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18. On August 21, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Rigoberto Jiménez, president of the National Coordinating Body of Displaced (CND: Coordinación Nacional de Desplazados), and of the members of the Corporación Jurídica Yira Castro, which provides legal assistance to victims of forced displacement in Colombia. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries have been the target of threats and harassment because of their work as human rights defenders. It is indicated that in July 2007, the CND received an email signed by an illegal armed group calling itself “AUC Águilas Negras de Bosa” that declared the beneficiaries to be an immediate military objective. It is also indicated that on June 22, 2007, unknown persons invaded the headquarters of the Corporación Jurídica Yira Castro, located in the city of Bogotá, and confiscated equipment and documents used in judicial proceedings in which the organization represents victims of forced displacement. The IACHR asked the Colombian State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and to report on the actions taken to judicially clarify the facts that are the subject of the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.