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51. On March 11, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of the president and director of the community broadcasting station *Máxima 104.3 FM*, Víctor López Yépez and Adda Pérez. Available information indicates that on March 2, 2004, a group of approximately 30 persons, presumably belonging to the “Gente de Petróleo” organization, armed with sticks and stones, assaulted the journalists Víctor López Yépez and Adda Pérez while returning from work. Likewise, the Petitioners indicate that they had received threats of arson on various occasions at the main office of the radio station. They allege that the threats were reported to the National Guard, the Regional Police, and the Police Institute of Cabimas, although no response has been forthcoming. In view of the risks to the beneficiaries, the IACHR requested the Venezuela State to adopt the measures necessary to protect the lives and physical integrity of the journalists as well as the installations of the radio station, and to report on the actions undertaken to clarify the facts justifying the adoption of precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the protected persons.