

European Court of Human Right hears case from Portuguese youth suing 32 nations over climate crisis

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Strasbourg, September 29 (RHC)-- In Strasbourg, France, an historic hearing unfolded at the European Court of Human Rights as six young people from Portugal challenged 32 European governments over their failure to combat the climate crisis, which they argue is a violation of their human rights.

One of the lawyers for the Portuguese youth, Alison MacDonald, said: "Today's case is about the young. It is about the price that they are paying for the failure of states to tackle the climate emergency. It is about the harm that they will suffer during their lifetimes unless states step up to their responsibilities."

The case is being closely followed by climate activists around the world. If successful, the 32 countries could be legally required to rapidly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. A ruling is expected in the first half of next year.

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