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67. On August 29, 2003, the Commission asked that precautionary measures be adopted on behalf of Yelitse Moreno Castillo, the wife of human rights defender Joe Castillo González, former coordinator of the Office of Human Rights of the Apostolic Vicariate of Machiques, and his son César Luis Castillo Moreno, just one year old. The information available indicates that on August 27, 2003, Joe Castillo González was assassinated by nine gunshot wounds, one-half block from his residence in the Tinaquillo neighborhood in Machiques, state of Zulia, while traveling in his vehicle with his wife and son. The beneficiaries also suffered gunshot wounds, but survived. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the Commission asked the Venezuelan State to adopt measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Mrs. Yelitse de Castillo and her son.