

**Order of the  
Inter-American Court of Human Rights\*  
of August 6, 2008  
Provisional Measures  
with regard to Mexico  
Matter of Leonel Rivero *et al.***

**HAVING SEEN:**

1. The order issued by the President of Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter "the Court" or "the Inter-American Court") on October 25, 2001, and the orders issued by the Court on November 30, 2001, April 20, 2004, and June 29 and November 24, 2005.
2. The public hearing on provisional measures held at the seat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on February 5, 2008.
3. The Order of February 6, 2008, in which the Court decided:  
[...]
  2. To require the State to maintain the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Leonel Rivero Rodríguez, María de los Ángeles Espinosa Sánchez, Augusto César Sandino Rivero Espinosa, Luisa Amanda Rivero Espinosa and María Katherina Rivero Espinosa.
  3. To require the State to continue investigating the facts that gave rise to the provisional measures ordered in favor of the persons mentioned in the second operative paragraph, in order to identify those responsible and impose the corresponding sanctions.
  4. To require the State to allow the beneficiaries or their representatives to take part in the planning and implementation of the measures of protection and, in general, to keep them informed of any progress in the provisional measures ordered by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.  
[...]

**CONSIDERING:**

1. That Mexico ratified the American Convention on Human Rights (hereinafter "the Convention") on March 24, 1981, and, in accordance with Article 62 of the Convention, accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court on December 16, 1998.
2. That, in its order of February 6, 2008, based on information provided by the parties in their briefs and on the public hearing on the provisional measures in this matter (*supra* second having seen paragraph), the Court considered that it was "[...] necessary to continue receiving information concerning the situation of Leonel Rivero Rodríguez and his family, and to assess whether the provisional measures with regard to these beneficiaries should be maintained for six months from notification of the [said] order."

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\* Judge Sergio García Ramírez, a Mexican national, excused himself from hearing this matter, pursuant to Articles 19 of the Court's Statute and 19 of its Rules of Procedure, and the Court accepted his recusal. Consequently, Judge García Ramírez did not participate in the deliberation and signature of this Order.

3. That the six-month period mentioned above expires on September 7, 2008, on which date the Court will not be in session, so that it is necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the said measures until the Court adopts a new decision in this regard.

4. That, in accordance with the persons who are the current beneficiaries of the provisional measures ordered by the Court, this matter will hereinafter be called: Leonel Rivero *et al.*

**THEREFORE:**

**THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS,**

pursuant to the authority conferred by Article 63(2) of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure,

**DECIDES:**

1. To require the State to maintain the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Leonel Rivero Rodríguez, María de los Ángeles Espinosa Sánchez, Augusto César Sandino Rivero Espinosa, Luisa Amanda Rivero Espinosa and María Katherina Rivero Espinosa, until December 15, 2008, in the terms of the order of the Court of February 6, 2008.

2. To order the change of name of this matter, which will be known in future as the "Matter of Leonel Rivero *et al.*"

3. To require the Secretariat of the Court to notify this order to the State, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the representatives of the beneficiaries.

Cecilia Medina Quiroga  
President

Diego García-Sayán

Manuel Ventura Robles

Leonardo A. Franco

Margarette May Macaulay

Rhadys Abreu Blondet

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri  
Secretary

So ordered,

Cecilia Medina Quiroga  
President

Pablo Saavedra Alessandri  
Secretary