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17. On March 18, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of 108 inmates in the Maximum Security Prison at Kilometer 14, district of Palo Gordo, Municipality of Girón, Department of Santander. Available information indicates that the members of the different armed groups operating outside of the law and common prisoners are forced to live together in the prison's yards, which has led to situations of violence against the inmates and their relatives. In view of the situation of the beneficiaries, who are under the custody of prison authorities, the Commission requested the Colombian Government to adopt the necessary measures to separate the prison population so as to prevent situations that might jeopardize the life or personal safety of the prisoners in the Maximum Security Prison at Kilometer 14 in the district of Palo Gordo. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.