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34. On October 18, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Alexander Toro, Legal Aid of the Department Prosecutor's Office of Retaluelo, and his family. Available information indicates that Mr. Alexander Toro has been the target of death threats after his intervention as a mediator between the occupants, owners, and public authorities in the search of a peaceful solution to the occupation of the Nueva Linda Farm. The farm was taken over by 1,800 campesinos in October 2003 after the murder of the leader Héctor René Reyes Pérez, and they were evicted on August 31, 2004, in episodes of violence that left 11 dead. In view of the risk to the beneficiaries, the Commission requested the Guatemalan State to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and personal safety of the beneficiaries and to report on the actions undertaken to investigate the threats made against him. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the protected persons.