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28. On August 31, 2005, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Mr. Johel Dominique, an examining judge in the town of Jeremie. According to the request, during the night of March 1, 2005 Judge Dominique was the target of an armed attack by unidentified gunmen while asleep in his home. Judge Dominique survived the attack unharmed. The judge claimed that again, on July 15, 2005, suspicious individuals were seen encircling his home at night, but fled when others in the neighborhood called out to them. According to information available, Judge Dominique reported this incident to authorities but no action had been taken to apprehend the perpetrators. In view of the situation of the beneficiary and the ongoing state of impunity for crimes in Haiti, the Commission requested the Haitian government to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and personal integrity of Judge Dominique and to report on the actions taken on behalf of the beneficiary. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiary.