

*** Unofficial English Translation ***

Decree 187/83¹

National Commission on the Disappearance of People

(of 15/12/83, published in the Official Gazette 19/12/83)

Through which, the President of the Argentine Nation decrees:

Art. 1 – Create a National whose objective is to clarify the relevant facts related to the disappearance of people in the country.

Art. 2 – The following will be specific and stringent functions of the Commission:

- a. Receive reports and evidence about those events and forward them immediately to the courts if they are related to the alleged commission of crimes;
- b. Ascertain the whereabouts or the location of the disappeared people, as well as any circumstances related to their location;
- c. Determine the location of the children misappropriated from the guardianship of their parents or guardians due to actions taken under the guise of repressing terrorist activities and request the intervention in these cases of the organs for the protection of minors and juvenile courts;
- d. Report to the authorities any attempt to conceal, seize or destroy the evidentiary elements related to the events that it seeks to clarify;
- e. Issue a final report, with a detailed explanation of the events under investigations, after a hundred and eighty days (180) days starting from its establishment.

The Commission will not emit judgement on events and circumstances that are the exclusive purview of the Judicial Branch.

Art. 3 – The Commission may request all the civil servants of the National Executive Branch and its dependent bodies, independent agencies and the Armed and Security Forces to provide it with reports, data and documents, as well as to allow the Commission access to places that it may wish to visit for the purposes of its mission. The civil servants and the agencies are obliged to provide these reports, data and documents and facilitate access once requested.

Art. 4 – All statements requested from civil servants, including the members of the Armed and Security Forces, should be completed in writing. Third parties may not be compelled to give statements.

Art. 5 – The Commission will consist of 16 members. The people named in Annex I of the present decree are appointed commissioners.

¹ Original text available at: <http://www.derechos.org/ddhh/arg/ley/conadep.txt> (Accessed 11 October 2019)

Art. 6 – The members of the Chambers of the Honourable National Congress are invited to designate three (3) representatives each to become members of the Commission.

Art. 7 – The Commission will adopt its own internal regulation, designate a President that will represent it and appoint any secretaries it may deem necessary. It will also establish the technical teams it may deem necessary.

The Commission will decide based on a simple majority rule.

The Commission will be dissolved once it released the report referred to in article 2.

Art. 8 – The Commission will be officially known as the National Commission of the Disappearance of Persons and its headquarters will be the at the Centro Cultural San martin de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires.

Art. 9 – All the budgetary adjustments necessary for the fulfilment of the current decree and the provision with the equipment and transitory staff that the Commission may require should be carried out.

Art. 10 – Make this public etc.

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Annex I

List of people appointed by the National Executive Branch to the National Commission of the Disappearance of Persons:

Colombres, Ricardo
Favaloro, Rene
Fernandez Long, Hilario
Gattinoni, Carlos
Klimovsky, Gregorio
Meyer, Marshall
Nevares, Jaime F. de
Rabossi, Eduardo
Ruiz Guinazu, Magdalena
Sabato, Ernesto

The remaining six (6) members will be appointed by the Honourable National Congress.