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50. On October 24, 2003, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Luis Ernesto Acevedo and another 372 persons deprived of liberty at the police station of the National Civilian Police in the city of Escuintla, which had been adapted as a center for pre-trial detention of youths belonging to the youth gangs or maras. According to the information available, official reports confirm that the sanitary conditions in which the detained youths are being kept pose an imminent risk to their health. In view of the beneficiaries' situation, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the sanitary measures needed to prevent harm to the personal integrity of the persons deprived of liberty at that police facility. In response, the State indicated that it was planning to implement the precautionary measures.