

1. Precautionary measures granted in 2013

6. The mechanism for precautionary measures is established in Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR. The Rules of Procedure establish that, in serious and urgent situations, the Commission may, on its own initiative or at the request of a party, request that a State adopt precautionary measures to prevent irreparable harm to persons or to the subject matter of the proceedings in connection with a pending petition or case, as well as to persons under the jurisdiction of the State concerned, independently of any pending petition or case. The measures may be of a collective nature to prevent irreparable harm to persons or groups of persons. In this regard, the number of precautionary measures granted does not reflect the number of persons protected by their adoption; as can be seen below; many of the precautionary measures issued by the IACHR protect more than one person and, in certain cases, groups of persons such as people deprived from their liberty, communities or indigenous peoples. Moreover, the Rules of Procedure establish that the granting of such measures and their adoption by the State shall not constitute a prejudgment on the violation of the rights protected by the American Convention on Human Rights or other applicable instruments.

7. Below is an overview of the precautionary measures granted in 2013 under Article 25 of the Regulations of the Commission in connection with the Member States of the OAS. It is worth noting that the Inter-American Commission amended its Rules of Procedure on March 18, 2013 in Resolution 1/2013 which entered into force on August 1, 2013. From such date all the synopsis on the precautionary measures granted will have a link to a resolution. These resolutions set forth the parameters used by the IACHR in the determination of the requisites of urgency, seriousness and irreparable nature on case by case bases. Precautionary measures granted in 2013 might include request presented in previous years.

BELIZE

PM 155/13 - Caleb Orozco, Belize

8. On May 29, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Caleb Orozco, in Belize. The request for precautionary measures indicates that Caleb Orozco is in a state of risk as a result of his work defending the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex persons in Belize. Specifically, the petition alleges that Caleb Orozco has been subject to harassment and attacks at his home and on the streets, and he has received death threats via social media. It further alleges that even though he has filed complaints with the police, the authorities are not providing measures to protect his life and safety. The IACHR asked that the State of Belize take the necessary steps to ensure the life and physical integrity of Caleb Orozco, that it come to an agreement with the beneficiary as to the measures to be taken, and that it inform the Commission about the steps taken to investigate the facts that gave rise to the adoption of precautionary measures.

BRAZIL

PM 367/13 - Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Pedrinhas Prison Complex, Brazil

9. The December 16, 2013, the Commission requested the adoption of precautionary measures in favor of persons deprived of liberty in the Pedrinhas Prison Complex in Brazil. The request for precautionary measures alleges that these people would be at a risk due to violence. After analyzing the arguments of fact and law submitted by the applicants and by the State, the Commission considers that the information presented suggests that persons deprived of liberty in the Prison Complex Pedrinhas are in a seriousness and urgent situation, given that their lives and personal integrity could be threatened and at risk. Consequently, in accordance with Article 25 of the Regulations of the Commission, the Commission requested the State of Brazil to take the necessary measures to prevent the loss of life and damage to personal integrity of persons deprived of liberty in the Prison Complex pedrinhas ; immediately to reduce levels of overcrowding, and to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of this precautionary measure to prevent its recurrence. Read the resolution [here](#).

MC 8/13 - Persons Deprived of Liberty at the Porto Alegre Central Prison, Brazil

10. On December 30, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for persons deprived of liberty at the Porto Alegre Central Prison (PCPA), in Brazil. The request for precautionary measures alleges that these individuals are at risk due to poor detention conditions, extreme overcrowding, and lack of State control over various parts of the facility, among other situations, all of which could affect the prisoners' right to life and personal integrity. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by the petitioners and the State, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that the situation of those deprived of liberty at the PCPA is serious and urgent, as their lives and physical integrity are said to be at grave risk. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of Brazil to adopt the necessary measures to protect the lives and personal integrity of the inmates at the Porto Alegre Central Prison; provide hygienic conditions at the facility and adequate medical treatment for the inmates, in line with whatever medical conditions they may have; and implement measures designed to recover security control over all areas of the prison, following international human rights standards and protecting the lives and personal integrity of all the inmates. Read resolution in [here](#).

