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30. On July 3, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of René Gálvez and other members of the board of directors of ASIDECQ (the Integrated Association for the Development of Quetzal City and Neighboring Colonies) in Guatemala. The information available states that the members of the board of directors of ASIDECQ were subjected to serious acts of violence, intimidation, and threats, as a consequence of their work. Specifically, it is stated that Oscar Humberto Duarte, one of the members of the board of directors, was abducted and disappeared on May 24, 2006, with no further trace of him being found. Furthermore, other members of the organization have been harassed and followed, and members of their families threatened by telephone. In view of this, the Commission requested that the Government of Guatemala adopt the measures necessary to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and report on action taken to investigate judicially the events that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission is monitoring the beneficiaries' situation.