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29. On February 3, 2006, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Kevin Josué Alegría Robles, Jorge Luis López Sologaistoa and another 11 members of OASIS (the Organization to Support Integrated Sexuality) in Guatemala. The information available states that on the night of December 16, 2005, in Guatemala, two trans-sexual persons called Paulina (Juan Pablo Méndez Cartagena), a communications assistant at OASIS, and Sulma (Kevin Josué Alegría Robles), a client of OASIS, were shot and injured in an incident allegedly involving four uniformed policemen. It is stated that Paulina's injury proved fatal and that Sulma, who survived the incident, is a key witness in the investigation of the affair. Other sources confirm that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and cross-gender community in Guatemala face attacks and threats that often involve the police, which creates the fear of an existing clandestine policy of "social cleansing". In view of these antecedents, the Commission requested that the Government of Guatemala adopt the measures necessary to protect the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries and report on action taken to investigate judicially the events that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission is monitoring the beneficiaries' situation.