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14. On December 21, 2004, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of the children confined in the State Foundation for the Well-being of Children (Fundação Estadual do Bem-Estar do Menor—FEBEM Tatuapé). Available information indicates that, on December 6, 2004, there was an uprising in Unit 13 of the FEBEM in Tatuapé, which resulted in 8 injured children. It is alleged that the lives and personal safety of the children committed to the units of FEBEM Tatuapé are in imminent danger from the action of the officials of the detention center and its deplorable sanitary and building conditions. The allegations of the petitioners are substantiated by an administrative investigation by the Office of the Attorney General for Children and Young People of the State of São Paulo, which points out that there is a systematic practice of violence in units 5 and 12 of FEBEM Tatuapé. In view of this situation, the IACHR requested the Brazilian State to adopt the necessary measures to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and to report on the actions undertaken to investigate the incident and put an end to the assaults against the children and adolescents who are confined there. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of protected persons.