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17. On November 16, 2005, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Mrs. Mercedes Ochoa López, an eye-witness to the death of the minor child Nicolás Neira in an incident that occurred in the city of Bogotá on May 1, 2005 and involved members of the security forces. The information available indicates that after giving a statement to the Office of the Prosecutor General, Mrs. Ochoa López was followed and harassed on repeated occasions during the months of July and August 2005. On September 13, 2005, the IACHR asked the State to provide information on Mrs. Ochoa López's situation and, after receiving its reply, forwarded it to the requesting petitioners for their comments. The petitioners reported in their reply of November 9, 2005, that the acts of harassment against the witness Mercedes Ochoa López were still occurring. Given the risks facing the beneficiary, the Commission asked the Colombian Government to adopt the measures necessary to protect the life and personal integrity of Mrs. Mercedes Ochoa López 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 beneficiary.