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51. On August 14, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of ten carriers of HIV/AIDS. The beneficiaries are identified in the file, however, at their request, their identity is being kept confidential in this report. The petitioners allege that the beneficiaries went to health centers or hospitals, but were not given the drug treatment needed to fight the disease. As a result, the immune systems of these ten persons are in a critical state, with low CD4 counts, and they do not have access to clinical tests to monitor how the disease is progressing. On September 3, 2002, the State indicated that it would provide comprehensive care to the beneficiaries within four months and would supply drugs to selected patients who meet the criteria set by the National Commission on Anti-Retroviral Drugs (composed, inter alia, of DIGECITSS, COPRESIDA, PAHO/WHO, REDOVIH, the Dominican Society of Infectology, Subsecretariat of Drugs and Pharmacies, and UNAIDS) in accordance with the availability of the resources allocated for 2002. On September 16 and 26, 2002, the IACHR broadened the precautionary measures on behalf of others, at the petitioners' request, covering 119 persons with HIV/AIDS. Despite the State's comments, the petitioners informed the Commission that they have not yet received anti-retroviral drugs.