

PM 221-09 - María Stella Jara Gutiérrez and Son, Colombia

On June 2, 2010, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for María Stella Jara Gutiérrez and her son, in Colombia. In the request for precautionary measures and in additional information sent later, it is alleged that Judge Jara Gutiérrez, who is in charge of the Palace of Justice case, has received threats from alleged armed groups operating outside the law. It is also alleged that the threats have intensified in recent months, as the date for issuing the final judgment in the case draws near. The information also indicates that there has been a delay in the implementation of a security plan designed to safeguard the life and integrity of Judge Jara Gutiérrez and her youngest son. The Inter-American Commission asked the State of Colombia to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and personal integrity of María Stella Jara Gutiérrez and her son; to reach agreement with the beneficiary and her representatives on the measures to be adopted; and to inform the Commission about the steps taken to investigate the events that led to the adoption of precautionary measures.