Resolution No. 38/15

PM 530-15 - Alicia Cahuiya, Ecuador

On October 24, 2015, the IACHR requested that precautionary measures be adopted for Alicia Cahuiya, in Ecuador. A Waorani leader and Vice President of the Waorani Nationality of Ecuador (NAWE), Alicia Cahuiya is a witness in Case No. 12.979, "Tagaeri and Taromenani," which is pending before the IACHR, and she testified in a hearing at the IACHR on October 19, 2015, during the Commission's 156th session. In that hearing, the President of NAWE was introduced as a witness by the delegation of the State of Ecuador and, unlike Alicia Cahuiya, he defended the government's policies. According to the petitioners, after the hearing the President of NAWE spoke to Alicia Cahuiya along these lines: "Alicia, what you are doing is very wrong, your sister is going to kill you, they're going to kill you when you arrive in the community, and they're going to kill you." After analyzing the allegations of fact and law laid out by the petitioners, the Commission believes the information shows that Alicia Cahuiya is facing a serious and urgent situation, as her life and physical integrity are at risk. Consequently, in accordance with Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission asks the State of Ecuador to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and physical integrity of Alicia Cahuiya. The Commission also asks the State to reach agreement with the beneficiaries and her representatives on the measures to be adopted, and that it inform the Commission within 15 days regarding the adoption of the requested precautionary measures and update the information on a regular basis.