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35. On May 14, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to Mr. Alejandro Peñafiel. The information available indicates that the beneficiary, who is being tried in Ecuador after having been extradited from Lebanon through Spain, is detained along with persons already convicted, and has been subject to an assassination attempt. The Human Rights Ombudperson (Defensor del Pueblo) has confirmed that the circumstances of his detention pose a serious risk to his physical integrity. In view of the risk to which the beneficiary is exposed, the Commission asked the Ecuadoran State to adopt measures to protect the life and personal integrity of Alejandro Peñafiel.