COLOMBIA

PM 186/13 – Carlos Eduardo Mora y familia, Colombia

11. On October 3, 2013 the IACHR requested the adoption of precautionary measures in favor of Carlos Eduardo Mora, who is a corporal of the National Army of Colombia, in the intelligence specialty and is currently in active duty. The request for precautionary measures affirms that Carlos Eduardo Mora and his family allegedly face a risk situation due the participation of the corporal as a witness in the trials related to the presumed extrajudicial executions, supposedly perpetrated by members of the Army of Colombia. The Colombian State provided information about the case on September 19 2013. Te Commission concluded that Carlos Eduardo Mora and his nuclear family are in a situation of seriousness and urgency, since their rights to life and personal integrity are presumably threatened and at serious risk. According to Article 25 of its Rule of Procedure, the Commission requested the State of Colombia to adopt the necessary measures to preserve the life and the personal integrity of Carlos Eduardo Mora and his nuclear family and to agree on the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries, taking into account the role as witness of Carlos Eduardo Mora, the nature of the procedure in which he is involved and the fact that he is an active member of the Army. Likewise, the Commission requested the State to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures, in order to prevent its repetition. Read Resolution [here](#).

PM 301/13 – Buenaventura Hoyos Hernández, Colombia

12. On October 4, 2013, the Commission requested the adoption of precautionary measures pursuant to Article 25 (1) of its Rules of Procedure, in order to avoid irreparable harm to Buenaventura Hoyos Hernández, 18 years old, who is allegedly in a serious and urgent situation, since his rights to life and personal integrity are allegedly at risk, given that to this date his whereabouts or fate are not known. The Commission requested the State of Colombia to adopt the necessary measures to determine the status and whereabouts of Buenaventura Hernández Hoyos, in order to protect his rights to life and personal integrity. The Commission also requested the State to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of this precautionary measure. Read the Resolution [here](#).

CUBA

PM 34/13 - X, Cuba

13. On February 14, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of X, in Cuba. The IACHR withholds her identity because she is a minor. The request for precautionary measures alleges that X, 15 years old, was attacked as a consequence of defending a member of the "Damas de Blanco" ("Ladies in White"), who is a relative of the child. The request alleges that the child was attacked with a knife, on November 4, 2012, by a relative of a Police Captain. In addition, it alleges that in January 2013, psychologists of the Department of Legal Medicine conducted an interrogation to the child, without the presence of her mother, allegedly in an attempt to make her change her account of what had happened. The request also alleges that State authorities threatened to commit her to a mental hospital. The IACHR requested that the State of Cuba adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and physical integrity of X, to adopt the measures in consultation with the beneficiary and her representatives, and to inform on the actions taken to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of precautionary measures.

PM 424/12 - Josvany Melchor Rodríguez, Cuba

14. On April 29, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Josvany Melchor Rodríguez, in Cuba. The request for precautionary measures indicates that Josvany Melchor Rodríguez suffers allegedly from a mental disability and is currently deprived of liberty in Prison 1580, in San Miguel de Padrón, La Habana. The request alleges that Josvany Melchor Rodríguez is supposedly in a risk situation to his life, personal integrity and health. According to the information presented, Josvany Melchor Rodríguez allegedly suffers from kidney problems, chronic gastritis, parasites and is supposedly vomiting blood, among other health conditions, that would be exacerbated due to the presumably deficient detention conditions and the lack of adoption of especial measures in view of his disability. The applicants affirm that although the mother of the beneficiary had supposedly turned to the competent authorities, no measures were adopted on this regard. The IACHR requested the State of Cuba to adopt the necessary measures to provide Josvany Melchor Rodríguez with specialized health care, taking into consideration his personal circumstances and needs, in correspondence with the conditions of his pathologies and his mental disability; and to agree on the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries and his representatives.

