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23. On February 8, 2002 the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Marco Tulio Bustos Ortiz, Jairo Javier Bustos Acuña, and María Esneda Bustos, witnesses in the trial for the Mapiripán massacre that occurred from July 15 to 20, 1997 which gave rise to the processing of Case 12.250 by the IACHR. The Bustos family, whose property was burned and who was displaced as a result of the massacre, had to move over five times due to harassment and threats made against them after they gave statements on the formation of paramilitary groups in Casanare and the alleged involvement of current and former members of the Army. On November 23, 2002 the petitioners informed the IACHR that the beneficiaries had settled in Canada.