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22. On July 2, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to attorney José Ramiro Orjuela Aguilar. The information available indicates that he has been the target of persistent threats against his life and personal integrity by the AUC due to his legal work and his membership in the Unión Patriótica. Prior to the request for precautionary measures, his colleague, attorney Absalón Achury, was kidnapped by members of the AUC and his corpse was found in San Juan de Arama, department of Meta. In view of the situation the IACHR asked the Colombian State to take the steps necessary to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiary, 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 his situation.