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52. On May 29, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of journalist Liliane Pierre-Paul, director of programming for Radio Kiskeya and Charles Emile Joassaint, a radio correspondent. The information available indicates that on April 30, 2003, the beneficiary received an ultimatum signed by members of several popular organizations, including “Domi nan Bwa,” threatening to disseminate an appeal to French President Jacques Chirac to free up payments to Haiti. The note, accompanied by a rifle bullet, includes not only threats against the journalist, but also against French nationals in Haiti, and sets May 6, 2003 as the deadline for carrying out the demands set forth. Mr. Charles Emile Joassaint has become a target of threats made in writing and by telephone. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the IACHR asked the Haitian State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life, personal integrity, and exercise of the freedom of expression of Liliane Pierre-Paul and Charles Emile Joassaint. In response, the State reported that the National Police of Haiti had already adopted measures to strengthen security for the journalist and for the radio station premises, and to investigate the threats.