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39. On July 11, 2007, the IACHR issued precautionary measures in favor of Francisco Velasco Hernández in Mexico. The information available indicates that on January 13, 2007, agents of the judicial police (Policía Ministerial) of the state of Oaxaca detained Francisco Velasco in the city of Oaxaca, tortured him, and after taking him to the offices of the Office of the Attorney General for the state of Oaxaca tried to make him confess to stealing a car. It is indicated that on January 23, 2007, the beneficiary filed a criminal complaint and a complaint before the State Human Rights Commission of Oaxaca against four police agents regarding the assaults mentioned above. It is also alleged that since February 2007 the beneficiary has received a series of threats from the police officers who are said to have attacked him, and from other agents of the judicial police of Oaxaca to get him to back down from the complaint filed. The Commission asked the Mexican State to adopt the measures needed to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiary, 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 beneficiary's situation.