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27. On April 12, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Lieutenant Colonel Orozco Castro, a commander assigned to the Seventh Brigade under General Uscátegui during the July 1997 massacre of 49 civilians in Mapiripán, Meta. Lieutenant Colonel Orozco Castro warned his superiors of the imminence of the paramilitary incursion in which the victims were massacred, and his testimony linked senior Army commanders to the investigation. The international responsibility of the State in the aforementioned incidents is being examined in Case 12.250, pending before the IACHR. Because of his statements, the beneficiary had been constantly harassed, and current and former members of the Army have publicly voiced their hostility towards him and acknowledged that he was being followed. The IACHR has continued to receive information about threats made by the AUC against the beneficiary. In response to the precautionary measures, the State took steps to protect the beneficiary and his family.