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32. On June 21, 2002, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Gustavo Petro Urrego, a parliamentarian with a well-known track record in the area of human rights. According to the request received by the IACHR, there had been evidence of plans to take the beneficiary's life since February 2002 and Carlos Castaño told a government official over the telephone that the beneficiary "...would no longer be a problem" after July 20, 2002 the date on which the parliamentarian was to resume his functions in Congress. During its 116th regular session, the IACHR granted a hearing at the request of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, to follow up on the validity of these precautionary measures.