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31. On August 31, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Messrs. Lázaro Noe Reys Matta, Eulogio Obispo Monzón Mérida, Arturo Granados Hernández, Miguel Antonio Madrid Hernández, Max Alberto Estrada Linares, and Oscar Giovanni González Dorado, all members of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Empresa Portuaria Quetzal (STEPQ, Trade Union of Workers of the Empresa Portuaria Quetzal). The information available indicates that as of January 2007 members of the board of the STEPQ have been subject to intimidation and threats by unknown persons. In January 2007 the then-secretary general of the union, Pedro Zamora Álvarez, was assassinated when taken to his residence accompanied by his children, one of whom suffered a serious injury. It is indicated that the next day the beneficiaries received several phone threats, and that in February 2007 Lázaro Noe Reyes and Eulogio Obispo were intimidated by hooded persons who circulate in a vehicle with polarized glass, and with no rear tags. It was also indicated that in July 2007, one witness to the death of Mr. Zamora Álvarez was assassinated while the STEPQ was taking steps for the witness to be able to give testimony without fearing retaliatory acts. The Commission asked the Guatemalan State to take 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.