

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor to address you on behalf of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (IACHR), with regard to your request for precautionary measures for Mario Joseph and others in Haiti.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that on today's date, the Commission addressed the State under Article 25 of its Regulations, to apply urgent measures for Mr. Mario Joseph. Specifically, the Commission asked the Government of Haiti to:

- 1. Take the necessary measures to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Mr. Mario Joseph;*
- 2. Arrange the measures taken by the recipient and his representatives, and*
- 3. Report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures.*

It also requested the submission of information on compliance with the precautionary measures adopted, within 10 days and to update this information periodically. After hearing the submissions of the parties, the Commission will decide whether it is appropriate to prolong or to end these measures.

I must point out that, in accordance with the Article 25 (9) of the Commission's Regulations, the grant of these precautionary measures shall not constitute a prejudgment on the matter.

Regarding the situation of Messrs. Newton Saint Juste and Michel André, I wish to inform you that on today's date, the Commission sent a request for information to the State. The pertinent parts of this communication provide:

In accordance with Article 25 (5) of the Regulations of the Commission, and without prejudging the possible granting of precautionary measures, I wish to ask Your Excellency to send to the Secretariat, within the same period of 15 days, the appropriate information on the situation referred to by the petitioner and if protection was giving to Messrs Newton Saint Juste and Michel Andre.

Additionally, and in order to have the necessary elements to make a decision on the request, I wish to request for additional information as follows:

1. Report the current status of the proposed beneficiaries, detailing the events of threat, harassment and specific violent acts that have occurred against the proposed beneficiaries

during the last months. Present a chronological and detailed description of these events, including the date, manner and place. Accompanying the description attach press releases, received written threats or other evidences.

2. Report if the facts described in the request for precautionary measures have been reported to any state authority. If no, please detail the reasons. If so, send copies of the complaints and the responses obtained.

3. Indicate whether the proposed beneficiaries are benefiting from protection measures. If necessary, inform the reasons why these would not be enough, and indicate which measures could be considered effective to safeguard the life and integrity of the proposed beneficiaries.

The Commission publishes on its website (www.cidh.org) a summary of the cautionary measures granted. This summary discloses the identity of the beneficiaries, except for the names of children and victims of sexual violence. However, if the beneficiaries of these injunctions prefer that their names are not fully disclosed in the website, they must send a written notification to the Commission immediately.

Also, please make sure that all reports and documents submitted to the IACHR are written or translated into the official language of the country to which the precautionary measures are requested. For this end, I remind you the necessity of translating the original application in French as soon as possible

Please accept my best regards,