

## ETHICAL COMMITMENT

Signed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission members.

1. The participation of each Commission member is personal and based upon his/her personal qualities. Therefore, his/her acts, votes and opinions are exclusively ruled by his/her conscience –independently from any other institutional relationship or political inclination- and in favor of attaining the objectives included in the mandate received, particularly truth, justice and reconciliation.
2. Each Commissioner commits himself/herself to contribute with his/her best effort and use of his/her time and capacities for the success of the Commission in complying with the mandate received.
3. Relationships among Commissioners are based on mutual trust and respect and consideration for their persons, acts and opinions.
4. Taking into account the sensitive character of the mandate received, the Commissioners commit to perform their public and private acts considering that any misbehavior could affect the Commission's legitimacy and strength.
5. The Commissioners shall try to make their personal opinions guarantee the Commission's indispensable unity, which should be maintained before public opinion. They acknowledge that the President is the authorized spokesman to give institutional opinion on affairs related to the mandate received, and the Executive Secretariat on those related to the Commission's administrative functions.
6. While their mandate lasts, the Commissioners are obliged to keep strict reserve concerning information that is not subjected to publicity and that makes part of the Commission's investigations, programs and administration. They also commit themselves to not to use Commission information for personal objectives or different from those agreed, without a prior written permission request to the President.
7. The intellectual property of all written material, systematized or produced by the Commission or by one of its members or officials within the scope of his/her responsibility belongs to the Commission. Therefore, the Commissioners may not reproduce –partially or entirely- said materials without the President's prior written permission.
8. The Commissioners commit themselves to respect established procedures concerning travel expenses, per diem and entertainment allowances as long as they imply the use of Commission resources. Likewise, they commit themselves to the utmost rationality and prudence in the use of said resources.
9. The Commissioners commit themselves to communicate the Commission President any change in their personal, labor or institutional situation that may mean an incompatibility as current Commissioners.
10. The Commissioners shall accept or support the decisions made by the Plenary. If they have any discrepancies with said decisions they can express them within the Commission and even request that they are recorded in the minutes, but in no way express them outside the Commission.

11. Each of the Commissioners accepts the Plenary's moral authority to apply sanctions and is committed with obeying what the Plenary decides in the case –certainly unlikely- of having committed grave violations concerning ethical principles or this Commitment of Honor.

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