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33. On July 29, 2008, the IACHR granted a request for precautionary measures on behalf of the patients at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital. The request seeking precautionary measures alleges that acts of physical violence and sexual abuse have been committed against the hospital's patients. It also alleges that effective measures have not been taken to investigate the violence and protect the patients. After requesting information from the parties several times, the Commission learned that in May and June 2008, the deaths of two patients were reported, as well as sexual abuse and violence at the hospital. The Commission asked the Paraguayan state to take the measures necessary to protect the lives and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and especially to prevent additional acts of physical violence and sexual abuse inside the hospital. It also asked the State to report the measures taken to investigate the facts. The Commission continues to monitor the situation.