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15. On June 18, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Messrs. Bartolo Ortiz and Carlos Orellana, who, according to the information received, were under a detention order following the publication of the "Black Book of Chilean Justice" by the journalist Alejandra Matus. On July 19, 1999, the Commission amplified the measures to extend to the author Alejandra Matus, requesting guarantees for her security and physical integrity, as well as her right to freedom of expression and her intellectual property rights. During its 104th regular session, the Commission convoked the parties for a hearing to consider the question of precautionary measures. In various presentations, the State reported: that on July 20, 1999, charges against Messrs. Orellana and Bartolo Ortiz in the case of the author of the book had been dismissed; that on May 14, 1999, Ms. Alejandra Matus Acuña had been declared in contempt for failure to attend the investigation hearing; that the Court of Appeals of Santiago had revoked the order initiating criminal proceedings against Messrs. Ortiz and Orellana; and that there was no order to institute proceedings or order of detention against Alejandra Matus Acuña. The Government argued that the right to intellectual property exceeded the scope of protection provided by the American Convention.