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Title/Style of Cause: David Mitchell and John Junior Higgs v. Bahamas  
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11. On December 17, 1999, the Commission granted precautionary measures in favor of Messrs. David Mitchell and John Junior Higgs (cases 11.872 and 11.832, respectively), and requested that The Bahamas stay the executions of Messrs. Mitchell and Higgs until such time as it had issued a decision on his petition. By letter dated December 23, 1999, the State informed the Commission that the "Government has already waited a reasonable time for the receipt of recommendations from the IACHR in respect of Messrs. Higgs and Mitchell and will not further postpone the process of its domestic law." On January 5, 2000, the Commission reiterated its request to the State. The Commission was informed by the petitioners by letter dated January 5, 2000, that on January 4, 2000, Mr. Higgs had committed suicide while shaving. The Commission was informed by the petitioners on February 23, 2000 that Mr. Mitchell had been executed by the State on January 6, 2000.