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39. On March 9, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Whitley Dixon, who was sentenced to death in Jamaica on February 12, 1996, and whose case, 11.884, is pending before the Commission. The Commission requested a stay of execution until the Commission had had the opportunity to examine his case, on the basis that irreparable damage would be caused to Mr. Dixon should he be executed before the Commission addressed his claims. The Commission did not receive a response to its request from the State. By a communication dated July 21, 1999, the petitioners informed the Commission that the State of Jamaica had commuted Mr. Dixon's death sentence on April 16, 1999.