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49. On March 28, 2007, the IACHR issued precautionary measures in favor of Nigerian citizen Frank Igwebuike Enwonwu, who is deprived of liberty at a detention center in the state of Massachusetts, awaiting execution of an order for deportation to the country of his nationality. That order was said to have been issued in December 2006 and appealed by the beneficiary. The information available indicates that Mr. Igwebuike Enwonwu's due process guarantees were not protected, and that the execution of the deportation order could result in acts of torture to his detriment. In addition, it is alleged that there were flaws in the beneficiary's legal representation. In view of these considerations, the Commission asked the United States to refrain from deporting Mr. Igwebuike Enwonwu until a motion for review filed by him has been decided upon, and to report to the Commission on the measures adopted in this regard. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiary's situation.