

**INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESOLUTION 40/2020**

Precautionary Measure No. 154-20

**Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and her nuclear family regarding Colombia**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. On February 25, 2020, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (“the Inter-American Commission,” “the Commission,” or “the IACHR”) received a request for precautionary measures from Linda María Cabrera Cifuentes from *Corporación Sisma Mujer* (“the applicant”), urging the Commission to request that the Republic of Colombia (“the State” or “Colombia”) adopt the necessary measures to protect the rights to life and personal integrity of Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and the members of her nuclear family<sup>1</sup> (“the proposed beneficiaries”). According to the applicant, the proposed beneficiary is at risk within the framework of her work as a social leader and human rights defender in Colombia.

2. The IACHR requested information from the State on April 9, 2020, in accordance with Article 25(5) of its Rules of Procedure. The State sent its response on April 17, 2020. The applicant sent additional information on April 15, and May 2, 4, 15, 20, 21, and 28, 2020.

3. Having analyzed the submissions of fact and law put forward by the parties, the Commission considers that the information submitted shows *prima facie* that Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and her nuclear family are in a serious and urgent situation, inasmuch as their rights to life and personal integrity are at serious risk. Therefore, pursuant to Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission requests that Colombia: a) take the necessary measures to guarantee the rights to life and personal integrity of Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and her nuclear family; b) adopt the measures to ensure that the beneficiary can continue to carry out her work as a human rights defender without being subject to threats, harassment or acts of violence against her; c) consult and agree upon the measures to be implemented with the beneficiaries and their representatives; and d) report on the actions taken to investigate the alleged incidents that led to the adoption of this resolution, so as to prevent them from reoccurring.

**II. SUMMARY OF THE FACTS AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY THE PARTIES**

**1. Information provided by the applicant**

4. The proposed beneficiary identifies herself as a victim of sexual violence in the so-called “El Salado Massacre” in 2000 and legal representative of the association “*Mujeres Sembrando Vida Sobrevivientes de Violencia Sexual*,” through which she has been accompanying for 10 years other women who are victims in El Salado, municipality of Carmen de Bolívar - Bolívar. The applicant

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<sup>1</sup> E.S.G. (mother), K.P.V. (daughter), P.J.M.V. (son), A.V., J.V., L.A.V., Y.V., Y.V. (brothers and sisters), and W.T. and P.T. (nieces).

referred to incidents that occurred between 2016 and 2018.<sup>2</sup> The request includes in detail the telephone numbers from which the messages are sent to Ms. Velasco.

5. On the evening of January 7, 2019, the beneficiary and her sister reportedly received a call, but no one spoke. Later, another call was received with the song “If I die tomorrow” playing in the background. That same day, another one of her sisters received a message threatening the whole family. Having reporting these incidents to the authorities, two police officers arrived at Ms. Velasco’s house. Once they left her house, Yirley received a text message accusing her of being “a snitch” and saying that she would be “the next leader to be killed.” A Marine corporal later went to her house to verify the situation. Again, as soon as this person left, she received a new message with threats against her. After reporting the incidents to the Office of the Attorney General (*Fiscalía*) on January 8, 2019, she allegedly received a new message telling her that she was being followed and that they knew what she was doing. On June 27, 2019, the proposed beneficiary received a call informing her that they knew she was in Cartagena, that she was speaking on matters that she should not, that she knew what she was doing, that they were going to kill her and her children. Her relatives received another message: “Better tell your mother to leave because we are going to start with her and then with each one of you, it’s enough of so much injustice.” Later, a subject identified as “E” was captured, but was then released.

6. On January 16, 2020, the proposed beneficiary received two calls with the vallenato song “*La Caja Negra* [The black box]” playing in the background. The song says “after the black box I think I’ll take nothing else.” They also reportedly sent a series of intimidating messages to her relatives with a threatening message.<sup>3</sup> The message addressed to the beneficiary said as follows: “Don’t be a snitch.” When Ms. Velasco reported these events, she indicated that the threats were related to subject E, who had regained his freedom. On January 17, 2020, she received a threatening message concerning the capture of Subject E.<sup>4</sup> Moreover, that same day, they called the beneficiary and told her that “they were going to shoot her in the temple and that the white blouse she was wearing would look pretty covered in blood.” The applicant indicated that the incidents were reported to the Office of the Attorney General and protection measures were requested from the National Protection Unit (UNP, by its Spanish acronym).

