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36. On December 3, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of Johnny Gómez Balda, Selde Vélez Falcón, César Mata Valenzuela, and Edwin Daniel Vivar Palma. The information available indicates that—in the context of an alleged robbery of a pharmacy in the city of Quito—the beneficiaries were detained by persons linked to the National Police and taken in an official vehicle, and that their whereabouts have been unknown ever since. In view of the risk to which the beneficiaries are exposed, the IACHR asked the Ecuadoran State to adopt measures to determine the whereabouts of Johnny Gómez Balda, Seide Vélez Falcón, César Mata Valenzuela, and Edwin Daniel Vivar Palma.