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26. On September 22, 2003, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of 34 workers of the Empresa Comunitaria de Acueducto y Alcantarillado de Saravena[FN1] (ECAAS: Saravena Community Water and Sewerage Enterprise), in the department of Arauca. The information available indicates that members of the assembly of this organization have been declared military targets by the AUC; several were assassinated in July, August, and September 2003. 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. On September 26, 2003, before the expiration of the period granted by the IACHR for the presentation of information on implementation of the protective measures, the IACHR communicated with the State to request information on the assassination of Rito Hernández Porras, and to request that it report on the adoption of the protective measures urgently. In addition, even though the precautionary measures were in effect, the IACHR received news of the assassination of Miguel Ángel Anaya Torres, also a beneficiary of the precautionary measures, on November 17, 2003. The Commission has continued receiving information on the situation of the persons protected.

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