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Session:	Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Session (16 -27 October 1972)
Title/Style of Cause:	Unknown v. Ecuador
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Decided by:	President: Dr. Justino Jimenez de Aréchaga (Uruguay) Vice-President: Dr. Carlos A. Dunshee de Abranches (Brazil) Members: Prof. Manuel Bianchi (Chile); Dr. Gabino Fraga (Mexico); Mr. Robert F. Woodward (United States); Dr. Genaro R. Carrio (Argentina); Dr. Andrés Aguilar (Venezuela); All members attended the twenty-ninth session.
Dated:	14 March 1973
Citation:	Unknown v. Ecuador, Case 1696, Inter-Am. C.H.R., OEA/Ser.L/V/II/.29, doc. 41 rev. 2 (1972)
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[1] Case No 1696, of November 17, 1970, pertains to denunciation of various violations of Articles I and XXV of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man (the right to life, liberty and personal security, and the right to protection from arbitrary arrest).

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

[3] In a note dated March 16, 1971, the Government of Ecuador replied, supplying data on the acts denounced and the initiation of procedures by the national authorities with the object of investigating the authors and accomplices of such deeds, as well as the accessories to the crimes committed against the person and property of the petitioner.

[4] In accordance with its Regulations, the Commission transmitted the pertinent parts of the information supplied by the government to the petitioner.

[5] At the Twenty-Sixth Session (October-November 1971), the Commission continued consideration of this case, together with the information supplied by the government concerned, and appointed Dr. Gabino Fraga as rapporteur. The rapporteur presented a report (Doc. 26-26), on the basis of which the Commission decided to request the petitioner to inform it of the present status of the case.

[6] In conformity with this decision, the Committee sent a communication to the petitioner on December 3, 1971.

[7] In a communication of January 28, 1972, the petitioner replied to the Commission, criticizing its action in processing the case and stating that he was dropping the case.

[8] At the Twenty-Seventh Session (February-March 1972), in the absence of Dr. Fraga, the Commission appointed Dr. Carlos A. Dunshee de Abranches as the new rapporteur. He presented a report (Doc. 35-27), recommending continuation of the processing, notwithstanding the fact that the case had been dropped by the petitioner, with the object of obtaining from the Government of Ecuador information on the status of the case before the judicial organs of that country. In conformity with this recommendation, at that session the Commission decided to request specific supplementary information from that government. Consequently, a note was sent to the Government of Ecuador on March 29, 1972.

[9] On the basis of this background information, the Commission again considered Case No. 1696 at its Twenty-Ninth Session (October 1972) and adopted the following decisions: to reiterate to the Government of Ecuador its request of March 29, 1972, for supplementary information, and to extend for sixty additional days the period established in Article 51 of its Regulations.

[10] In conformity with this decision, the Commission sent a note to the Government of Ecuador on November 1, 1972.