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48. On September 26, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Fernando Moscoso Moller, the director of the Museum of Archeology and Ethnology of Guatemala. The information available indicates that the beneficiary has been subject to harassment and death threats as the result of his work as an expert witness in the area of anthropology in cases involving human rights violations in Guatemala. In May, July, and September 2003, incidents were reported in which armed men were asking question about him. In view of the risk to which he is exposed, and the dangerous context for human rights defenders and forensic anthropologists in Guatemala, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures needed to protect the life and personal integrity of Fernando Moscoso Moller. In response, the State reported that it was taking steps to implement the requests of the IACHR, in consultation with the beneficiary.