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62. On January 6, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of Mr. Larry Eugene Moon, in the context of petition No. 4,659/2002, regarding the alleged violation of Articles I, II, XVIII, and XXVI of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. The petitioners allege that Mr. Moon was sentenced to death in Georgia in 1988 in the context of a trial in which evidence was admitted on crimes that were not the subject of the trial and in which there were substantial shortcomings and omissions in his defense. The beneficiary filed a writ of certiorari before the Supreme Court of the United States; its dismissal would authorize the state of Georgia to execute him within 10 days. In view of the situation, the IACHR asked the United States to refrain from executing Mr. Moon while his petition was pending before the inter-American system. Otherwise, any decision by the Commission would be stripped of any efficacy. Despite the request, the Commission later learned that on March 25, 2003, the authorities of the state of Georgia proceeded to execute Mr. Moon.