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69. On October 3, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures to protect the right to freedom of expression in relation to the government's seizure of certain operating equipment at the television station Globovisión. The information available, in the context of an administrative proceeding, indicates that personnel from the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) seized broadcast equipment at various facilities of the Globovisión channel, giving rise to the potential restriction on the continuity of the operations of that media outlet. In view of the situation and its possible consequences, the IACHR asked the Venezuelan State to suspend the seizure measure and to return the equipment seized, in order to guarantee the right to freedom of expression, and it called the parties to a hearing. On October 21, 2003, the Commission held the hearing as scheduled, and determined that the seizure of the equipment, considered in isolation and by itself, did not appear to place the persons affected at imminent risk of suffering irreparable harm in the enjoyment of their rights, considering that the television station continued to broadcast news, although its live broadcasts were seriously affected or delayed. Nonetheless, according to the information received, the representatives of Corpomédios G.V. Inversiones, C.A. (Globovisión) filed an action for constitutional protection (acción de amparo constitucional) before the First Court for Contentious-Administrative Matters, which was pending resolution, since on October 8, 2003, the Committee on Operation and Restructuring of the Judiciary had suspended the President of that Tribunal and one other member for 60 days. Accordingly, on October 24, 2003, the IACHR asked the Venezuelan State to adopt measures aimed at ensuring urgently a simple and prompt remedy before competent and impartial judges or tribunals to protect against acts that the petitioners allege violate their fundamental rights related to the administrative procedure brought against Globovisión. On October 28, 2003, the State reported that it had forwarded the request for precautionary measures to the Supreme Court of Justice.