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32. On December 8, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of the members of the Comisión Colombiana de Juristas (CCJ), a prominent human rights organization and petitioner in individual cases and precautionary and provisional measures before the IACHR. The information available indicates that the climate of hostility and accusations against human rights organizations in Colombia has given rise to a situation of risk for the members of the Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, the legality of whose work has been called into question by some sectors. In view of the situation, the IACHR asked the Colombian State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of the beneficiaries and ensure that they are able to continue their work of promoting and defending human rights in Colombia.