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22. On November 23, 2009, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for CJD and MAG, in Colombia. The request for precautionary measures alleges that the journalist CJD, who allegedly had been kidnapped in 2001 and forced to leave the country on three occasions, has been subject to ongoing threats and acts of harassment. The request indicates that on October 16, 2009, six individuals in four vehicles entered the residential complex where she lives, and some of them approached the door of her apartment. It adds that on June 20 and October 7, 2009, several calls were received on the cellular phones of CJD and her parents, in which unknown individuals asked about her younger daughter, MAG. The request also states that in 2008, CJD allegedly learned that her security escorts had produced intelligence reports on her and her daughter, in response to which she asked the Ministry of the Interior and Justice to appoint guards that she trusted. This request apparently received no response, and thus CJD petitioned the Constitutional Court for protection. On October 23, 2008, the Constitutional Court ordered the Ministry of the Interior and Justice to implement the security measures necessary to safeguard the life and physical integrity of CJD and ordered the Administrative Department of Security (DAS) to allow her access to the information about her in the entity's files. The request for precautionary measure indicates that the State has not complied with these orders, and that therefore there had apparently been an investigation into acts of contempt on June 11, 2009. The Commission asked the government of Colombia to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the life and physical integrity of CJD and MAG, and to report on the actions taken to investigate the facts that led to the adoption of precautionary measures.