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66. On June 20, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of Mr. Carlos Tablante, president of the Standing Committee on Internal Policy, Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Guarantees of the National Assembly of Venezuela and member of the Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS). The information available indicates that the beneficiary has been subject to repeated attacks and threats against his physical integrity from sectors presumably linked to the government party and government offices, presumably because of his legislative activity. In this context, on April 15 and August 2, 2002, Justino Herrera and Rogelio Calderón, who served as his bodyguards, were assassinated; to this day the facts have not been clarified. In view of the situation of the beneficiary, the Commission asked the State to adopt measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Mr. Tablante, his family, and those who work with him, and to guarantee the full exercise of his freedom of expression and political rights. In response, the State informed the Commission that it had taken actions to carry out the request for precautionary measures.