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[1] Communication No. 1696, dated November 17, 1970, denouncing several acts in violation of Articles I and XVI of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man (right to life, liberty, security and integrity of the person, and right to protection against arbitrary arrest).

[2] The Commission, in a note of January 25, 1971, requested the corresponding information from the Government of Ecuador in accordance with Articles 42 and 44 of its Regulations.

[3] The Government of Ecuador, in a note dated February 11, 1971, supplied preliminary information on the case.

[4] At its Twenty-fifth Session (March 1971), the Commission appointed Dr. Gabino Fraga as rapporteur of the case, who presented a report with the recommendation that the Government concerned again be requested to send information that would permit examination of the complaint.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the rapporteur.

[5] Shortly thereafter, however, on March 16, 1971, the Government of Ecuador replied to the Commission supplying information on the acts denounced and the procedures that were being followed by the national authorities to guarantee the liberty and security of the complainant, and the observance of human rights. Pursuant to its Regulations, the Commission, in a communication dated March 19, 1971, sent the pertinent parts of these reports to the complainant.

[6] At the Twenty-sixth Session (October-November 1971), the rapporteur presented a second report with the recommendation that information be requested from the complainant on the present situation of the case. In accordance with this recommendation, the Commission sent a letter to the petitioner on December 3, 1971.