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56. On March 8, 2002 the Commission requested the Guatemalan State precautionary measures to protect the life and person of Fernando Moscoso, Freddy Peccerelli, Federico Reyes, Mariana Valdizon, Leonel Paiz, Francisco de León, José Samuel Suasnavar, Guillermo Meza, Claudia Rivera, Raúl García, and Miguel Morales, their relatives, and their colleagues. The Commission's decision was based on a petition for precautionary measures presented by the Human Rights Legal Action Center (CALDH) on March 7, 2002. The Commission based its decision to issue precautionary measures on information indicating that on February 21, 2002 eight copies of a note were delivered to the home of Mr. Francisco de León issuing a death threat against the aforementioned persons, who had worked in recent years as forensic anthropological experts in the disinterment of clandestine cemeteries containing the human remains of victims of Guatemala's domestic armed conflict. The text of the threat included the following sentence, "one by one they will fall, from the first one who started this mess to the last; we know where you all are; we know who you are..."; that letter included the names of four of the most senior forensic experts in Guatemala, but omitted persons of similar seniority who are currently overseas. The Commission received information indicating that the Guatemalan State offered police security to the anthropologists protected by the measures and that it did in fact provide security to the beneficiaries who expressly accepted it. The Commission has not received recent information on the fulfillment of these precautionary measures.