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43. On July 25, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Rodolfo Rohrmorser, Juan Francisco Flores Juárez, and Gloria Evangelina Melgar, members of the Constitutional Court. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries received death threats due to the performance of their work as judges in the context of deliberations on the appeal on facts and law (*recurso de hecho*) presented by the Frente Revolucionario Guatemalteco (FRG) against the provisional amparo decree issued by the Supreme Court of Justice, which temporarily nullified the registration of Mr. Efraín Ríos Montt as a presidential candidate. The threats were made in the context of the acts of violence in Guatemala City on July 24, 2003, when mobs wearing hoods and armed with sticks, stones, and other objects attacked the journalists gathered around the Supreme Court of Justice and the Court's staff. Mr. Rohrmorser had to be aurally evacuated from his home since the building where he was living had been packed by sympathizers of the Frente Revolucionario Guatemalteco. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Rodolfo Rohrmorser, Juan Francisco Flores Juárez, and Gloria Evangelina Melgar. Later the IACHR expanded its request to cover judges Saúl Dighero, Carlos Luna Villacorta, and Carlos Reynoso Gil. On December 4, 2003, the Commission proceeded to lift the precautionary measures in response to an express request by the petitioners.