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23. On September 28, 2001, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of the members of Corporación SEMBRAR. This organization had suffered threats and intimidation following the murder of Yolanda Cerón, a nun attached to Tumaco diocese's social pastoral program who worked, in conjunction with Corporación SEMBRAR, on documenting and denouncing serious human rights violations. The Commission therefore asked the Colombian government, as a matter of urgency, to contact the petitioners in order to agree upon the steps necessary to protect the lives and persons of SEMBRAR's members; to investigate the source of the threats and intimidation; and to bring the guilty to justice. After the State replied, the parties have continued to submit information and comments in connection with these precautionary measures.