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41. On July 7, 2000, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Mr. Carlos A. Singares Campbell, director of the “El Siglo” newspaper in Panama. According to the information received, Mr. Singares was detained for violation of the desacato laws (defamation), following the publication of a critical newspaper article potentially implicating Attorney General José Antonio Sossa in illegal acts. The Commission granted precautionary measures for 30 days and requested that the State nullify the arrest warrant and guarantee his right to physical integrity and freedom of expression.