PM 245/13 – Iván Hernández Carrillo, Cuba

15. On October 28, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for Iván Hernández Carrillo, in Cuba. The request for precautionary measures received by the Commission on August 1, 2013, alleges that Iván Hernández Carrillo—reportedly a journalist serving as Secretary General of the Confederation of Independent Workers of Cuba—is at risk and has been the target of physical attacks, threats, arrests, and acts of intimidation perpetrated by agents of Cuba’s Department of State Security, as a result of his work as a human rights defender. The petitioners provided additional information on August 27 and September 18, 2013. On August 3, 2013, the IACHR requested information from the State. As of the date the Commission adopted the resolution on precautionary measures, the State had not responded to the request for information. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by the petitioners, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that Iván Hernández Carrillo’s situation is serious and urgent. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of Cuba to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Iván Hernández Carrillo; reach agreement with the beneficiary and his representatives on the measures to be adopted; and inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. Read the resolution [here](#).

PM 264/13 – Damas de Blanco, Cuba

16. On October 28, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for the members of the organization “Damas de Blanco” (“Ladies in White”), in Cuba. The request for precautionary measures received by the Commission on August 13, 2013, alleges that the members of “Damas de Blanco” are targets of threats, harassment, and acts of violence in retaliation for their peaceful demonstrations to draw attention to the situation of political dissidents in Cuba. The petitioners provided additional information on September 17 and 26. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by the petitioners, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that the situation of the members of “Damas de Blanco” is serious and urgent, as their lives and personal integrity are reportedly being threatened and are at serious risk. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of Cuba to adopt the necessary measures to protect the lives and personal integrity of the members of the organization “Damas de Blanco”; reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their representatives on the measures to be adopted; and inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. Read the resolution [here](#).

PM 410/13 - José Luis Zubmaguera Miranda y su familia, Cuba

17. On November 21, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted in favor of José Luis Zubmaguera Miranda and his family, in Cuba. The request for precautionary measures received by the Commission on November 14, 2013, alleges that José Luis Zubmaguera Miranda had been shot 7 times by police officers, in the context of his detention during an investigation on a stolen bicycle. The applicants affirm that his relatives, who supposedly witnessed these facts, are presumably subject to a series of intimidations perpetrated by police officers due to the complaints filed in this regard. After analyzing the factual and legal arguments put forth by the applicants, the Commission considers that the information presented shows *prima facie* that José Luis Zubmaguera Miranda and his family are in a serious and urgent situation, as their lives and personal integrity are threatened and at severe risk. Consequently, in compliance with Article 25 of its Rule of Procedure, the Commission requested the State of Cuba to adopt the necessary measures to preserve the life and the personal integrity of José Luis Zubmaguera Miranda and his family, to agree on the measures to be

adopted with the beneficiaries and his representatives and to inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. Read the resolution [here](#) .

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PM 279/12 – Luisa Fransua, Rafael Toussaint, et al., Dominican Republic

18. On June 10, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Luisa Fransua, Rafael Toussaint, and another 48 individuals and their 32 children, in the Dominican Republic. According to information provided by those seeking the precautionary measures, the beneficiaries of this measure are being denied birth records, identity cards, and voter IDs, or their documents are being withheld or invalidated. They indicate that this situation is blocking their access to basic services, allegedly impeding the exercise of their rights, especially their rights to health and education. The petitioners maintain that the individuals identified in the request for precautionary measure could be deported to Haiti at any time. The IACHR asked the State of the Dominican Republic to adopt the necessary measures to ensure the protection of Luisa Fransua, Rafael Toussaint, and another 48 individuals and their 32 children, so as to keep them from being expelled or deported from the territory of the Dominican Republic, and to take the necessary steps so that the beneficiaries and their children have access to identification documents that guarantee them access to basic services such as education and health, until such time as the Commission rules on the petitions before it. The IACHR also asked the State of the Dominican Republic to reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their representatives on the measures to be adopted. This precautionary measure was also granted because the beneficiaries are also the alleged victims in petitions presented to the Commission, which have been registered with the numbers 1960-12 and 389-13. In this sense, the decision to grant this precautionary measure seeks to ensure that the Commission's eventual decisions on the merits of these petitions do not become abstract.

