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38. On March 17, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of Mario Minera, Héctor Amílcar Mollinedo, and other members of CALDH, a prominent human rights organization and petitioner in individual cases and precautionary measures before the IACHR. The information available indicates that the members of the organization have been followed, threatened, and intimidated. Specifically, on March 3, 2003, Mr. Héctor Mollinedo, legal assistant, was followed by two unknown persons. On March 5, 2003, the founder of CALDH, Mario Minera, was intercepted by two individuals who threatened him with a bladed weapon, telling him “don’t feel intimidated because you’re the ones who intimidate people.” These acts are occurring in the context of threats and acts of aggression against human rights defenders in Guatemala. In view of the context and the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of the members of CALDH.