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15. On December 22, 2008, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of an Auxiliary Justice in the Criminal Chamber of the Colombian Supreme Court, Iván Velásquez Gómez, who was serving as coordinator of an “Investigative Support Commission” to establish the possible links between members of Colombia’s National Congress and paramilitary organizations. The request seeking precautionary measures states, *inter alia*, that state agents were alleged to be targeting Justice Velásquez, who was allegedly being threatened because of his role in the so-called “parapolitics” trials, and that the protective measures previously established for him were not sufficient. On February 22, 2008, the IACHR instituted the process of requesting information from the State concerning the degree of the threat facing Justice Iván Velásquez and the security measures arranged for him. After examining the information supplied by the parties on the circumstances under which Auxiliary Supreme Court Justice Iván Velásquez Gómez must perform his functions, the Commission decided to grant precautionary measures and asked the State to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Iván Velásquez Gómez, to arrange, jointly with the beneficiary and the petitioners, the measures to be taken, and to report the steps intended to remove the threat factors that warrant enforcement of precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the situation.