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36. On July 19, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of members of the National Solidarity Aid Association (ANDAS) and social leaders in Santander. On June 23, 2002 the Fidel Castaño Gil Urban Front, Bolívar Central Bloc of the AUC released a public document ordering ten social leaders in Bucaramanga, Santander and surrounding areas to leave the region or lose their lives. Specifically, the threats were made to Hernando Maldonado, a university professor who has handled projects on displaced persons; Wilson Vega Castro, president of the Association of Displaced Persons of Bucaramanga; Julio Avella García, founder of ANDAS; Mercedes Usuga, age 75, leader of the UP in the Urabá region; Luis Antonio Núñez, treasurer of the Association of Displaced Persons of the Municipality de Girón, who had already been assaulted; Alvaro Tapias, president of the Santander section of ANDAS; Belcy Rincón, founder of the Santander section of ANDAS and wife of a UP leader killed in 1998; María Gutriérrez, ANDAS spokeswoman in Santander; and Nicanor Arciniegas, president of the Association of Displaced Persons of Piedecuesta. In response, the State informed the IACHR that risk assessments were being performed for the beneficiaries and indicated that the investigation into the threats was being conducted by the Third Prosecutor with the Special Criminal Courts; however, the IACHR did not receive information on progress made in that connection.