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53. On July 9, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of six Ecuadorian citizens who claimed to be HIV/AIDS carriers. For reasons of confidentiality their names are in the Commission's files but not listed in this Annual Report. The petitioners argued, inter alia, that State health agencies had failed to provide the beneficiaries with basic testing to determine the course of the disease as well as adequate treatment. The Commission requested that the State provide the beneficiaries with the medical examination and treatment indispensable for their survival. The petitioners filed a second, third and fourth requests bringing the total number of affected persons, by August 12, 2002, to 54. With each request, the Commission extended the precautionary measures of July 9, 2002. On August 26, 2002 the State indicated that the original six HIV/AIDS carriers were receiving medical attention and that the Ministry of Health had acquired medication to prevent mother-child transmission for 100 women and to assist approximately 120 persons with HIV. Subsequently, the petitioners filed additional fifth and sixth requests, bringing the total number of affected persons by September 23, 2002 to 153 persons. Precautionary measures were requested in these cases as well. On October 15, 2002 the Commission held a hearing on this matter, at the request of the State. The petitioners have informed the Commission that approximately 18 HIV/AIDS carriers in this group have died.