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34. On October 24, 2001, the Commission contacted the State of Guatemala in order to request the adoption of precautionary measures to preserve the right to life and personal integrity of Matilde Leonor González Izas and her family. The Commission received information about a series of threatening and intimidating acts related to Ms. González's professional activities; a historian and social researcher for the Association for the Advancement of Social Science in Guatemala (AVANCSO), she had recently finished a study on how local power structures showed ties among local elites, the armed forces, and individuals who served as military commissioners and members of civil self-defense patrols during the country's armed conflict. After the State replied, the parties have continued to submit information and comments in connection with these precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor compliance with the precautionary measures.