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42. On August 31, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Nubia Geoconda, Amparo del Socorro, Wilberto Antonio, Ludys Cruz, William, and Raúl Terencio, all with the last names Artola Delgadillo; Juan Ramón Artola; Victor Manuel and Santos Zeledonio, both with the last names Artola Amador; Sheyla Carolina Artola Aguilar; and Enrique Alexander Artola Artola. The information available indicates that brothers Raúl Terencio Artola Delgadillo and William Artola Delgadillo were tortured by volunteer police after being detained and accused of the crime of cattle-rustling in the municipality of Nueva Guinea. On March 20, 2007, the mother of the accused, Ms. Villanueva Delgadillo Obando, was assassinated by two persons who were hooded and dressed in military uniform as she was headed to the court of Nueva Guinea to attend an oral hearing in the criminal proceeding against the police officers mentioned above. On August 6, 2007, Ms. Delgadillo Obando's husband, Mr. Gilberto Artola, was executed by hooded and uniformed persons who immediately thereafter, according to the information received, raped his daughter and granddaughter, Amparo del Socorro Artola Delgadillo and Sheyla Carolina Artola Aguilar. It is indicated that in August 2007, members of the family were subjected to harassment, and that after reporting these incidents were threatened by police agents to get them to abandon their home. In view of the information, the Commission asked the Nicaraguan State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and to report on the actions taken to judicially clarify the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.