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30. On December 3, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the Government of the Dominican Republic adopt the measures necessary, on an urgent basis, to guarantee the protection of Eddy Martínez, his wife Germania Pierre (María) and their two minor children, Olga and Teresa, to permit them to return to the territory of the Dominican Republic, and to return to them the personal documents which had been unlawfully seized. The Commission also requested that the Dominican Republic fully investigate the acts alleged, in accordance with its domestic legislation. According to the information received, immigration inspectors of the Dominican Republic had expelled the family of Eddy Martínez, of Dominican origin, to Haiti in a violent, illegal and arbitrary manner, having confused them with Haitians. The State responded on December 16, 1999, reporting that Mr. Eddy Martínez and his two young daughters had been in the Dominican Republic since November 19, 1999, and that Immigration General Headquarters would adopt definitive measures in the case with a view to protecting the family and preventing its separation. On February 28, 2000, the State informed the Commission that Haitian citizen Germania Pierre, the wife of Eddy Martínez, had been given a permit to remain in the country for three months, and that a request for official residence for Mrs. Pierre was being processed.