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59. On April 22, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Arturo Luis López Reyes, Luz María Menocchio de López, Arturo Luis López Menocchio, Luz Dahiana López Menocchio, and Luis Alberto Arévalo, Mr. Reyes's lawyer. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries have received death threats and have been subject to harassment and attempted extortion by members of the Police. Specifically, they state that on April 14, 2003, Arturo López was detained by agents of the Police's economic crimes division in order to extort him for a given sum of money and a luxury car, in exchange for temporarily respecting the privacy of Mr. López and his family. They also state that on April 15, 2003, heavily-armed members of the police carried out a search of the beneficiary's home in an operation which, according to one prosecutor's findings, took place without a judicial warrant. In view of the risk to the beneficiaries, the Commission asked the Paraguayan State to adopt measures to protect the life and physical integrity of the López family and their attorney. In response, the State reported that the Office of the Police Commander had adopted the measures needed to prevent any risk to the López family. In addition, it noted that the pertinent inquiries were being made into the facts alleged. Subsequently, the State continued to provide up-to-date information on the status of the investigations.