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77. On February 27, 2002 the Commission authorized precautionary measures in favor of Napoleon Beazley. According to the petition requesting the measures, Mr. Beazley was under 18 years of age at the time he committed the offense for which he has been sentenced to death and that executing him in these circumstances would violate a peremptory norm of international law. In its February 27, 2002 communication to the United States, the Commission indicated that if Mr. Beazley was executed before the Commission had an opportunity to examine the allegations in his petition, any eventual decision would be rendered moot in respect of the availability of potential remedies and irreparable damage would be caused to Mr. Beazley. Accordingly, the Commission requested that the United States take precautionary measures to preserve Mr. Beazley's life pending the Commission's investigation of the allegations in the petition. In a note dated March 13, 2002 the State's representative informed the Commission that they were coordinating with the State of Texas and the Office of the Legal Advisor in the Department of State to provide a response as soon as possible. Subsequently the Commission received information that Mr. Beazley's execution was scheduled to take place in Texas on Tuesday, May 28, 2002. Consequently, in a communication dated May 25, 2002, the Commission reiterated its February 27, 2002 request for precautionary measures. The Commission subsequently received information that Mr. Beazley's execution proceeded as scheduled on May 28, 2002.