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33. On December 9, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Vicente Arbey Villota Cruz, Winston Nicolls Arteaga Aguillón, Martha Isabel Melodelgado Rosero, Alexander Libardo Garzón Rosero, Miguel López, Daniel E Cabrera Timana, Mario Fernando Gonzáles Santa Cruz, Diego Mejía Moncayo, Eduardo Meneses, Mauricio Ojeda Erazo, Héctor Homero Patiño Díaz, Jaime Morrinelli, María Claudia Vallejo Ascuntar, Jorge Luis Huertas Díaz, Freddy Andrés Games, Javier Paolo Moncayo Pascuasa, Harol Mauricio Narváez Carvajal, Alex Richar Miguel López Guerrero, Oscar Quijano, Hugo Andrés Gamajoa, Marco Antonio Salazar Pardo, and Andrés Chamorro, all students at the Universidad de Nariño, in the city of Pasto, Colombia. On September 16, 2002, the IACHR requested information from the Colombian State on the situation of 14 students from the Universidad de Nariño, including Jairo Roberto Moncayo Pascuaza, pursuant to a request for precautionary measures. In response, on October 24, 2002, the Colombian Government indicated that certain protective measures had been adopted – mainly providing communication gear—for some student leaders. Recently, the IACHR learned that the threats against the students at the Universidad de Nariño were continuing, and that on September 16, 2003, student leader Jairo Roberto Moncayo Pascuaza had been assassinated. The information submitted to the IACHR on December 1, 2003, indicates that in the wake of that assassination, threats to kill student leaders were on the rise; four student leaders were forcibly displaced. In view of this 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 undertaken to investigate the facts and put an end to the threats. The Commission has continued receiving information about the situation of the persons protected.