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30. On June 25, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Ms. Juana Méndez Rodríguez, her husband Mónico Reyes, and their children Antonio, Santos Anibal, Amelia Yolanda, Justiniano Froylan, Rodolfo Otoniel, Silvino Rolando, Elmer Rubén, Melvin Marino, María Telma, and Brenda Floridalma, all with the last names Reyes Méndez, as well as PNC agent Lázaro Dubón Cano and his family. The Commission's decision was based on information according to which the beneficiaries received threats after Ms. Méndez Rodríguez filed a complaint alleging sexual abuse by agents of the National Civilian Police (PNC), some of whom were convicted. It is indicated that on April 23, 2007, the attorney who provides judicial assistance to Juana Méndez in the criminal proceeding was intercepted, assaulted, and threatened by hooded men. Agent Dubón Cano is a key witness in the criminal and disciplinary proceedings pending against members of the PNC with respect to the rape of Ms. Méndez Rodríguez. 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.