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44. On September 9, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the State adopt specific and urgent measures to protect the lives and physical integrity of Digna Ochoa y Plácido, Edgar Cortéz Morales and the members of PRODH (this matter is being processed as case 12.229). According to the information received, on September 3, 1999, PRODH received three envelopes containing threats made against the Center's Director and staff, apparently in relation to the Center's activities in the defense of human rights. The petitioners claimed that there was a connection between these activities and the kidnapping of Ms. Digna Ochoa y Plácido, the Center's attorney, which was carried out by unknown persons on August 9, 1999. They indicated that during the kidnapping, the assailants took certain personal items of Ms. Ochoa y Plácido, including her personal calling cards, one of which was placed in one of the envelopes referred to above containing the threats. On September 21, 1999, the State reported that the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) had taken steps to protect the persons named, that preliminary investigations had been initiated by the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federal District, and that the Human Rights Commission of the Federal District had also intervened. Within the time period set for receiving comments, the petitioners reported on another serious attack against Ms. Digna Ochoa, which led to the request for provisional measures submitted to the Inter-American Court on November 11, 1999. (See section D.1, *infra*).