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17. On May 11, 2000, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the State take steps to protect the life and physical integrity of the political prisoners in buildings 1 and 2 of the National Model Prison in Bogotá. Based on available information, on April 27, 2000, prisoners belonging to paramilitary groups detained in cellblock 5 launched a violent attack on prisoners in cellblock 4, killing 47 inmates and injuring 17 others. The petitioners alleged that several prisoners from cellblocks 3 and 5, with Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia bracelets, carried long-range weapons when patrolling the facilities, making threats against political prisoners. Following the State's reply, the parties continued to present information and observations on these precautionary measures.