

Admissibility

Disparaging and insulting language - article 56(3)

A language or remark is insulting or disparaging if it 'is used in a manner calculated to pollute the minds of the public or any reasonable man to cast aspersions on and weaken public confidence' in state institutions (*Actions Pour la Protection des Droit de L'homme (APDH) v The Republic of Cote D'Ivoire*, application 001/2014, Judgement, 18 November 2016, para 82).

Error in identifying a respondent does not amount to disparaging and insulting language unless it is intended to undermine the dignity, reputation or integrity of the respondent state. The language must be aimed at undermining the integrity and status of the institution and bring it into disrepute, or be used in bad faith (*Lohé Issa Konaté v Burkina Faso*, application 004/2013, judgment, 5 December 2014, paras 64-73).