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46. On August 15, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Héctor Haroldo Sánchez Valencia, a journalist with Guatevisión. The information available indicates that on August 12, 2003, an email was received at the offices of that channel conveying death threats to over a dozen persons, including him, and that he was alerted by reliable sources of the death threats against him because of his coverage of the Ríos Montt case, with which several sectors were displeased. In view of the risk to which he is exposed, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Héctor Haroldo Sánchez. On December 3, 2003, the Commission lifted the precautionary measures at the express request of the petitioner.