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31. On July 29, 2005, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Antonio Jacinto López Martínez. The information available indicates that on October 24, 2004, Mr. López Martínez was appointed mayor of the municipality de San Martín Itunyoso, Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca for the 2005-07 period under the system of uses and customs. Mr. López Martínez received death threats, warning him not to attend the swearing in ceremony, and he consequently did not report to assume office on the established date. Subsequently, when he attempted to take office, Mr. López Martínez and the people with him were targeted with gun shots and a total of four people were killed. On July 25, 2005, Mr. López Martínez was stopped by two individuals and his life was again threatened. Given the risks facing the beneficiary, the Commission contacted the Mexican Government to request the adoption of the measures necessary to protect the life and personal integrity of Antonio Jacinto López Martínez and the investigation of the incidents that led to the adoption of precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.