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18. On October 29, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Zenilda Maria de Araujo and Marcos Luidson de Araujo (Cacique Marquinhos), indigenous leaders of the Xucuru people. The petitioners indicated in their request that for over 13 years they had been awaiting completion of the demarcation of their lands in the state of Pernambuco and that, throughout the process, Xucuru indigenous leaders had been killed or threatened each time implementation of the demarcation process was announced. They added that the process of demarcating land and awarding titles for indigenous lands was at a defining point, endangering the life and person of those for whom protection was sought. The precautionary measures requested by the IACHR were aimed at protecting the life and person of those threatened and investigating the threats. The State did not provide any information on the compliance with the measures by the deadline and, on January 21, 2003, indicated that Marcos Luidson de Araujo had refused the protection offered to him by the federal government. The Commission summoned both parties to a hearing to be held in February 2003 during its 117th regular session.