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26. On March 22, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of the US citizen, Damián Miguel Pedro Taylor Colosal who is currently detained in the APANTEOS penitentiary in Santa Ana, El Salvador. The information available indicates that Mr. Taylor Colosal was a witness to violent events that took place in the “La Esperanza” prison before he was transferred to APANTEOS. It is alleged that he has been the victim of physical aggression inside the prison without the matter being investigated. On February 7, 2006, the IACHR requested information from the State regarding Mr. Taylor Colosal’s situation in order to evaluate the need to activate the precautionary measures mechanism. In view of the response provided by the State on February 27, 2007 regarding the absence of measures designed to guarantee the physical integrity of the prisoner, the IACHR decided to adopt precautionary measures and request that the State adopt the measures necessary to protect his life and physical integrity, judicially investigate the events, and bring to justice those responsible. The Commission is monitoring the beneficiary’s situation.