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16. On October 31, 2005, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Arquimedes Vitonás, Ezequiel Vitonás, Gilberto Muñoz Coronado, Gabriel Pavi, Nelson Lemus, Plinio Trochez, Miliciades Musice, Oscar Cuchillo, and Alciades Escué, all of whom are leaders of the North Cauca Association of Municipal Councils. The information provided indicates that the Nasa people of the north of the Department of Cauca, and in particular their leaders, have been targeted by acts of violence and threats from belligerents in the armed conflict taking place in that area and have been singled out by the Colombian army. 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 Arquimedes Vitonás, Ezequiel Vitonás, Gilberto Muñoz Coronado, Gabriel Pavi, Nelson Lemus, Plinio Trochez, Miliciades Musice, Oscar Cuchillo, and Alciades Escué, 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.