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23. On July 10, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of human rights defenders Gloria Inés Flórez Schneider and Martha Cecilia Monroy, who are, respectively, executive director and staff attorney with the Asociación para la Promoción Social Alternativa (MINGA), a prominent human rights organization and petitioner in individual cases and precautionary measures before the IACHR. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries have been receiving anonymous phone calls and threats against their persons and against MINGA in the context of attacks against the work of human rights organizations in the Republic of Colombia. On June 27, 2003, they received a phone call in which a threat was made to kill (“darle a”) Martha Cecilia Monroy. In view of the situation the IACHR asked the Colombian State to take the measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries 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.