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21. On August 23, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the State of Colombia adopt effective measures to protect the lives and personal integrity of Mr. Francisco Arteaga Benavides and his family. According to the information presented to the Commission, Mr. Arteaga Benavides, who serves as a spokesman for Cartagena del Chairá, in the Department of Caquetá, was alleged to have received threatening telephone calls and harassment of the type that usually precedes criminal attacks and to have been "publicly identified as a spokesman for the guerrillas" by a high ranking official of the National Army of Colombia. During the period covered by this report, the parties continued presenting information and observations in relation to these measures.