EI SALVADOR

PM 114/13 - B, El Salvador

19. On April 29, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of "B," in El Salvador. The identity of the beneficiary is kept confidential at the request of the petitioners and/or beneficiary. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the Ministry of Health and the Committee of the hospital where "B" has been admitted have determined that "B" suffers from various pathologies, that her pregnancy has a high risk of death for the mother, and that the fetus is anencephalic. In addition, it alleges that those health authorities have determined that the effect of time without the implementation of the recommended medical treatment could affect the rights to life, integrity and health of the mother. The petitioners expressed that, even though they had requested the State authorities, including the Supreme Court of Justice, that the treatment recommended by the specialized doctors be given, there is no final answer to date. After requesting information to the State, which ratified that there is still no definite response from the State authorities, the IACHR granted precautionary measures to protect the life, personal integrity and health of "B." Specifically, the Inter-American Commission requested the State of El Salvador to adopt the necessary measures to implement the treatment recommended by the Medical Committee of the National Hospital Specialized in Maternity "Dr. Raúl Arguello Escalón," aiming to protect the life, personal integrity and health of "B," and that any measure is adopted in consultation with the beneficiary and her representatives.

20. Considering that the State of El Salvador has allegedly not adopted the necessary measures to safeguard the personal integrity of “B”, on May 27 2013, the IACHR requested provisional measures to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The Inter-American Court ordered provisional measures on May 29 2013, and lifted them on August 19, 2013.

PM 409/13 - Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos regarding El Salvador

21. On November 21, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted in favor of the members of the “Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos” (Association for the Search of Disappeared Children). The request for precautionary measures indicated that on November 14, 2013, three armed men had allegedly broken into the organization, and had subjugated the security staff, the motorcyclist and the President of the organization. Subsequently, they had proceeded to burned down the files of the institution and destroyed their work equipment. After analyzing the factual and legal arguments put forth by the applicants, the Commission considers that the information presented shows prima facie that the members of “Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos” are in a serious and urgent situation, as their lives and personal integrity are threatened and at severe risk. Consequently, in compliance with Article 25 of its Rule of Procedure, the Commission requested the State of El Salvador to adopt the necessary measures to preserve the life and the personal integrity of the members of “Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos”, and to inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. The resolution on this precautionary measure is maintained under confidentiality, due to the request of the petitioners not to disclose the identity of some of the members of the organization.

GUATEMALA

PM 125/13 –Iris Yasmín Barrios Aguilar et al., Guatemala

22. On June 28, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Iris Yasmín Barrios Aguilar, Patricia Isabel Bustamante García, and Pablo Xitumul de Paz, members of the First Court for High-Risk Crimes in the Guatemalan department of Guatemala. The requests for precautionary measures allege that Iris Yasmín Barrios Aguilar, Patricia Isabel Bustamante García, and Pablo Xitumul de Paz are at risk as a result of carrying out their judicial functions in various cases involving organized crime and cases against members of the military allegedly responsible for grave human rights violations such as the “Plan de Sánchez” and “Las Dos Erres” massacres, among other matters. In particular, the petitioners refer to the role the beneficiaries have had in the case against former President José Efraín Ríos Montt, which is reportedly leading to polarization in Guatemala. In this apparent context, the petitioners say that various anonymous pamphlets had been circulated to undermine the legitimacy of their work by claiming that their involvement in the case represented a “threat to peace and stability in the country,” which could have serious consequences for their right to life and safety. Moreover, in recent weeks the IACHR has received new information suggesting a series of alleged flaws in the protection arrangements provided for these individuals. In this regard, the petitioners have noted that because their level of risk has allegedly been exacerbated, it is necessary to adopt special protection measures for the members of the First Court for High-Risk Crimes. The IACHR asked the State of Guatemala to take the necessary steps to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Iris Yasmín Barrios Aguilar, Patricia Isabel Bustamante García, and Pablo Xitumul de Paz, and to come to an agreement with the beneficiaries and their representatives as to the measures to be adopted, taking into consideration

the implementation proposal sent by the representatives as to the entity that could coordinate the protection measures.

