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28. On April 24, 2001, the IACHR ordered precautionary measures on behalf of prison inmate Jorge Luis García Pérez-Antúnez. According to the request for precautionary measures, “inmate García Pérez-Antúnez is serving a sentence at Central de Nieves Morejón prison in Sancti Spíritus province; his health is delicate because of a tumor on his right lung, which was diagnosed in August 2000. In February 2001, without having received medical attention and seeing his health worsen, Antúnez began a hunger strike in demand of medical care; he was taken to the Sancti Spíritus provincial hospital, where a military physician told his sister, Berta Antúnez, that she need not worry because there was nothing wrong with him; after this, he was returned to prison, still not having received any attention.” The IACHR asked the Cuban State to adopt the following precautionary measures: (1) To transfer inmate Jorge Luis Pérez-Antúnez to a hospital specializing in the kind of physical ailments from which he is suffering. (2) To grant him specialized medical attention, to be administered in collaboration with a physician selected by his family. The State returned the IACHR’s document requesting the precautionary measures in an envelope from the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, D.C. However, the IACHR has been informed that inmate Jorge Luis García Pérez-Antúnez was moved to a hospital in Havana, where he received specialized treatment; after this he was transferred to El Combinado del Este prison, which is also located in the country’s capital.