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30. On October 2, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of 15 cabildos (indigenous peoples' governing bodies) and resguardos (indigenous peoples' recognized territories) of the Pijao indigenous people in the department of Tolima. The information available indicates that members of these cabildos and resguardos are facing imminent danger to their lives, personal integrity, and permanence in their territory. Specifically, the paramilitary groups are said to have a list of more than one hundred members of indigenous and campesino communities who they have declared to be military targets. On September 28, 2003, indigenous community member Iván Montiel was kidnapped by paramilitary groups; his dismembered corpse later appeared at the place known as Punto Papagalá, between Coyaima and Saldaña. 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 about the situation of the persons protected.