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15. On May 5, 2005, the Commission granted precautionary measures to protect the offices of the Macizo Integration Committee (CIMA) in the municipality of Popayán, in order to ensure the safety of workers employed on those premises. The information available indicates that the CIMA's members have been singled out and threatened due to their work in support of rural communities. Particular emphasis was placed on the security situation of one of the members, Mr. Miguel Fernández, who received death threats on several occasions during March and April 2005 at the CIMA's offices in Popayán, and to whom the State provided a personal security system. Given the risks facing the beneficiaries, the Commission asked the Colombian Government to adopt the measures necessary to ensure the safety of the CIMA's facilities in Popayán and to inform the Commission of the steps taken to investigate the incidents that led to the adoption of the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.