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52. On June 22, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Ms. Eloisa Barrios and her family. Available information indicates that the beneficiaries are the target of constant threats and intimidation because of their reports of the assassination of their relative, Narciso Barrios, which was presumably committed by state agents. The Petitioners point out that, on June 19, 2004, Jorge Barrios and Oscar Barrios—relatives of Ms. Eloisa Barrios—had been arrested by a police commission and threatened with death, after which Jorge and Oscar Barrios were kicked in the face and body. In view of the risks to the beneficiaries, the IACHR requested the Venezuelan State to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and physical integrity of Ms. Eloisa Barrios and her relatives. After being apprised of the violent death of one of the beneficiaries of the precautionary measures, the Commission requested the Inter-American Court to adopt provisional measures in accordance with Article 63(2) of the American Convention. The provisional measures were granted on September 24, 2004 (see section below on questions pending before the Inter-American Court).