HAITI

PM 52/13 – 567 Families Living in Grace Village, Haiti

23. On March 26, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for the residents of the Grace Village camp for displaced persons, in Carrefour, Haiti. The request for precautionary measures indicates that there is a risk to the life and integrity of the displaced individuals who currently live in Grace Village, a camp built to temporarily house people who were displaced by the 2010 earthquake. The petitioners contend that some 567 families live there, under inhumane and unhealthy conditions, with very limited access to food, potable water, and health-care services. They also point to an alleged context of extrajudicial forced evictions, carried out without following legal procedures, allegedly with the use of violence, and purportedly without providing living alternatives or relocation. In addition, the petition claims that women and children are especially vulnerable, particularly due to the intimidation and sexual harassment on the part of camp managers, and that people are targets of reprisals when they take action to defend the rights of the camp residents. The IACHR asked the State of Haiti to adopt the necessary measures to prevent the use of force and violence in any eviction, and in particular to ensure that the actions of public authorities and private individuals do not present a risk to the life and physical integrity of the camp residents. The Commission also requested that the State implement effective security measures in the camp, including adequate patrols carried out around and inside the camp and police stations set up near the camp; to this effect, the Commission asked the State that these security measures be implemented with special regard for women and children. Further, the Commission asked the State to ensure that the residents have access to drinking water. The measures should be worked out with the beneficiaries and their representatives, and the Commission requested that the camp's residents committee and grassroots women's groups be ensured full participation in the planning and execution of all measures implemented for the residents, including those designed to prevent sexual violence and other types of violence in the camp. Finally, the Commission asked the State to keep it informed as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that led to the adoption of precautionary measures.

PM 7/3 - Vilasson Séraphin and others, Haiti

24. On July 24, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Vilasson Seraphin, Jeanne Joseph, Johanne Jean-Claude, Jean-Rony Figaro, Roselande Jourdain y Lucmane Louis-Jean, in Haiti. The request for precautionary measures alleges that on December 29, 2012, André Seraphin, member of several civil society organizations, had been kidnapped from his home in the city of Cap-Haitien, allegedly by a group of people who work under orders of a Senator. The next day his body had allegedly been found dead with signs of torture. The request alleges that André had been murdered for allegedly denounced arbitrary acts committed by the gang and the support of the Senator to such acts. Additionally, it is alleged that the father and mother of the victim and the applicant organization, were being persecuted and threatened by the gang and by the presumptive Senator, for trying to seek justice in the case of André Seraphin. On April 2, 2013, the IACHR requested information from both parties on the alleged risk of the proposed beneficiaries, but the State has not so far responded. The IACHR asked the State of Haiti to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and integrity of Vilasson Seraphin, Jeanne Joseph, Johanne Jean-Claude, Jean-Rony Figaro, Roselande Jourdain y Lucmane Louis-Jean, and agree on the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries and their

representatives. The Commission also requested the State to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The IACHR also requested the State to report to the Commission on the implementation of these measures.

PM 157/13 - Members of Union des Citoyens Conséquents pour le Respect des Droits de l'Homme, Haiti

25. On September 23, 2013, the Commission requested the adoption of precautionary measures pursuant to Article 25 (1) of its Rules of Procedure, in order to avoid irreparable harm to life and personal integrity of members of the Union des Citoyens Conséquents pour le Respect des Droits de l'Homme ("Consistent Citizens Union for Human Rights", UCCRDH), who claim to be in a dangerous situation due to a number of threats, harassment and acts of violence allegedly in retaliation to the work they perform in defense of human rights in Haiti. Through its resolution, the Commission requested the Government of Haiti to take the necessary measures to guarantee the life and personal integrity of Jean Guernal Degand, Jimmy Simplis, Marieclaude Marcelin, Réginald Henry y Saintilma Verdieu. The Commission also requested the Government of Haiti to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of this precautionary measure, and to inform, within 15 days from the date of this resolution, on the adoption of precautionary measures required, and update such information regularly. Read the resolution [here](#).

