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41. On August 16, 2001, the IACHR asked the Mexican State to adopt precautionary measures on behalf of Roberto Cárdenas Rosas and other residents of the town of San Miguel Copala in Oaxaca state. The request involves a group of persons who have received politically-motivated death threats from groups of armed civilians who allegedly report to the governor of Oaxaca. In an ambush on July 9, 2001, several persons were shot, two of them fatally. The day after this incident, the corresponding complaint was filed with the Public Prosecution Service in Putla de Guerrero; as of the date of the petition, however, the perpetrators had not been arrested and were presumably going about their normal business in the community. The measures are intended to protect attack survivor Mr. Cárdenas Rosas, who has been receiving medical treatment in Mexico City since July 27, 2001, and is afraid to return home. The State replied on August 30, 2001, that the perpetrators of the crimes had been identified and warrants for their arrest had been issued. The official information added that the Oaxaca state Human Rights Commission had played a part in solving the matter and that all the competent authorities were taking the appropriate steps within their respective areas of influence. On November 27, 2001, the petitioners reported that the dangerous situation keeping Mr. Cárdenas Rosas from returning to the community had not been defused.