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53. On November 8, 2000, the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Johnny Paul Penry (case 12.340), sentenced to death in the State of Texas, and requested that the State stay his execution scheduled for November 16, 2000, so it can investigate the allegations brought before the inter-American system, on the grounds that executing Mr. Penry before the Commission could examine the case would cause irreparable harm. In a letter dated November 14, 2000, the Commission reiterated its request that the State reply regarding the precautionary measures requested. In a note dated November 14, 2000, the State informed the Commission that it had submitted its request to the pertinent government authorities for their consideration. The U.S. Supreme Court stayed Mr. Penry's execution on November 16, 2000.