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29. On June 24, 2001, the Commission granted precautionary measures, in connection with petition 12.365, on behalf of Carmen Imelda Velasteguí Ramos, Valerio López Velasteguí, Santiago López Velasteguí, Elena López Velasteguí, Jorge Sánchez, Jorge Pérez, Blanca Ana Mastha Manobanda, Ramiro Escudero, Luisa Lombeida, Carlos Pasto, Héctor Rea, Vinicio Trujillo Sánchez, Norberto Benedicto Rojas López, Raúl Sallemma León, Teresa Gladis Pita Bravo, and Gino Cevallos González, who have received threats as a result of the judicial investigation into the disappearance of Luis Shinin and Elías López. In the request, the State was asked to: (1) Take, as matter of urgency, the steps necessary to guarantee the lives and persons of the aforesaid individuals. (2) Coordinate protective measures appropriate to each case with the petitioners. (3) Investigate the incidents as a result of which the precautionary measures were issued. On August 16, 2001, during an on-site visit, Commissioner Marta Altolaquirre received a commitment from the Minister of Defense that the personnel needed to enforce the precautionary measures would be deployed. However, the petitioners later reported that the measures were never implemented and that the Ministry of Defense had told them that it lacked the authority to take such actions. Consequently, on November 28, the IACHR repeated the precautionary measures and asked the government to provide information on a monthly basis; since then, however, the State has not replied.