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<sup>2</sup> On February 9, 2016, the subject JCR allegedly described the beneficiary as a “whore,” a “slut” and that she visited a “whorehouse.” On February 27, 2016, Mr. JCR reportedly seriously injured his cousin. In 2017, the proposed beneficiary reportedly received a call from a woman who told her that she knew where she was and that she would be “shot in her temple.” On March 30, 2017, the proposed beneficiary reported a series of messages that were being sent to her cell phone, warning her not to get involved in a case of sexual violence against a minor that occurred at that time in El Salado. On April 26, 2018, the proposed beneficiary reported that she had been followed and threatened at that time, which coincided with various threatening pamphlets and graffiti in El Salado. On December 17, 2018, Ms. Velasco’s daughter received messages indicating that several persons from El Salado should leave the *corregimiento* [rural division]. On December 31, 2018, security problems in El Salado were reported to the Security Council, which involved the presence of the National Police and the Marines. In December 2018, one of the sisters of the proposed beneficiary purportedly received a message on Facebook saying that they knew she was the weak point of the proposed beneficiary and that they would have to act. In response to the complaint, at the police station they advised her to take care of herself and promised to make some rounds at her house. All the alleged facts were reported.

<sup>3</sup> “Dear family of snitches, tonight don’t even sleep because tonight is the night of terror for you, tonight you will learn what it is to bleed, better have ambulances on standby to take out your dead, don’t even hide, you will be located anywhere, you gonorrhea sons of bitches, this was the night that we longed so much for, we hope you have had your graves made or else you will have to dig yourselves, the night of terror starts today, El Salado will have to mourn in the name of the VELASCOS.”

<sup>4</sup> “Well, the time for revenge has come, in this very moment you are going to pay for having made [E] go to prison, at this very moment they are placing a bomb in each of your houses to blow you up in little pieces, in minutes you will only be lost shadows, then you will be followed by those on the outside when they come to pick up the little pieces of meat that will be left of you.”

7. On January 21 and 22, 2020, the proposed beneficiary purportedly received threatening messages,<sup>5</sup> which were reported to the UNP on January 23, 2020. On January 23 and 24, 2020, the threatening messages allegedly continued and were reported to the UNP on February 5, 2020.<sup>6</sup> On January 30, 2020, the UNP approved a “strong protection detail” consisting of a van with the plates “DMY-158” and two male escorts, whereas previously, a bulletproof vest had been provided.

8. On February 2 and 3, 2020, the proposed beneficiary again received threatening messages.<sup>7</sup> They therefore submitted an extension of her complaint. On February 4, 2020, the brother of the proposed beneficiary allegedly received threatening messages.<sup>8</sup> On February 4, 2020, the brother’s [female] study partner reportedly received threatening messages.<sup>9</sup> On February 5, 2020, the UNP was informed of the latter and was further notified that the van provided was in bad condition, as it shuts down in mid-stream.

9. On February 7, 2020, another message was received addressed to the proposed beneficiary’s brother, telling him to leave El Salado immediately, and emphasizing the exact location where he was

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<sup>5</sup> “Guys, life goes on and whatever happens, you know, you did things and you’re doing them wrong. Stop mentioning people you don’t have to mention, that’s your problem, and you think you know everything, but you don’t, and that’s what El Salado has with people like you. Whatever happens, a military man is a two-faced target and thanks to them we’ve got things that you can’t imagine, the time is running out.” And “we only give you 2 days to get out of El Salado, not one day more, not one day less, we know where your pothead brother is located and from this moment on he is our target and we know what time the little brat grandson of [...] leaves the school and the real name of the grandmother, you see we have all kinds of information and right now the stupid [...] is about to arrive at the school [...] someone ask her if she liked the surprise, start packing up and get the hell out of there so there aren’t any bad guys left they know [...] they know [...] they know *bilkis* they know [...] the military guy husband of [...] the bitch’s [...] and their kids [...] and the old lady with the *mae* who look like bandit bitches are alone today, they will not be saved even if they bring a battalion [...]”.

