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18. On June 7, 2001, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of the students of the chemistry and human sciences schools, the young communists group (JUCO), the Colombian Association of University Students (ACEU), and lecturers, employees, and workers affiliated to the SINTRAUNICOL trade union at the Industrial University of Santander. After a series of incidents and news reports announcing violent acts, on May 29, 2001, the AUC sent a message to the UIS's chemistry study center, announcing that students from the chemistry, human sciences, and engineering schools, the young communists group (JUCO), and the Colombian Association of University Students (ACEU) were to be considered military targets. The Commission asked the State, as a matter of urgency, to take the steps necessary to protect the lives and persons of the students who had been declared military targets by the AUC; to adopt protective measures with respect to the lecturers, employees, and workers affiliated to SINTRAUNICOL at the university; and to investigate the source of the threats in order to put an end to the harassment of the persons protected by the precautionary measures. After the State replied, the parties have continued to submit information and comments in connection with these precautionary measures.