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62. On October 15, 2002 the Commission adopted precautionary measures on behalf of Mr. Lysias Fleury. These measures were reiterated by the IACHR on November 12, 2002. According to information received by the IACHR, Mr. Lysias Fleury, of the Justice and Peace Episcopal Commission in Haiti, was detained by police on June 24, 2002 at approximately 7:00 p.m., and hit several times with the butt of a pistol at the time he was arrested. He was held 17 hours for questioning at the Bon Repos police station. That night he was subjected to various forms of degrading treatment. For instance, he was forced to collect excrement with his hands. The next day, some policemen beat him up, inflicting 15 double (“kalots marasa”) slaps on the face, 64 blows to the belly with a baton, and several kicks to the ankles. Mr. Lysias Fleury presented the Commission with a medical certificate attesting to his wounds, along with various photographs of them. The petitioner informed the Commission that a complaint was lodged with the Prosecutor’s Office in Port-au-Prince on August 1, 2002 as well as with the Inspector of the National Police on June 27, 2002. The Commission adopted the following precautionary measures: (1) Immediate adoption of all measures needed to protect the life and physical integrity of File Lysias Fleury. These measures must be adopted with the consent of the petitioner as soon as possible. (2) The adoption of all measures required to ensure that an investigation is carried out into the facts denounced by File Lysias Fleury. According to information at the Commission’s disposal, the petitioner made several attempts to meet government officials to agree on appropriate measures to guarantee his personal security but was not received by them. Moreover, he was allegedly intimidated by certain government agents who had taken part in the events of June 24, 2002.