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95. On April 19, 2002 the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Yris Medina Cova, Hilda Páez, Maritza Romero, Aura Lizcano, Alicia de González, Carmen Alicia Mendoza, and Liliana Ortega Mendoza, members of the human rights organization COFAVIC. According to the petition presented to the IACHR, Mrs. Liliana Ortega, director of COFAVIC, and members of that organization had received threats, because of their activities to defend human rights. The State provided police protection to the beneficiaries, but the latter indicated that the investigations into the incidents that led to the granting of precautionary measures had not yielded satisfactory results. In November 2002, the petitioner informed the IACHR that the police protection initially implemented by the State in compliance with the precautionary measures was stopped just when Mrs. Liliana Ortega was receiving new threats on her life. On November 25, 2002 the IACHR requested provisional measures from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The Court granted that request on November 27, 2002.