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54. On January 30, 2002 the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State, pursuant to Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure, to adopt precautionary measures to preserve the life of Mr. Ronald Ernesto Raxacacó Reyes until the Commission had decided on the merits of the case. Mr. Raxacacó Reyes was sentenced to death in a May 14, 1999 ruling of the Sixth Criminal Court on Drug-related Activities and Crimes against the Environment, for kidnapping a child. According to the information provided, Mr. Raxacacó is in prison waiting for a date to be set for carrying out the judgment. In a note dated May 20, 2002, the Guatemalan State indicated to the Commission that “in this case, there is no imminent harm and no human right is being violated; this is a valid sentence in accordance with Guatemalan law, and the respective steps were followed to reach that ruling.” In the same letter, the State asked the IACHR to refrain from ordering precautionary measures on behalf of the condemned man. The Commission would like to underscore that the precautionary measures granted on behalf of Mr. Raxacacó are still in effect.