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19. On July 20, 2001, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Mr. Mario Alberto Arévalo Perdomo, who served as the warden of the La Picota penitentiary in Bogotá between December 18, 2000, and July 5, 2001. Mr. Arévalo Perdomo received death threats over the telephone at his home in Bogotá; these were made by persons unknown claiming to be members of the Calima Bloc of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC) and by others claiming to be members of the United Self-Defense Forces of South Cesar and Santander. In addition, during that period he had been constantly followed by unidentified persons riding motorcycles. The IACHR asked the Colombian government, as a matter of urgency, to take the steps necessary to protect the life and person of the individual in question and to agree on security measures with him, and to investigate the source of the threats. After the State replied, the parties have continued to submit information and comments in connection with these precautionary measures.