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42. On December 11, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of eleven families of the Andrés Quintana Roo community, in Municipio Sabanillas, Chiapas. The information available indicates that members of the so-called Peace and Justice group had caused the forced displacement of more than 3,000 people from Chiapas. In July 2005, six families of the Andrés Quintana Roo community were displaced to Tabasco. In February 2006 the number of displaced families increased to eleven, and by the middle of 2006 that number grew to twenty. On their return to the Andrés Quintana Roo community, the eleven beneficiary families were forced to work and live covertly due to the continued threats and harassment against them by the members of Peace and Justice, and they were also excluded from religious and community activities. On October 16, 2006, members of Peace and Justice burned and destroyed the house of Rogelio Sánchez, who then had to leave the area. Likewise, the information available indicates that the reports filed for threats against the returning families did not generate any results. In view of the situation of danger to the beneficiaries, the IACHR asked the State of Mexico to adopt the measures necessary to protect the lives and personal integrity of the eleven families that have returned to the Andrés Quintana Roo community in Municipio Sabanillas, Chiapas, and that the State inform the Commission of the steps taken to investigate the incidents that led to the adoption of the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.