

MEXICO

OPIM: protective measures for indigenous leader

RRN has written several letters on behalf OPIM founding member and president **Obtilia Eugenio Manuel**. These against Obtilia Eugenio Manuel and other OPIM members are part of a concerted pattern of harassment and intimidation in reprisal for their legitimate work defending human rights. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) has responded by asking the Mexican government to provide protection to over 100 members of the organization, including Rafael Rodríguez Dircio, Obtilia Eugenio Manuel and the others.

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The Inter-American Court of Human Rights adopted precautionary measures requesting that the authorities take further steps to protect the life and integrity of Obtilia Eugenio Manuel, her family, other members of OPIM and 29 members of the Tlachinollan Human Rights Center, which was also threatened. While some protection measures have been implemented, the state authorities have not advanced investigations into the threats against Obtilia Eugenio Manuel or the Tlachinollan Human Rights Center. Some protection measures were made available, such as mobile phones, but those behind the threats and attacks have never been identified or accountable.

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Obtilia Eugenio Manuel received another written death threat: "...When we want to, we can get to you. Don't believe you're made of iron, bullets still go through..." (RRN letter 4-3-10)