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47. On November 14, 2002 the Commission requested precautionary measures on behalf of 22 health workers in the hospitals of Puerto Rico, Paujil, and Curillo in Caqueta and San Vicente del Caguán. The petitioners mentioned a series of acts of violence, threats, and displacements that occurred from April to October 2002. They indicated that on April 18, 2002 Jhon Fredy Marin, branch president of the National Association of Hospital and Clinic Workers (ANTHOC), vaccinator, and health worker in the municipio of Curillo in Caquetá, was killed by members of the AUC. They also indicate, inter alia, that on August 6, 2002, the FARC-EP established a checkpoint at the health post along the highway connecting the municipality of Puerto Rico with San Vicente del Caguán, where health aid María Lilia Ramírez works and lives with her family. She later received a death threat from the AUC, giving her 12 hours to leave the region. On September 27, 2002 nursing assistants Norbery Caicedo Matiz and Luz Marina León, who work at the Local Hospital of Puerto Rico, received death threats from the AUC against themselves and their families, because of their health-related activities, which that group feels help the insurgency.