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According to results of a recent survey by the Ecuadoran Committee in Cooperation with the Inter-American Women's Commission, 80% of Ecuadoran woman have suffered or continue to suffer some form of abuse at the hands of spouses or partners. The large majority of these women do not seek help because of social or economic constraints, or the simple absence of services for domestic violence victims. The Committee mentioned the recent opening of the nation's first "safe house" for domestic violence victims. Services are provided to both women and children. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 03/23/92)

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