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74. On September 23, 2002 the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of 15 carriers of the HIV/AIDS virus with CD4 blood counts below 300 per mm3, whose immune systems were compromised to the point of endangering their lives. The beneficiaries are identified in the Commission's file, however, at their request, their identities are being kept confidential in this report. The beneficiaries claimed that they went to State public health systems, but did not receive the necessary tests to determine how the disease was progressing or the anti-retroviral treatment necessary for their survival. The Commission asked the State to take the necessary steps, through the competent authorities, to determine the progression of the disease and to provide the necessary treatment in accordance with international standards set by the Pan American Health Organization. In its reply, the State indicated that notwithstanding the scope of the problem, it did not have a policy aimed at providing universal access to anti-retroviral treatment for carriers of HIV/AIDS. It indicated, inter alia, that as of September 2002 a special program had been implemented for children infected with the virus, with an estimated target of 150 patients in treatment, as well as training programs for health sector officials responsible for treating adult patients.