<sup>6</sup> “and tell [...] that son of a bitch, that everything in life isn’t resolved with money, the only thing that is being asked of them is to get out of El Salado because if it is time to take you out, we are going to do it, get out at once [...] there will be no trace of anyone there, you are being given the opportunity to get out like the dogs you are and leave El Salado at once, this is simple, you just have to get out and that’s it, because if it is time to take you out and to the morgue, that’s how we are going to do it”; and “bitches have started to talk shit and we have them in a good position, get ready for the worst ‘cause they became snitches [...] you better watch out [...] we thank you for opening your mouths so my people will be better off than in that little town. You know, you met our man, you better get out of there and that’s it, think about it, and that’s how it was last night, today at 12 o’clock with the brat, and then with all of you, you can get gonorrhoea, shit in your pants and eat shit.”

<sup>7</sup> “You’re simply out of time and you should understand that you’re snitches sons of a whore. The sky will start to cry for your deaths because starting today, El Salado will be wearing red and black, red for the blood spill from your heads when you are shot in the head, and black for when they mourn your bodies if the dogs do not eat them first. What a feast they will have with you tonight, or make up your mind and leave El Salado at once, because everything has a price and yours is for being unhappy snitches, the world does not need people like you [...] you have to leave school and leave El Salado [...] has to go away or we will take your daughters [...] you have 24 hours, you know, because we do not want to see any of you, not the old one, the new one, the boy, the dog, the cat, everybody has to leave”; And “[...] two calls have already been made since yesterday and if you do not leave in less than 3 hours, you will have to leave by force, with your heads full of lead, and we have many people following you. we are determined to bring you the worst torture if you don’t leave and time starts to run out and we won’t give you any more time. say goodbye to everyone you can because you are going to die. life is over for you. we will do you a favor so you can reunite with your shitty loved ones hahahaha or do not want to see them again to burn and kiss and make a party when they meet in hell if you want when they die we give you a bottle of rom to all the dead get drunk with you hahahaha or do not want to see them again to burn burn and kiss and make a party when they meet in hell if you want when they die we give a bottle of rom for all the dead get drunk with you hahahaha LEAVE ONCE FOR ALL. 3 HOURS THERE IS NO MORE TIME”

<sup>8</sup> “When we find out that you are out of El Salado, then we will leave you alone because all we want is for you to leave. You have two members that are very easy to kill, be prepared that hell has eaten you and if you don’t leave you will begin to fall one by one, poor dogs from the mariguanero that will go with your daddy today, better wait for him in the coffin and go make coffee pots for his wake; “Gonorrreas [...] your life is over [...] the small one of the house and their grandparents re going to be abandoned and all because you refuse to leave [...] today is the day [...] because you will see brains flying everywhere you will paint the houses with your own blood and the dogs will feast on you, [...] and so your life will end, you are almost defeated and everyone who has anything to do with you will die so that you will learn not to see the old man’s evil side [...] he became jealous and everyone who has anything to do with him He will die with you so that you will learn not to see the old man’s asshole [...] he got jealous and had to have him killed because there was no one left and he didn’t die like a *mangy* dog with legs full of dirt; And “either you go or you stay and paint the houses with your blood, the dogs will feast on guts and brains because that’s how they’re going to die like dogs because people don’t want them there and even less will they put up with them.”

<sup>9</sup> “hello [...] you are the friend of [...] Velazco well prepare yourself because we are going to take revenge against those dogs sons of bitches and if you do not leave that *mariguanero* at this very moment we are going to dismember your bitch mother and your son of a bitch father [...] so stay away from that gamin”.

at the time, and the persons he was with. The message further reiterated that there would be a “bloodshed.” Moreover, the message warned that if the professors admitted the brother into their institution, they would also be “butchered.” On March 19, 2020, threatening messages were reportedly received.<sup>10</sup> On March 20, 2020, a pamphlet from the *Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia* (AUC) purportedly threatened the children of the beneficiary’s sisters and her brother.<sup>11</sup> The UNP and the Office of the Attorney General were reportedly informed.

10. Lastly, the applicant indicated that investigations are underway before the Office of the Attorney General, and at one point it was reported that the Elite Corps is in charge of some of these investigations.

## **2. Response from the State**

11. The State reported that Ms. Velasco and her nuclear family have had protective measures since February 21, 2020, when a protective plan was activated through an emergency procedure, providing a means of communication, a vest, a conventional vehicle, and two escorts. The State indicated that the incidents that occurred were reported to the Sub-Directorate for Protection and the Sub-Directorate for Risk Assessment, of the UNP, in order to be especially taken into account and that the protection detail be attentive to any event that may occur. Lastly, the State added that it continues to collect information regarding the actions carried out by the competent state entities in favor of the beneficiary.