PM 304/13 - Patrice Florvilus and members of the organization "Défense des Opprimés", Haiti

26. On November 27, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted in favor of Patrice Florvilus and the members of the organization "Défense des Opprimés". The request for precautionary measures alleged that these persons were in a situation of risk, due to a series of threats, harassment and persecution in retaliation of the activities they carry out in defense of human rights in Haiti. On October 2, 2013, the IACHR requested information from the State, but did not receive a response. In addition, the applicants provided new information concerning alleged new risk situations the organization is supposedly facing. Consequently, in compliance with Article 25 of its Rule of Procedure, the Commission requested the State of Haiti to adopt the necessary measures to preserve the life and the personal integrity of Patrice Florvilus and the members of the organization "Défense des Opprimés", to agree on the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries and his representatives and to inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. Read the Resolution [here](#).

HONDURAS

MC 416/13 - Members of the Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ) and their Families, Honduras

27. On December 19, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for the members of the Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ) and their families, in Honduras. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the members of the MADJ have been receiving a series of threats and acts of harassment and violence because of their work in defense of the natural resources of the indigenous peoples in the Locomapa sector of the department of Yoro. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by the petitioners, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that the situation of the MADJ members and their respective families is serious and urgent, as their lives and physical integrity are said to be under threat and at grave risk. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of

Honduras to adopt the necessary measures to preserve the lives and physical integrity of the 18 members of the Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ) and their family members; reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their families on the measures to be adopted; and inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that such incidents do not happen again. Read the resolution [here](#).

MC 195/13 - Leaders and Human Rights Defenders from the Community of Nueva Esperanza and the Regional Council of the Florida Sector, Honduras

28. On December 24, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for Adonis Romero and other individuals identified in the documents provided, who are said to be leaders and human rights defenders from the community of Nueva Esperanza and the Regional Council (Patronato Regional) of the Florida sector, in the municipality of Tela, department of Atlántida. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the proposed beneficiaries are at risk because of their work to oppose various mining projects reportedly being carried out in the area. On August 28, 2013, the IACHR requested information from the State. As of the date this measure was granted, the State had not responded to the request for information. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by the petitioners, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that Adonis Romero and other alleged leaders and human rights defenders from the community of Nueva Esperanza and the Regional Council of the Florida sector are facing a serious and urgent situation, as their lives and physical integrity are said to be at serious risk. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of Honduras to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the lives and physical integrity of the 18 leaders and human rights defenders identified, who belong to the Nueva Esperanza community and the Regional Council of the Florida Sector; reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their families on the measures to be adopted; and inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that such incidents do not happen again. Read resolution [here](#).

JAMAICA

PM 137/13 – Girls Deprived of Liberty in adult detention centres, Jamaica

29. On July 31, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of girls deprived of liberty in adult detention centres, in Jamaica. The request for precautionary measures alleges that girls are detained with adults and in conditions that presumably place them at risk of irreparable harm. The applicants also allege the presumed failure of the pertinent authorities to take measures and prevent the girls from hurting themselves and/or suffer abuses by adults and peers. The IACHR requested information to the State in May and June 2013, and later received information indicating that the risk situation allegedly continues. The IACHR granted precautionary measures to protect the life and physical integrity of the girls deprived of liberty in adult detention centres. Specifically, the Inter-American Commission requested the State of Jamaica to adopt all necessary measures to protect the life and personal integrity of the beneficiaries, providing the physical and mental medical care required by the beneficiaries and investigate the allegation of sexual and physical abuses; to provide the IACHR with a list of all girls being held at adult detention centres, containing their names, ages, current judicial status and health situations; and to adopt the necessary measures to transfer all girls from the Horizon Adult Remand Centre, Fort August Adult Correctional Centre and all other adult detention centres, to appropriate facilities, taking into account their legal status and any medical or psychological needs, and preventing any children to be deprived of liberty in adult detention centres.

