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30. On October 31, 2005, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Ericel Gómez Nucamendi and an additional 116 workers with the daily newspaper Noticias, Voz e Imagen de Oaxaca. The information available indicates that members of the staff at the paper have received constant threats, directly and by telephone, in apparent retaliation for their work as a media outlet that criticizes Oaxaca state policies. These threats have escalated into acts of violence and harassment. In light of the background to this case, the Commission asked the Mexican State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the lives, personal integrity, and freedom of expression of Ericel Gómez Nucamendi and 116 employees of the newspaper Noticias, Voz e Imagen de Oaxaca, and to investigate the incidents that led to the adoption of precautionary measures. During its visit to Mexico in August 2005, an IACHR delegation met in Oaxaca with representatives of the petitioners and government authorities in order to receive up-to-date information on the request. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.