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11. On August 12, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to Jorge Custodio, Rosangela Aparecida Saraiva Ferreira, and Alessandra Rodrigues Celestino. The information available indicates that Mr. Custodio–Regional Coordinator of the National Movement for Human Rights, and Coordinator of the SOS against Torture project–and his family have been subject to harassment because of a report on torture of inmates at the Londrina prison, which was a topic of debate in the Legislative Assembly of the state of Paraná, and which led to the replacement of prison officials and an investigation into the allegations. Ms. Alessandra Rodrigues Celestino, delegate of the staff of the prison system of the state of Paraná, and Rosangela Aparecida Saraiva Ferreira, were also said to be targeted by threats. In view of the risk to the beneficiaries, the Commission asked the state to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Jorge Custodio, Rosangela Aparecida Saraiva Ferreira, and Alessandra Rodrigues Celestino.