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25. On November 26, 2001, the Commission granted precautionary measures in order to protect the lives and persons of Gerardo Santibañez Potes, Orlando Ospina Loayza, Dora Galvis, Iván Velásquez, and Carlos Flores Loaiza; these persons, members of the steering committee of the SINTREMSDES union chapter in Pereira, had all received threats from the AUC. At least two members of that chapter had been killed prior to the request. The Commission asked the Colombian government, as a matter of urgency, to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the lives and persons of the aforesaid individuals; to agree on security measures in conjunction with the petitioners and the protected persons; and to pursue an investigation and take the steps necessary to put an end to the threats being received by the SINTREMSDES members. The Commission continues to receive information from the parties regarding the situation of the protected persons.