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37. On July 25, 2002 the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of journalists Alveiro Echavarría, Alvaro Miguel Mima, Luis Eduardo Reyez (or Reyes), Hugo Mario Palomari (or Palomar), Humberto Bríñez, Wilson Barco, and Mario Fernando Prado. The information received by the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression indicated that on July 19, 2002 the RCN news program in Cali, department of Valle de Cauca, received a pamphlet from the Manuel Cepeda Vargas Front of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) which read: "...in light of the tendentious information from several media outlets and persons who call themselves journalists, but who are nothing more than puppets of President Pastrana's military regime, our organization has decided to call on the following journalists to leave the city of Cali within 72 hours or else become military targets of our organization..." The information provided by the petitioners indicated that the Ministry of the Interior's Program to Protect Journalists and Social Communicators had taken safety measures to protect the aforementioned journalists for a period of only five days. The State reported on the performance of police patrols and continuous accompaniment by a guard and indicated that the investigation into the threats had been assigned to a prosecutor with the Unit for Crimes against Individual Liberty and Other Guarantees.