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48. On November 19, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Mrs. Marta Lucía Rentería Barreiro, civic representative of Jamundí and human rights defender. The beneficiary had denounced cases of corruption in different municipalities in Valle del Cauca, which led the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation to launch investigations and resulted in disciplinary investigations against civil servants. She also denounced serious acts of violence in the department of Valle del Cauca, particularly in the municipality of Jamundí, that had led to the death, disappearance, and displacement of hundreds of persons. The petitioners alleged that, as a result, her life was in danger and that she was the victim of harassment and threats and was followed in June, July, August, and September 2002. They indicated that both civil servants and paramilitary groups operating in Valle del Cauca were behind these incidents and that other popularly-elected civic representatives in the municipality had been murdered and that those crimes had gone unpunished. They also claimed that she had been the victim of systematic harassment. In its reply, the State indicated that the Unit on Crimes against Individual Liberty and Other Guarantees, Unit 28, in Santiago de Cali is in the preliminary phase of investigations into the alleged offense of making threats. The Technical Investigative Body (CTI) is responsible for providing protection to the beneficiary and her family, a measure taken along with security rounds by the National Police, while waiting for the risk assessment to be conducted by the DAS.