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21. On September 5, 2001, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of the people of La Granja, Ituango municipality, in Antioquia, in connection with case 12.050 currently being processed by the IACHR. The information available indicated that people had been relocating to the district's main town and that a number of its inhabitants had taken refuge in the church. Since the start of the incursion, six farmers had been singled out and killed. In their application the petitioners stated that the AUC had been besieging La Granja district for 43 days, during which time the authorities had taken no steps to protect the civilian population. Consequently, the Commission asked the Colombian government, as a matter of urgency, to take the steps necessary to protect the lives and persons of the civilian population of La Granja, Ituango municipality, in the department of Antioquia, and to ensure the presence of the security forces in that area; to investigate the allegations; and to judge and punish the guilty. After the State replied, the parties have continued to submit information and comments in connection with these precautionary measures.