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15. On February 20, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Nelly Barreto Reyes and her eight children, Rosa Solano, Amalia Mendoza, José Abelardo Villa, and José Antonio García in the Department of Cesar. Available information indicates that Ms. Nelly Barreto Reyes and members of her family have been the target of death threats by the members of the AUC in retaliation for the report of the murder of Héctor Arturo López and Héctor López Solano—son and husband, respectively, of Ms. Barreto. Héctor Arturo López was allegedly murdered on January 27, 2004 in La Jagua de Ibirico, and his father, Héctor López Solano, was allegedly murdered in Valledupar on February 4, 2004 in front of the rest of his children and his pregnant wife. In view of the risk for the beneficiaries, the Commission requested the Colombian Government to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and personal safety of Nelly Barreto Reyes and her eight children, Rosa Solano, Amalia Mendoza, José Abelardo Villa, and José Antonio García and to report on the actions adopted to investigate the incidents justifying the adoption of the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.