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37. On December 22, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Father Andrés Tamayo, Elvin Noe Lanza, Santos Efraín Paguada, Víctor Manuel Ochoa, René Wilfredo Gradiz, Macario Zelaya, and Pedro Amado Acosta, who are members of MAO (the Olancho Environmental Movement). Members of this organization are affected by the threatening atmosphere surrounding environmental activists in Honduras. On June 9, 2006, the IACHR requested information from the State regarding the situation of these persons in order to evaluate the need to activate the precautionary measures mechanism. Although the State's responses of June 16, August 3, and October 12, 2006 refer to certain protective measures activated on behalf of Father Tamayo, no information was provided regarding any steps taken to provide effective protection to the members of MAO. On December 20, 2006, Mr. Heraldo Zúñiga was murdered, for whom, and for his companion, Roger Murillo, precautionary measures had also been requested. In view of this, the Commission requested that the Government of Honduras 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 IACHR is monitoring the beneficiaries' situation.