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13. On January 18, 2005, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of the journalists Ricardo Gálvez, Aníbal Ortiz and Germán Galviz (or Galvis). The available information indicates that these journalists host a program on Radio Lemas in the city of Cúcuta that addresses issues of law and order and hosts debates on matters of corruption and insecurity in the department of Santander, and that as a consequence they have received death threats and other forms of harassment. It is alleged that on January 11, 2005, the journalist Julio Humberto Palacios was murdered while traveling to the radio station. Given the risks facing the beneficiaries, the Commission asked the Colombian Government to adopt the measures necessary to protect the lives and personal integrity of the journalists Ricardo Gálvez, Aníbal Ortiz, and Germán Galviz (or Galvis), and to inform the Commission of the steps taken to investigate the incidents that led to the adoption of precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.