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19. On May 26, 2000, the Commission granted precautionary measures for steps to be taken to protect the life and physical integrity of the members of the Organización Femenina Popoular headquartered in Barrancabermeja. According to the available information, on May 22, 2000 a paramilitary group went to the headquarters of the Casa de la Mujer of Puerto Wilches and threatened the life of its coordinator, Flor María Cañas. The Organización Femenina Popular, together with members of Peace Brigades International, lodged a complaint with the corresponding authorities, after which the paramilitary group sent a message saying they know the international presence will not last forever and that the women will remain in the town [and] will therefore “suffer the consequences.” Following the State’s reply, the parties continued to present information and observations on these precautionary measures.