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41. On July 7, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Alejandro Escobar Durán, Julián García López, Rosa Lidia Roquez Quizar, Gavino Quizar Vázquez, Fidadelfo Mejía, Pedro Vázquez Borja, Lázaro Gutiérrez Vázquez, and Agustín López, members of the Alianza Nueva Nacional (ANN) party in the department of Chiquimula. The information available indicates that activists of the ANN party have been subject to threats and acts of violence with deadly consequences. Specifically, on March 26, 2003, Filadelfo Mejía was subject to acts of intimidation by the municipal mayor of Quetzalpeteque. On June 17, 2003, in the municipality of San Juan la Ermita, nine persons using firearms attacked Messrs. Gabino Vásquez, Lázaro Gutiérrez Vásquez, and Petronilo Quizar Vásquez, who died on the spot. On June 19, 2003, the home of Gabino Quizar, municipal secretary of the ANN, was attacked with explosives and high-caliber weapons fire. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life, personal integrity, and freedoms of expression, assembly, and association of the beneficiaries. In response, the State submitted information on the measures adopted to alert the police authorities to the beneficiaries' security situation, and the Public Ministry on the importance of clarifying the facts alleged.