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33. On July 15, 2002 the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Pablo Bustos Sánchez, director of the so-called Citizen's Watch Committee, which reports corruption in the administration of public resources to judicial and control agencies. This activity has made members of the Watch Committee the subject of constant threats and persecution throughout the country, and six of them had been killed in the last three years. The petitioners alleged that they learned, through reliable sources, that there was a plan in place to kill Pablo Bustos Sánchez. Three days after precautionary measures were ordered, the beneficiary received an anonymous letter at home threatening him and his family with death, and his wife was assaulted on the highway. The beneficiary asked the State to strengthen its protection plan, which is headed up by the DAS.