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46. On April 6, 2009, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for Mr. Ronald John, who is deprived of liberty awaiting enforcement of the death penalty for the alleged commission of a crime in 2002.

47. The precautionary measures were issued in the context of a petition on the alleged violation of the rights enshrined in Articles I, XVIII and XXVI of the American Declaration by the State of Trinidad and Tobago. The petition, which is being processed by the Commission, alleges irregularities in the arbitrary detention, process and sentencing of Mr. John, among other factors. Through the precautionary measures, the Commission asked the State of Trinidad and Tobago 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.