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63. On December 6, 2002 the Commission adopted precautionary measures on behalf of journalists working for Radio Étincelles in Gonaïves: Esdras Mondélus, Renet Noel-Jeune, Guérino Jeaniton, and Gédéon Presendieu, and also on behalf of correspondents Henry Fleurimond, Jean Robert François, and Josué René. According to information received by the IACHR, these beneficiaries had been told on November 21 that members of the Armée Cannibale organization were preparing to set fire to the Radio Étincelles premises in Gonaïves. The seven journalists reportedly evacuated Radio Étincelles and took refuge in the Bishop's residence from November 21 to November 28, 2002. The Radio Étincelles offices in Gonaïves were, at least partly, burnt down in the night of November 24-25, 2002. Moreover, according to the information received, two of the seven journalists allegedly received threatening phone calls between November 21 and November 28, 2002. On the night of November 29-30, the seven journalists were evacuated from the Bishop's residence with the help of the Haitian Journalists' Association and the Haitian National Police's High Command. They are allegedly now hidden at a location that has not been revealed. The Commission adopted the following precautionary measures in respect of d'Esdras Mondélus, Renet Noel-Jeune, Guérino Jeaniton, Gédéon Presendieu, Henry Fleurimond, Jean Robert François and Josué René: (1) Immediate adoption, in coordination with the representatives of the seven journalists, of all measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of Henry Fleurimond, Jean Robert François, Josué René, Esdras Mondélus, Renet Noel-Jeune, Guérino Jeaniton, and Gédéon Presendieu. (2) Immediate adoption of all measures required to ensure that an investigation is carried out regarding those responsible for the aforementioned acts. As of the time this report was published, the IACHR had received no information regarding measures taken by the State.