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33. On November 21, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of 26 children in the process of being adopted in Guatemala. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries, all under six months of age, are undergoing the international adoption procedure. The persons requesting the measures allege that the adoption procedures are irregular, and that the children are being housed in private homes without judicial authorization and in violation of the law. It is also indicated that there is no information on the conditions in which the children were separated from their biological parents, and that adoption procedures are being carried out through civil-law notary proceedings without the supervision of the competent authorities. The Commission asked the Guatemalan State to define the conditions and the place where the beneficiaries could be found, and to report on their legal and family status, and on the measures it would be taking to protect them. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.