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11. On January 18, 2005, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of María Leontina Millacura Llaipen and her family, Gerardo Colin, Patricio Oliva, Tamara Bolívar, Walter Mansilla, Silvia de los Santos, Verónica Heredia, and the family of Iván Eladio Torres. The IACHR's decision was based on information indicating that Mr. David Alberto Hayes, then serving a prison sentence at the town hall of the city of Comodoro Rivadavia, had suffered threats and attacks against his physical integrity, presumably because he was a witness in the trial being conducted into the disappearance of 26-year-old Iván Eladio Torres on October 2, 2003. On January 17, 2005, Mr. David Alberto Hayes died in unclear circumstances. Similarly, other witnesses and family members had suffered intimidation and attacks, also presumably in connection with the search for justice in the disappearance of Iván Torres. In light of this situation, the IACHR asked the Argentine State to adopt the measures necessary to ensure the lives and personal integrity of the beneficiaries. On January 21, 2005, the IACHR amplified the precautionary measures in favor of Juan Pablo Caba and Miguel Ángel Sánchez, and on January 25, 2005, further amplified the measures in favor of the members of the Hayes family, in both instances at the petitioners' request. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the protected individuals, whose representatives have met with the State on several occasions to examine issues relating to the precautionary measures.