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26. On December 18, 2001, the Commission granted precautionary measures in order to determine the whereabouts of Messrs. Robinson Ríos Uribe and José Gregorio Villada in Antioquia department and to protect their lives and persons; they were last seen at a Medellín metropolitan police checkpoint on November 27, 2001, as they were traveling toward Cali. Some days later, the two young men contacted their families and told them they had been abducted by a paramilitary group. The Commission undertook a series of steps toward clearing up this situation during its on-site visit (December 7-13, 2001); finally, on December 18, 2001, it asked the Colombian government, as a matter of urgency, to take the steps necessary to reveal the whereabouts and guarantee the lives and persons of the aforesaid individuals and to launch a prompt and effective investigation using the urgent search mechanism established by Law 589/2000. The Commission continues to receive information from the parties regarding the situation of the protected persons.