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16. On May 19, 2009, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for the following relatives of Mr. José Orlando Giraldo Barrera: his daughters, Martha Lucía Giraldo Villano and Ximena Giraldo Villano; his wife, Luz Marina Villano Morales; his siblings: Marcial Orlando Giraldo Barrera, José Wilson Orlando Giraldo Barrera and Jairo Giraldo Barrera Orlando Giraldo Barrera, as well as each of their families in Colombia. The request seeking precautionary measures alleges that these persons have been tailed and threatened, allegedly as a consequence of their participation as witnesses in the criminal proceedings on the death of Mr. José Orlando Giraldo Barrera, which occurred on March 11, 2006. The request also states that on April 28, 2009, persons wearing uniforms allegedly conducted surveillance on the residence of Mr. José Wilson Orlando Giraldo Barrera and asked for his whereabouts and that on May 10, 2009, he was the target of an attempt against his life with a firearm in the city of Cali. It also alleges that the General Attorney of the Nation has offered to include some beneficiaries on its program of protection to victims and witnesses, but that this measure would complicate the beneficiaries' participation in the criminal proceedings on the death of Mr. José Orlando Giraldo Barrera. The Inter-American Commission asked the State of Colombia to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and to inform the IACHR about any actions taken to investigate these facts.