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21. On September 22, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Marta Cecilia Díaz Suárez and María Paz Mancilla Gamboa, President and Vice President, respectively, of ASTDEMP (the Santander Association of Public Servants) in the Republic of Colombia. The information available indicates that Mrs. Marta Cecilia Díaz Suárez and Mrs. María Paz Mancilla were both subjected to threats, harassment, abduction, and serious physical assault because of their union work on behalf of state workers. In view of this, the Commission requested that the Government of Colombia adopt the measures necessary to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and report on the action taken to investigate judicially the events that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission is monitoring the beneficiaries' situation.