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24. On September 8, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of the members of the Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz, a prominent human rights organization and a petitioner in individual cases and precautionary and provisional measures before the IACHR. The information available indicates that the members of the Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz have been subject to threats, have been followed, have subject to accusations, have been subject to repeated detentions and searches since 1997, and more intensely since the first half of 2003, as part of a pattern of conduct aimed at thwarting or hindering its work on behalf of human rights in the regions of Colombia in which it accompanies especially vulnerable communities. In view of the situation, the IACHR asked the Colombian State to adopt 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.