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29. On June 18, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Messrs. Eduardo Rafael Vital Peralta, Jorge Emilio Minera Morales, René Arturo Xicar Cholojn, and Erick Javier Aguilar Alvarado, all leaders of the Centro Universitario de Occidente (CUNOC) of the Universidad de San Carlos, and their family members. The information available indicates that as of late March 2007 members of the organization Grupo de Responsabilidad de Todos (RETO) and their family members have been victims of acts of aggression and threats. Such incidents are said to be in retaliation for the initiative of the CUNOC Directing Council, made up of several members of RETO, that involved combating the illegal collection of monies from merchants established in the vicinity of the Universidad de San Carlos, traditionally done by students and former students of the university during Holy Week to cover the costs of their academic activities. It is noted that after the threats to the members of RETO and their family members were disclosed, Guatemala’s National Civilian Police provided individual protection to Mr. Eduardo Rafael Vital, a measure that is said to have has proven insufficient. 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 adopted to investigate judicially the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor on the beneficiaries’ situation.