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27. On June 8, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of the members of the Instituto de Estudios Comparados en Ciencias Penales (ICCPG). The information available indicates that the beneficiaries have received death threats, and that despite the requests for protection made to the State authorities, they have not been granted adequate protection. It is indicated that one researcher of the Instituto was kidnapped on April 12, 2007, in Guatemala City, and released along a highway to Chimaltenango after being beaten and warned that the ICCPG should stop lodging complaints. At the same time, the IACHR considered this matter mindful of the increase in threats to and attacks on human rights defenders in Guatemala since early 2007. The Commission asked the Guatemalan 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. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.