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40. On May 15, 2003, the IACHR issued precautionary measures on behalf of Edgar Filiberto Celada Alejos, Raúl Eduardo Najera Hernández, and all other members of the Colectivo HIJOS. The information available indicates that the beneficiaries have been subject to a series of acts of harassment, including physical assault and verbal threats by state agents. On March 15, 2003, the youth Domingo Yaxon Guarcax was beaten by members of the National Civilian Police and left unconscious near the Plaza de la Constitución. On that same day, Jorge and Marina Isabel Gómez, Ijinio Osvely, and Byron Sánchez were apparently threatened by police agents. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of members of the Colectivos HIJOS. In response, the State reported on the implementation of perimeter security around the organization's offices.