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38. On November 9, 2001, the IACHR granted precautionary measures to protect the lives of a number of Haitian human rights workers. According to the information received, the Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHDH) reported the existence of a list of fifteen names, all members of the organization, identified as targets in an assassination plot. These individuals included the following: Pierre Espérance, treasurer (POHDH) and executive director of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Haitians (NCHR), Vilès Alizar, head of programs with the NCHR, Serge Bordenave, general secretary of POHDH, and Jean Simon Saint Hubert, executive secretary of POHDH. The information received indicates that these threats are related to complaints filed by the Platform and the NCHR about the increasingly politicized character of the Haitian National Police (PNH) and about human rights violations in the country. The background to this situation dates back to March 8, 2000, when Pierre Espérance, the director of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Haitians (NCHR) and treasurer of the Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHDH), was attacked and seriously wounded. In addition, a pamphlet containing threats was sent to POHDH's member organizations on March 1, 2000. In light of the gravity of this situation, on April 19, 2000, the IACHR asked the Haitian State to adopt precautionary measures on behalf of Pierre Espérance and the members of the NCHR and to take the steps necessary to protect those individuals' persons and lives. To date the Haitian State has neither replied to the request nor received any information in that regard.