

Resolution No. 37/15

PM 505-15 - Members of the communities "Esperanza, Santa Clara, Nicaragua

On October 14, 2015, the IACHR decided to request precautionary measures to be adopted for the indigenous communities of la Esperanza, Santa Clara, Wisconsin and Francia Sirpi of the Miskitu indigenous people of Wangki Twi-Tasba Raya, who live in the Autonomous Region of the Southern Caribbean Coast, in the Municipality of Waspam. According to the request, members of these indigenous communities are subjected to ongoing cycles of violence, murder, threats and acts of harassment, as a result of the presence of the so-called settlers (*colonos*) within their territories of the indigenous communities and acts of violence, in the context of a territorial dispute and land title claims on said territories. After examining the allegations of fact and law submitted by the requesting parties, the Commission believes that the information provided to it shows *prima facie* that the members of the indigenous communities of la Esperanza, Santa Clara, Wisconsin and Francia Sirpi of the Miskitu Indigenous people of Wangki Twi-Tasba Raya are facing a serious and dire situation, inasmuch as their lives and personal integrity are under threat and in jeopardy. Consequently, in keeping with Article 25 of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, the Commission requests Nicaragua to adopt the necessary measures to ensure the lives and personal integrity of the members of the indigenous communities of la Esperanza, Santa Clara, Wisconsin and Francia Sirpi, of the Miskitu Indigenous peoples of Wangki Twi-Tasba Raya; to work out with the beneficiaries and their representatives an agreement on the measures that must be implemented; and to report on actions taken to investigate the alleged facts, which gave rise to the instant precautionary measure and thus prevent them from happening again.