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12. On July 11, 2002 the Commission renewed the precautionary measures that had been granted on August 27, 2001 on behalf of María Dolores Gómez and her family. The Commission had granted precautionary measures and requested that the State take steps to protect the life and person of Dr. María Dolores Gómez, public defender in the Province of Buenos Aires, and her family, based on the information received indicating that she had been the victim of a series of threats and harassment. The petitioners alleged that those events, including one attack, anonymous phone calls, and serious threats, were related to the performance of her functions, particularly in connection with protecting the rights of prisoners. The Commission also asked the State to report on the measures taken to determine the origin of the threats and to try those responsible, and to end the risk to Dr. Gómez, her family, and the witnesses who testified about the threats against her. Following initial exchanges of information that reported, inter alia, on the protection of the beneficiaries by official security forces, the parties continued to present information and observations on the precautionary measures.