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71. On July 29, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of eight carriers of the HIV/AIDS virus. The beneficiaries are identified in the Commission's file, however, at their request, their identities are being kept confidential in this report. The petitioners alleged that the beneficiaries went to State health centers or hospitals, but were not given the treatment and drugs needed to fight the disease. As a result, the immune systems of these eight persons were said to be in a critical state, with low CD4 counts, and they did not have access to clinical tests to monitor how the disease was progressing. On September 18, 2002 the Commission reiterated to the State its request for precautionary measures and broadened it to include eight more persons. The State informed the Commission that it met with the beneficiaries on three occasions, to discuss the request for precautionary measures. However, it said that it did not have the drugs needed for treatment and that it was trying to reach an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank, the Pan American Health Organization, and the World Fund [sic] to buy anti-retroviral drugs. According to the Petitioners, two of the eight beneficiaries have since died.