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28. On March 1, 2001, the Commission requested that the State adopt precautionary measures on behalf of Mauricio Herrera Ulloa and Fernán Vargas Rohrmoser, a representative of La Nación newspaper. According to available information, Tribunal III of the Supreme Court of Costa Rica upheld the criminal conviction of Mr. Herrera, for the alleged pain and suffering caused by reporting information published in the European media questioning a former Costa Rican ambassador. The Commission requested that the State suspend execution of his sentence, to give it time to conduct a full investigation of the allegations raised in the petition, on the grounds that executing it before the Commission investigated the case would cause irreparable harm to Messrs. Herrera and Vargas, the latter being a representative of "La Nación."