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20. On February 28, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Mr. Francisco Pastor Chaviano González, the former president of the Consejo Nacional por los Derechos Civiles (National Council for Civil Rights) who was detained as of May 1994 on charges of revealing secrets pertaining to state security. In December 2002, the IACHR had already granted precautionary measures in favor of Mr. Chaviano González due to the conditions of his detention; on that occasion, the Commission asked the Cuban State to provide him with specialized medical care and, if necessary, to transfer him to a hospital. The information available indicates that Mr. Chaviano González had been held in a punishment cell for several months, even though he suffered serious illnesses such as a pulmonary tumor, duodenal ulcer, arthritis, arterial obstruction, and ischemic alterations, which are said to have deteriorated due to the conditions of detention and mistreatment at the hands of prison guards. The Commission asked the Cuban State to adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the beneficiary's life and physical integrity, especially to instruct the competent authorities to evaluate his health conditions and to provide him with adequate medical treatment. On July 20, 2007, during its 129th regular period of sessions, the IACHR held a public hearing on the situation of persons deprived of liberty in Cuba, in which it received information on the beneficiary's health situation and conditions of detention. The Commission has learned that on August 10, 2007, Mr. Pastor Chaviano was released by the Cuban authorities.