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31. On February 27, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Rafael Castillo Gándara and his attorney, Walter Robles. Available information indicates that Mr. Gándara Castillo has been the target of persecution and death threats by members of the Attorney General's Office, where his ex-wife worked under the orders of the Attorney General at the time, Carlos David de León Argueta. Although the Presidential Military Staff and the Human Rights Prosecutor arranged for the adoption of perimeter security measures in favor of Messrs. Gándara Castillo and Robles, they continued to be the targets of threats and persecution. In view of the risk for the beneficiaries, the Commission requested the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures necessary to protect the life and personal safety of Messrs. Gándara Castillo and Robles and to report on the actions undertaken to investigate the threats made against them. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the protected persons.