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28. On June 14, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Samantha Sams, Gabriela Ispanel, Jorge Campos, Florinda Yax, Vivian Córdón, Evy Meléndez, Flor de María Salvador, Christina Laur, Cristal Barrientos, Dinova López, Tania Palencia, Katrina Monterroso, Miriam Chávez, and Mercedes Vicente, all members of the Project Counseling Service (PCS), known in Spanish as Consejería de Proyectos, Guatemala Regional Office. The information available indicates that on May 7, 2007, one of the members of PCS was said to have been kidnapped, assaulted, and threatened before being released. At the same time, the IACHR considered this matter mindful of the increase in threats and attacks directed against human rights defenders in Guatemala as of early 2007. The Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures necessary to ensure the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and to report on the actions taken to investigate judicially the facts that give rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.