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23. On November 1, 2000, the Commission requested that the Colombian State broaden the measures granted in 1999 on behalf of the spokespersons for the campesino exodus from southern Bolívar, with a view to protecting the life and physical integrity of the members of the Asociación Campesina del Valle del Río Cimitarra, who were declared military targets by paramilitary groups in the region and have been subject to systematic threats, as well as fatal attacks on its leaders. Following the State's reply, the parties continued to present information and observations on these precautionary measures.