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16. On July 6, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Mr. John Fredy Posso Moreno, a former worker of the Comité de Derechos Humanos (Human Rights Committee) of the city of Tulúa, and his family. The information provided indicates that an illegal armed group known as “AUC Águilas Negras” had declared Mr. Posso Moreno to be a military objective after he denounced the participation of paramilitaries in crimes that occurred in the city of Tulúa. It is also indicated that Mr. Posso Moreno has received death threats because of his activities as a human rights defender, and that his wife, Ms. Cecilia Bohórquez Santiago, has been kidnapped, persecuted, and threatened. The Commission asked the Colombian State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Mr. Posso Moreno and his family, and to report on the actions adopted to investigate judicially the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.