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42. On October 2, 2002 the Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of one person infected with HIV/AIDS. According to the request, on August 15, 2002 the beneficiary, who lived alone and did not have any income, became unemployed and hence was cut off of social insurance. Because the Colombian state offered access to treatment for this disease through that vehicle, the beneficiary was automatically removed from the HIV/AIDS program that he had been involved with since November 1994, which provided him with anti-retroviral treatment (AZT 3TCIDV). According to Pan American Health Organization standards, suspension of this treatment for a person infected with HIV/AIDS is fatal. The Commission asked the State to resume the beneficiary's treatment. In response, the State took steps to include the beneficiary in an ad hoc program providing access to anti-retroviral treatment.