MEXICO**PM 391/12 - Toribio Jaime Muñoz González and others, Mexico**

30. On April 16, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Toribio Jaime Muñoz González, Guadalupe Muñoz Veleta, Jaime Muñoz Veleta, Óscar Muñoz Veleta, Hugo Muñoz Veleta, Nemesio Solís González, Luis Romo Muñoz, and Óscar Guadalupe Cruz Bustos, in México. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the persons concerned have disappeared. The Commission notes that the State had taken some measures to find the location of the alleged disappeared. However, such measures have not yielded progress that sheds light on the facts. The Commission asked the State of Mexico to adopt, immediately, all necessary measures to determine the status and whereabouts of Toribio Jaime Muñoz González, Guadalupe Muñoz Veleta, Jaime Muñoz Veleta, Óscar Muñoz Veleta, Hugo Muñoz Veleta, Nemesio Solís González, Luis Romo Muñoz, y Óscar Guadalupe Cruz Bustos, and to protect their life and personal integrity. The Commission also requested the State to report to the Commission on the implementation of these measures, and to report on the adoption of the same, and to update such information regularly.

PM 273/11 - Fray Tomás González Castillo, Ruben Figueroa, staff Home- Shelter migrants 'La 72' and others, Mexico

31. On April 19, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Fray Tomás González Castillo, Ruben Figueroa, staff Home- Shelter migrants 'La 72' and migrants who are in the same place, in Mexico. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the persons mentioned are at a risk related to the security situation of migrants in the area, alleged actions of retaliation for their activities as human rights defenders, the alleged permanent harassment of a person called ' La Chaquira', among others. The Commission has taken note on the implementation of a series of protective measures in favor of the members of the Home -Shelter ' La 72', by the state authorities. However, the Commission has continued receiving information on alleged constant threats and harassment against the persons mentioned. The Commission asked the State of Mexico to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Fray Tomás González Castillo, Ruben Figueroa, staff Home-Shelter migrants 'La 72' and migrants who are therein. The Commission also requested the State to conclude the protective measures adopted with the beneficiaries and their representatives, and report on security measures taken to carry out their work as human rights defenders without interference. The Commission also requested the State to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures, and to report to the Commission on the implementation of these measures.

PM 338/13 – Lorenzo Santos Torres and Family, Mexico

32. On November 8, 2013, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for Lorenzo Santos Torres and his family, in Mexico. The request for precautionary measures received by the Commission on October 7, 2013, alleges that the life and personal integrity of Lorenzo Santos Torres and his family are at risk, in the context of a social and agrarian conflict in Santiago Amoltepec. On October 24, the IACHR requested information from the State, which presented its report on October 29. The petitioners provided additional information on October 29 and 31. After analyzing the allegations of fact and law submitted by both parties, the Commission believes that the information presented suggests that Lorenzo Santos Torres and his family are threatened and at serious risk. Therefore,

pursuant to Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asked the State of Mexico to adopt the necessary measures to protect the lives and personal integrity of Lorenzo Santos Torres and his family; reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their representatives on the measures to be adopted; and inform the Commission as to the steps taken to investigate the incidents that gave rise to the adoption of this precautionary measure so that they do not happen again. Read the resolution [here](#).

UNITED STATES

PM 84/13 – Bernardo Aban Tercero, United States

33. On April 4, 2013, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Bernardo Aban Tercero, who was sentenced to death in the United States. The request for precautionary measures is accompanied by a petition on the alleged violation of rights enshrined in the American Declaration; this petition was registered under number P-1752-09. The Commission asked the United States to refrain from carrying out the death penalty until the Commission has the opportunity to rule on the petitioner's claim regarding the alleged violation of the American Declaration, so as to not render ineffective the

PM 255/13 - Robert Gene Garza, United States

34. On August 16, 2013 the Commission requested the adoption of precautionary measures pursuant to Article 25(1) of its Rules of Procedure in order to avoid irreparable harm to Robert Gene Garza who was sentenced to death in the United States. The request for precautionary measures was accompanied by a petition alleging violation of rights recognized in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. That petition was given the number P-1278/13. Through its resolution, the Commission requested the Government of the United States to abstain from executing Mr. Robert Gene Garza until the IACHR has ruled on the merits of the individual petition filed on his behalf. Read resolution [here](#).