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35. On July 7, 2008, the IACHR granted precautionary measures on behalf of Orlando Cordia Hall, who was given the death penalty for the alleged commission of a crime in 1994. The petition attached to the request seeking precautionary measures alleges that in general, there is racial bias in the application of the death penalty in the United States and that, in this particular instance, the judgment delivered in the case was based on questionable evidence about conduct that did not appear in the indictment. The allegation is that the United States is responsible for violation of Articles II, XVIII, and XXVI of the American Declaration. The Commission asked the United States to refrain from executing the death sentence until it has had an opportunity to issue its decision on the petitioner's claim of an alleged violation of the American Declaration. The Commission continues to monitor the situation.