PM 5-11 - Haitian Nationals in Process of Deportation, United States

On May 31, 2011, the IACHR expanded Precautionary Measure 5/11 in favor of 33 persons facing deportation from the United States to Haiti. The identity of the beneficiaries will be kept under seal at the request of the applicants. The request for precautionary measure alleges that the lives and health of these individuals could be at grave risk if they were to be deported to Haiti, given their health conditions and the lack of relatives in Haiti to assist them in obtaining access to medical treatment, food and drinking water. The Inter-American Commission asked that the United States suspend the deportation process in the case of the 33 additional beneficiaries until such time as: (1) Haiti is able to guarantee that detention conditions and access to medical care for persons in custody comply with applicable minimum standards, and (2) the procedures in place to decide upon and review the deportation of the 33 beneficiaries adequately take into account their right to family life and their family ties in the United States. The IACHR also requested the United States to inform the Commission as to the actions taken in cooperation with the beneficiaries and the petitioners to implement these measures.

(The PM 5/11 was granted February 1, 2011; since them, the IACHR approved several amplifications.