

### ***The treaty: American Convention on Human Rights***

The American Convention protects a broad range of rights. Key provisions include:

- Article 4 — *Right to life — with a complex provision on the death penalty that has generated extensive jurisprudence*
- Article 5 — *Right to humane treatment — including physical, mental, and moral integrity*
- Article 7 — *Right to personal liberty and security*
- Article 8 — *Right to a fair trial — including guarantees in administrative as well as criminal proceedings*
- Article 9 — *Freedom from ex post facto laws*
- Article 13 — *Freedom of thought and expression — with notable provisions on prior censorship*
- Article 19 — *Rights of the child*
- Article 21 — *Right to property — interpreted expansively to protect indigenous communal land rights*
- Article 24 — *Right to equal protection*
- Article 25 — *Right to judicial protection — the right to an effective remedy*
- Article 26 — *Progressive development of economic, social, and cultural rights — recently activated by the Court in its jurisprudence*
- Article 63 — *Reparations — the Court's broad power to order remedies beyond just satisfaction*

The Convention is complemented by the Additional Protocol in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Protocol of San Salvador, 1988), the Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture (1985), the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women (Belém do Pará, 1994), and other instruments, which the Court incorporates through its corpus juris methodology.