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21. On February 28, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of five members of a family that resides along the Ecuadoran border with Colombia and the members of a human rights organization active in the same region. The persons who requested the precautionary measures asked that the identity of the persons protected be kept under seal. The information available alleges that members of that organization are subject to constant threats and persecution due to their activities to defend and promote human rights; that the children of the person who founded the organization have been victims of an attempted kidnapping; and that since late 2006 his wife and two siblings have received threats. The Commission asked the Ecuadorian State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and to report on the actions taken to investigate judicially the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. In addition, the Commission asked the Ecuadorian State for information on the situation of risk of another three persons. On July 19, 2007, during its 128th regular period of sessions, the IACHR held a working meeting with the members and the State regarding implementation of the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.