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61. On May 20, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Anthony Johnson and Allan Phillip, who are sentenced to death and whose cases, 11.718, and 12.151, respectively, are pending before the Commission. The Commission requested that the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago stay their executions until a decision could be reached on the merits of these cases, and based its request on the fact that, should the State execute the victims before the Commission had an opportunity to examine these cases, any eventual decision would be rendered moot in terms of the efficacy of potential remedies, such as a recommendation of commutation of sentence, and would cause the victims irreparable harm. The Commission did not receive a response to its request from the State. As reported in section D.1 *infra*, in response to the Commission's request, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ordered provisional measures in favor of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Phillip in May of 1999.