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44. On August 8, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Dr. Román Carlos. The information available indicates that on July 24, 2003, Dr. Román Carlos took a photograph, from the window of his medical office, of a violent street demonstration in support of the candidacy of Mr. Ríos Montt, after which demonstrators shot at him. After the demonstration, Mr. Carlos was subject to threats aimed at keeping the photographic material from being delivered to the press, and so to prevent the consequent identification of the demonstrators, which included persons well-known in Guatemalan political circles. On July 27, 2003, the windows of the medical center where the beneficiary works were shot at while he was there with his children. In view of the situation of risk to the beneficiaries, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Dr. Román Carlos and his family. In response, the State reported on the actions taken to implement security measures with the beneficiary's agreement.