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17. On March 26, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Waldir Sinisterra and Alberto Hoyos Suárez, members of the Asociación de Defensores de Derechos Humanos “Eduardo Umaña Mendoza” in Valle del Cauca. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries were declared military targets by the Bloque Calima of the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC) because of their reports of massacres and extrajudicial executions perpetrated by paramilitary groups in Valle del Cauca. In view of the situation the IACHR requested the Colombian State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts and put an end to the threats. The Commission has continued to receive information about the situation of the persons protected.