## **3. Additional information presented by the applicant**

12. The applicant indicated that protective measures were adopted before the Judge of Control of Guarantees in Carmen de Bolívar, requested by Attorney General 29 of Carmen de Bolívar. These measures allegedly consisted of potential police accompaniment. On March 16, 2020, the UNP reportedly conducted a risk assessment of the events that occurred. Also, the applicant indicated that the possible connection between the messages and subject EAJ after his release has not been investigated.

13. On April 26, 2020, the teenage L.M. received a threatening message addressed to the Velasco family.<sup>12</sup> On April 29, 2020, she received another threatening message about the Velasco family.<sup>13</sup> On April 29, 2020, Ms. Salcedo, who works painting nails for the Velasco family, reportedly filed a complaint about threats received on her cell phone.<sup>14</sup> On May 2, 2020, a man with a foul language

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<sup>10</sup> “You’ll have to swallow your bitch relatives and we’ll make them swallow you, but dead, you heard”; and “this is an endless war and you know we’re just starting”

<sup>11</sup> “THEY WILL HAVE TO DRINK BLOOD AND EAT MEAT FROM THEIR PEOPLE”; and “EVERYONE HAS 24 HOURS TO GET OUT OF THE ROSARY VILLA, OR WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO MAY GO THROUGH IT, AND THANKS TO THE SAILORS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN WARNED OF IT FOR A LONG TIME.”

<sup>12</sup> “Because of the Velascos we will be dismembering each one of the members of your family, first it will be the loyal [...] we are going to end the bad gust of wind that this town has. You are the chosen one and we will later come for your parents, your aunts and grandparents and everything because of the Velascos. Death and heads cut off will come, you have been warned.”

<sup>13</sup> “It seems you think this is a game, well, get ready because the old lady with the limp, she will be eaten alive so that they learn that the Velasco family has nothing left to do in El Salado.”

<sup>14</sup> “Today I come to file a complaint for the crime of threat, what happened was that today, April 29, at around 9:00 am, I received a message on my cell phone saying that “today it is your turn for spending time with those bitches of the Velasco family, we are going to take each one of your children and we are going to cut your throat so that you learn the price of doing things with Velasco, because until they leave we are going to do whatever it takes, so you were warned, you know”.

allegedly threatened to kill Yirley by telephone and sent a threatening message to Ms. Velasco's mother.<sup>15</sup> On May 3, 2020, Ms. Velasco reportedly received a message with a photo of her 5-year-old nephew E.V., the image of a child's coffin and a funeral wreath, as well as a threatening text.<sup>16</sup> On May 14, 2020, relatives of Ms. Velasco reportedly received another threatening message.<sup>17</sup> On May 15, 2020, a woman, using foul language, reportedly called two relatives of the proposed beneficiary, threatened them to death and referred to the text messages of the previous night. On May 20, 2020, they reportedly received another threatening message.<sup>18</sup> On May 21 and 26, 2020, the same family members received a threatening message.<sup>19</sup> Also, the proposed beneficiary reportedly received two calls from the same number from which the messages had been sent.

### **III. ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS OF SERIOUSNESS, URGENCY AND IRREPARABLE HARM**

14. The precautionary measures mechanism is part of the Commission's function of monitoring compliance with the human rights obligations established in Article 106 of the Charter of the Organization of American States. These general oversight functions are established in Article 18 (b) of the Statute of the IACHR, while the precautionary measures mechanism is described in Article 25 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. In accordance with that Article, the Commission grants precautionary measures in serious and urgent situations in which these measures are necessary to prevent irreparable harm to persons or to the subject matter of a petition or case pending before the Inter American bodies.

