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63. On January 14, 2003, the Commission issued precautionary measures on behalf of John Elliot in the context of petition No. 028/03, on the alleged violation of Articles XXV and XXVI of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. The information available indicates that Mr. Elliott was sentenced to death in 1987, and his execution was set for February 4, 2003. In view of the situation, the IACHR asked the United States to suspend the execution of the beneficiary while his petition was pending before the inter-American system. Otherwise, any decision by the Commission would be stripped of any efficacy. The Commission later learned that despite this request, Mr. Elliott was executed on February 4, 2003.