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34. On May 5, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Franco Viteri, José Gualinga, Francisco Canti, Fabián Grefa, Marcelo Gualinga, and all other members of the Sarayacu indigenous community. The information available indicates that at least 10 members of the community have been disappeared since January 26, 2003, and that the girls of the community were subject to harassment by members of the Army and civilians from outside the community. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the IACHR asked the Ecuadoran State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of the members of the Sarayacu indigenous community, to protect the community's special relationship with its territory, and to investigate judicially the events of January 26, 2003, at the "Tiuthualli Camp for Peace and Life." In response, the State reported to the IACHR on the protective measures implemented by the provincial police command of Pastaza.