15. The Inter-American Commission and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ("the Inter-American Court" or "I.A Court H.R.") have repeatedly established that precautionary and provisional measures have a dual nature, one being protective and the other precautionary. With respect to the protective nature, the measures seek to avoid irreparable harm and to preserve the exercise of human rights. With respect to the precautionary nature, the measures are intended to preserve a legal situation while it is being considered by the IACHR. The purpose of the precautionary nature is to preserve rights at possible risk until the petition under consideration in the Inter-American System is resolved. Its object and purpose is to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the decision on the merits and, in this way, to prevent the alleged rights from being violated, a situation that could adversely affect the useful effect (*effet utile*) of the final decision. In this sense, precautionary or provisional measures allow the State in question to comply with the final decision and, if necessary, to make the ordered reparations. For the purposes of taking a decision, and in accordance with Article 25(2) of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission considers that:

- a. "serious situation" refers to a grave impact that an action or omission can have on a protected right or on the eventual effect of a pending decision in a case or petition before the organs of the Inter-American system;

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<sup>15</sup> "Look, today is a new day. And the one who breaks it pays for it, day or night. You think that because the military takes care of her we don't know everything, how do you think that we obtained the number of your stupid mother. You can stick the cellphone up yours, but there are no obstacles for us. You think we are playing but we are not."

<sup>16</sup> "Bitches if we are going to take the youngest of the family if they do not decide to leave the Salado because what is done badly is paid, so decide if you want to see this come true."

<sup>17</sup> "You motherfucking bitches, it's time and you haven't left. We have to see that you believe that you are fucking up life in El Salado well be prepared, from today you are going to continue living a hell and you know why because you have been warned."

<sup>18</sup> "Bitches, our informants told us and now we will strike. And this is what will happen with those parasites [...] if they do not leave El Salado."

<sup>19</sup> "A new day begins today and the joy and happiness, this is where your games end, we know where you are located, we do not care if you think you have everything, you're going to die anyway [...] This is what will happen to you for not leaving".

- b. “urgent situation” refers to risk or threat that is imminent and can materialize, thus requiring immediate preventive or protective action; and
- c. “irreparable harm” refers to injury to rights which, due to their nature, would not be susceptible to reparation, restoration or adequate compensation.

16. In analyzing those requirements, the Commission reiterates that the facts supporting a request for precautionary need not be proven beyond doubt; rather, the information provided should be assessed from a *prima facie* standard<sup>20</sup>. The following analysis relates exclusively to the requirements established in Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure, which may be resolved without making a determination on the merits of the case.

17. In analyzing the requirement of seriousness, the Commission takes account of the context in which the facts alleged in these proceedings are set. In 2019, the Commission received significant information about the alarming situation of social leaders in Colombia, mainly due to their leadership roles in the territorial districts [*cicuncripciones territoriales*] where they reportedly carry out their work.<sup>21</sup> In this context, the Commission takes into account the seriousness of the allegations made by the applicant, which indicate that the proposed beneficiary, in her capacity as a social leader, and her family members have been subject to a series of insults, intimidating acts, and death threats through text messages and anonymous calls with a high level of violent and aggressive content, aimed at causing that the Velasco family leave El Salado. Such messages also describe in detail how the proposed beneficiary and her family would be killed.

18. In this matter, the Commission considers that the requirement of seriousness is met, in view of the content of the death threats that were reported during this proceeding. The threats are not only particularly violent in content, with a detailed description of the way in which the beneficiary and her relatives would be killed, but it is also concerning that the alleged perpetrators have accurate knowledge of the movements of all of them, their identity and the persons they are in contact with.

19. In addition, the Commission also notes that as a woman leader and human rights defender, unlike the threats made against men, the language used in the messages contains sexist remarks, which seeks to prevent her participation in social and community interests through a direct attack on her status as a woman.<sup>22</sup> In this regard, the Commission notes that in the threats received, they describe the beneficiary and the women in her family as “bitches,” “mother bitches,” “family bitches,” “daughter bitches,” “bitches [who] talk shit,” “slut,” “whore,” “stupid mother,” “assholes,” “motherfuckers,” and “bitch daughters,” among others. Thus, the seriousness of the situation is also manifested by the accentuated vulnerability that the beneficiary faces in her condition as a woman and a leader, as is purportedly shown by the literalness of the messages received.

