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29. On November 22, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the Government of the Dominican Republic take the actions necessary to put an end to mass expulsions of foreigners and, where persons in the territory of the Dominican Republic were to be deported, to fully observe the requirements of due process. This request was based on information received in which the petitioners indicated that thousands of persons of Haitian origin and Dominicans of Haitian descent had been expelled by the authorities of the Dominican Republic, through collective round-ups, and without legal procedures to properly determine the nationality and family ties of the expelled persons. The petitioners complained that the expulsions had been carried out in such a way that it had not been possible to communicate with their family members and that they had not been permitted to take their belongings with them. The State replied on December 15, 1999 rejecting the request for precautionary measures on the grounds that it did not conform to the provisions of Article 29, paragraph 2 of the Regulations of the Commission, and making reference to the existence of a procedure for repatriation, which was implemented by the Immigration General Headquarters.