with disabilities who have been detained in the institution since the case was filed (2014). There are no official estimates, but the number could be in the thousands.

		<p>considered to be “the most dangerous hospital in the world” per the BBC.</p> <p>Co-Petitioners: Colectivo Vida Independiente; Co-petitioner: O’Neill Human Rights Institute, Mental Health Initiative</p>			<p>People with mental disabilities in seven departments (States) of Guatemala, where, thanks to DRI’s litigation, have now access to mental health closer to their communities.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the right to community integration and to no discrimination; legal capacity; access to justice; not be arbitrarily deprived of liberty; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; and to health.</p>
4		<p><u>Precautionary measure</u> for Hogar Seguro Virgen de la Asunción, public facility where children were tortured and trafficked, and 41 girls were killed in a fire after protesting the sexual violence.</p> <p>Co-petitioner: Procuraduría de Derechos Humanos</p>	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	Seeking family and community integration and reparations for the 600 children detained at Hogar Seguro Virgen de la Asunción on March 7, 2017	<p>4,000 children with and without disabilities detained in institutions according to official estimates. Unofficial estimates are much higher.</p> <p><u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the rights to grow up in a family; community integration; access to justice; and not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment.</p>
5	Serbia	<p><u>Petition and interim measures</u> on human rights violations of children and people with disabilities detained as children at Dusko Radovic</p>	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Seeking community integration and reparations for the two people with disabilities detained at Dusko Radovic Group Home in Serbia	<p>14 young adults detained at Dusko Radovic Group Home in Serbia</p> <p>700 children with disabilities detained in institutions in Serbia according to official estimates -the unofficial estimates could be higher.</p>

		Group Home in Serbia			<u>Legal issues:</u> Deprivation of the rights to grow up in a family; no discrimination; community integration; access to justice; not to be subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatment; to education and to health.
6	Peru	<p><u>Petition</u> for person with disability arbitrarily detained in private psychiatric institution in Peru.</p> <p>Copetitioner: Sociedad y Discapacidad (SODIS), Perú</p>	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Seeking community integration for one person detained in private psychiatric facility in Peru	People with disabilities detained in institutions in Peru
	Total			973 people	Over 180,000 people