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47. On September 22, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to Jorge Eduardo Springmuhl Samayoa, general manager of the newspaper “Nuestro Diario,” and his family. The information available indicates that Jorge Andrés Springmuhl Flores, Jorge Eduardo Springmuhl’s 17-year-old son, was kidnapped on August 20, 2003, in zone 15 of Guatemala City by three armed men. The kidnapping is part of a pattern of threats and acts of intimidation directed against Jorge Eduardo Springmuhl Samayoa. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Jorge Eduardo Springmuhl Samayoa and his family. In response, the State reported on the implementation of measures to carry out the requests of the IACHR. On December 5, 2003, the Commission communicated to the parties that it was lifting the precautionary measures at the request of the petitioner.