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20. On November 18, 2009, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Doris Berrío Palomino and her family, in Colombia. The request for precautionary measures alleges that on August 31, 2009, Jair Pantoja Berrío, Doris Berrío Palomino's son and the founder of the Youth League of the League of Displaced Women (LMD), was killed in Cartagena. The request indicates that the murder took place even though the family of Doris Berrío Palomino has security measures in place provided by the State of Colombia. It adds that the Constitutional Court on three occasions had pronounced itself on the situation of risk faced by members of the LMD and that members of the League had informed the Ministry of the Interior about the inadequacy of the security measures, but it alleges that the Colombian State had not acted with diligence to ensure that the security schemes were effective. The request indicates as well that in 2009, various leaders of nongovernmental organizations that work to protect the rights of the displaced population in Cartagena had allegedly been killed and that beginning in March 2001, members of the LMD were victims of acts of violence and threats, allegedly perpetrated by armed groups operating outside of the law. The Commission asked the government of Colombia to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of Doris Berrío Palomino and her family, and to report on the actions taken to judicially clarify the facts that warrant the adoption of precautionary measures.