20. The Commission takes into consideration the response provided by the State and notes the implementation of a strong protection detail in favor of the proposed beneficiaries. However, it

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<sup>20</sup> In this regard, see I/A Court H.R. Matter of the inhabitants of the Miskitu Indigenous Peoples of the Northern Caribbean Coast Region regarding Nicaragua. Extension of provisional measures. Order of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of August 23, 2018, considerandum 13; I.A. Court H.R., Matter of Children and Adolescents Deprived of their Liberty in the “Complejo do Tatuapé” of the Fundação CASA. Request for extension of provisional measures. Provisional Measures regarding Brazil. Order of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of July 4, 2006. Considerandum 23. Available at: [http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/medidas/febem\\_se\\_03.pdf](http://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/medidas/febem_se_03.pdf)

<sup>21</sup> IACHR, Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia, December 6, 2019, paras. 48 and 49. Available in Spanish at: <http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/informes/pdfs/DefensoresColombia.pdf>

<sup>22</sup> IACHR, Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Social Leaders in Colombia, December 6, 2019, para. 71.

further notes that, no information has been provided with regard to the effectiveness and suitability of such measures for the proposed beneficiary and other proposed beneficiaries, who are also at risk, given that the applicant has referred to problems in repairing a protection vehicle. Similarly, despite the time that has elapsed since the threats began—even in previous years—to date, such threats persist. Similarly, the Commission has no information at its disposal to identify substantive progress in the investigation of these incidents and the prosecution of the alleged perpetrators, which is a relevant aspect when it comes to establishing the risk that the beneficiary's face and the possibilities of their recurrence.<sup>23</sup>

21. In these circumstances, the Commission understands that the sources of risk are still latent and that, in the absence of measures aimed at sufficient mitigation, the threats are likely to continue and intensify as the beneficiary continues her work. In this regard, the Commission recalls that, in order for the measures to be appropriate, they must, by their very nature, be able to protect the individual from the risk in which he or she finds himself or herself and, in order to be effective, they must produce results in such a way as to mitigate the risk.<sup>24</sup>

22. In light of the factors set out above, the Commission concludes that the requirement of seriousness is met, insofar as the rights to life and personal integrity of the proposed beneficiaries are *prima facie* at serious risk.

23. As regards the requirement of urgency, the Commission maintains that it is also fulfilled, insofar as the elements contained in the request suggest that the beneficiaries may face the imminent coming to fruition of harm to their rights. This is due to the evidence of a persisting risk, the content and tenor of the threats made to the beneficiary and her relatives, and the ongoing work carried out by the beneficiary, combined with the lack of information on the suitability and effectiveness of the measures implemented by the State.

24. As for the requirement of irreparable harm, the Commission considers that it has been fulfilled, insofar as the possible impact on the rights to life and personal integrity constitutes the maximum situation of irreparability. The Commission takes special account of the importance of safeguarding her rights so that she can continue her work as social leader and human rights defender.

#### **IV. BENEFICIARIES**

21. The Inter-American Commission hereby declares that the beneficiaries of this precautionary measure are Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and her nuclear family, whose members are duly identified in this proceeding, in accordance with Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure.

#### **V. DECISION**

22. The Commission considers that this matter meets *prima facie* the requirements of seriousness, urgency and irreparable harm set forth in Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure. Accordingly, it requests that Colombia:

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<sup>23</sup>IACHR, Resolution 67/18. MC 807/18 - Yaku Pérez Guartambel, Ecuador, August 27, 2018. Available in Spanish at: <http://www.oas.org/es/cidh/decisiones/pdf/2018/67-18MC807-18-EC.pdf>

<sup>24</sup>IACHR, Second Report on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in the Americas, December 31, 2011, para. 521.

- a) take the necessary measures to guarantee the rights to life and personal integrity of Yirley Judith Velasco Garrido and her nuclear family;
- b) adopt the measures to ensure that the beneficiary can continue to carry out her work as a human rights defender without being subject to threats, harassment or acts of violence against her;
- c) consult and agree upon the measures to be implemented with the beneficiaries and their representatives; and
- d) report on the actions taken to investigate the alleged incidents that led to the adoption of this resolution, so as to prevent them from reoccurring.

23. The Commission requests that the Government of Colombia report, within 15 days as from the date of this resolution, on the adoption of the precautionary measures required and update this information periodically.

24. The Commission emphasizes that, in accordance with Article 25(8) of its Rules of Procedure, the granting of this precautionary measure and its adoption by the State do not constitute a prejudgment of any violation of the rights protected in the American Convention and other applicable instruments.

25. The Commission instructs its Executive Secretariat to notify this resolution to the State of Colombia and to the applicants.

26. Approved on July 17, 2020 by Joel Hernández García, President; Antonia Urrejola Noguera, First Vice-President; Flávia Piovesan, Second Vice-President; Margarette May Macaulay; Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Julissa Mantilla Falcón, and Edgar Stuardo Ralón Orellana, members of the IACHR.

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Executive Secretary