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21. On June 3, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to Álvaro Ayala González, a community leader and local council member in Viotá, Cundinamarca. The information available indicates that on May 23, 2003, the son of the council member received threats and was subjected to acts of intimidation aimed at his father, in the context of the violent action of paramilitary groups in the regions of Tequendama and Sumapaz. In addition, on May 27, 2003, four armed individuals forcibly entered and searched the beneficiary's home. In view of the situation the IACHR asked the Colombian State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiary and her family, and to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts and put an end to the threats. The Commission has continued receiving information on the situation of the persons protected.