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17. On September 21, 2009, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for two individuals in Colombia whose identity the IACHR decided to withhold. The request for precautionary measures alleges that X and her 15-year-old daughter XX had been followed and subject to physical aggressions, threats, and a kidnapping attempt after they reported the sexual violation of XX, which allegedly occurred in December 2006. The request also indicates that XX showed after-effects of having been sexually violated and having carried a high-risk pregnancy. The request alleges that the adolescent's physical and mental health had deteriorated in recent months as a result of the acts of violence to which her immediate family had been victim and due to the alleged absence of adequate medical treatment. The Inter-American Commission asked the State of Colombia to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries; guarantee that XX can have proper medical treatment for the effects of having been sexually violated and having carried a pregnancy under allegedly risk circumstances; reach agreement with the beneficiaries and their representative on the measures to be adopted; inform the IACHR within a 20-day period about any actions taken to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of the precautionary measures and update the information periodically; and adopt all necessary measures so that the beneficiaries' identity is duly protected in the implementation of the precautionary measures.