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18. On May 19, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Álvaro Vélez Carriazo, José Luis Páez Romero, Manuel Hernández Sibaja, Rubén Álvarez Soto, Rosario Figueroa Mendoza, members of the Board of Directors of SINTRAUNICOL, Córdoba Subdirectorate; Jesús Emel Amaranto Cantillo, Jesús Ballesteros Correa, Concepción Elena Amador Ahumada, Regina Josefa Cogollo Jiménez, José Gabriel Flórez Barrera, Manuel de Jesús Cortina Núñez, and Álvaro Antonio Sánchez Carballo, members of the Board of Directors of ASPU, Córdoba Section, in the Department of Córdoba. Available information indicates, inter alia, that on November 14, 2003, the AUC sent to the headquarters of the National Board Directors of SINTRAUNICOL a communiqué declaring that 15 directors of the trade union are military targets, including the Chair of the University Section of Córdoba and the national directorate from this university. Risk Report No. 006 of the Office of the National Human Rights Ombudsman on February 6, 2004 confirms that the professors, workers, and retired staff who have reported the influence exerted by self-defense groups in the University have been declared allies of the insurgents and therefore are liable to threats. In addition, on May 5, 2004, a public debate was held in Congress, with support from the officers of SINTRAUNICOL and ASPU, on crimes perpetrated by the AUC in the Department of Córdoba, which has increased the risk for the leaders threatened by the Commander of the AUC-ACCU, Salvatore Mancuso. In view of the situation of the beneficiaries, the Commission requested the Colombian State to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and personal safety of Álvaro Vélez Carriazo, José Luis Páez Romero, Manuel Hernández Sibaja, Rubén Álvarez Soto, Rosario Figueroa Mendoza, Jesús Emel Amaranto Cantillo, Jesús Ballesteros Correa, Concepción Elena Amador Ahumada, Regina Josefa Cogollo Jiménez, José Gabriel Flórez Barrera, Manuel de Jesús Cortina Núñez, and Álvaro Antonio Sánchez Carballo and to report on the actions adopted in order to clarify the threats justifying the implementation of precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the protected persons.