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45. The Inter-American Commission contacted the Mexican State on November 29, 2001, to request measures to protect Aldo González Rojas and Melina Hernández Sosa. Mr. González Rojas is a leader of the Zapotec indigenous people in Guelatao de Juárez, Oaxaca, and he is currently serving as that municipality's mayor by virtue of an election held in accordance with indigenous customs and practices. The petitioners stated that their struggle for the political and economic autonomy of the Zapotec peoples, in which Ms. Hernández Sosa has played a part, has earned them threats from the region's local political strongmen (caciques). In particular, they claim to have received an e-mail message referring to their work and that witnesses had informed them that persons with ties to public officials had said that they should be killed. The request refers to specific measures, such as providing them with vehicles, mobile telephones, and closed-circuit TV systems. The Mexican State replied on December 14, 2001, noting that the Oaxaca attorney-general's office had begun a preliminary investigation.