



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Information to the parties¹:

Proceedings after communication of an application brought against Russia, concerning complaints that are the subject of well-established case-law of the Court (as from 01/03/2023)

1. Notification of an application to the respondent Government

Following a preliminary examination of the admissibility of the application, the Court may decide, under Rule 54 § 2 (b) of its Rules, that notice of the application should be given to the respondent Government.

As cases of this type fall within well-established case-law, the Court will not require any observations from the Government, who are to be given an opportunity only to submit such observations, if they so wish, on the admissibility and merits of the complaints set out in the Subject matter and Statement of Facts document published on the Court's online [HUDOC](#) database (under Communicated Cases). Their submissions should be sent to the Court within 6 weeks from the published date.

If a partial decision has been adopted declaring the remainder of the application inadmissible, the examination of this/these complaint(s) is thereby terminated and no further submissions on this part of the application should be filed. Such applications are marked by an asterisk in the Subject matter and Statement of Facts document.

2. Friendly settlement and unilateral declaration

By way of exception to the usual rule, no friendly-settlement discussions will be set in motion. Instead, under Rule 62A of the Rules of Court, the Government may, if they so wish, submit a unilateral declaration in order to settle the case in line with the Convention requirements and the Court's case-law.

Where the Government submit a unilateral declaration, the Court will decide, in accordance with Article 37 of the Convention, whether it is justified to continue its examination of the application. If the applicant agrees to the terms of the unilateral declaration the Court will examine the application under the friendly-settlement procedure.

3. Observations on the admissibility and merits and just satisfaction claims

If the Government submit observations, they will be forwarded to the applicants for information only or, in rare circumstances, for comments.

¹ Updated on 20 July 2023

The Court's approach to just satisfaction is likely to be based on the Article 41 awards in similar cases. The Court may, in certain types of cases, consider that the finding of a violation constitutes in itself sufficient just satisfaction.

4. Final examination of the application

Where the Court considers an application admissible and ready for determination on the merits, it may immediately adopt a judgment under Rule 54A § 2. As the issues raised by the application are already the subject of well-established case-law of the Court, the Court may assign it to a Committee of three judges.

Decisions and judgments are drawn up in one of the official languages of the Court (English or French). No translation into another language can be provided.

Judgments

Judgments will be notified through publication on [HUDOC](#). Such notification will constitute delivery of the judgment; no letters will be sent to the parties in this connection.

Committee judgments are final and cannot therefore be referred to the Grand Chamber. Once they have been placed on the Internet site, the judgments are deemed to have been published for the purposes of Article 44 § 3 of the Convention and Rule 104A of the Rules of Court.

The execution of final judgments is within the competence of the Committee of Ministers (Article 46 § 2 of the Convention). Any questions in this regard, including, where relevant, questions concerning the payment of just satisfaction and possible default interest, should be addressed to the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the Court within DGI (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law) of the Council of Europe:

- Fax number: +33 (0) 3 88 41 27 93
- Website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/execution/home>
- Email just satisfaction: dgi_execution_just_satisfaction@coe.int
- Address: Council of Europe, Department for the Execution of ECHR judgments, F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex.

Where the Court has awarded just satisfaction under Article 41 of the Convention, to enable the sum awarded to be paid the relevant bank account details should be sent directly to the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation, Bolshaya Dmitrovka str., 15A, build. 1, 125993 Moscow, RUSSIA.

Decisions

Decisions will be notified through publication on [HUDOC](#); no letters will be sent to the parties in this connection.

Decisions are final and are not subject to any appeal either to the Court or to any other body. The Registry will not provide any further details about the Committee's deliberations or conduct further correspondence relating to its decisions.

For decisions whereby applications are struck out of the Court's list of cases and a sum is to be paid by the Government, the relevant bank account details should be sent directly to the General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation, Bolshaya Dmitrovka str., 15A, build. 1, 125993 Moscow, RUSSIA.

The execution of decisions after a friendly settlement has been reached is within the competence of the Committee of Ministers (Article 39 § 4 of the Convention). Any questions in this regard should be addressed to the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the Court within DGI (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law) of the Council of Europe:

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5. Belated and unsolicited submissions

The parties should not send any submissions unless they are instructed to do so in later correspondence from the Court. Any unsolicited submissions or submissions sent after the time-limit set by the Court will not normally be included in the case file for the Court's consideration (Rule 38 § 1).

6. Obligation to keep the Court informed

The applicants must inform the Court of any change of address and any major developments regarding their application, and submit any further, relevant decisions of the domestic authorities (Rule 47 § 7). In any further correspondence, they should always refer to the file number relating to their case.

If this has not yet been done, the applicants should inform the Court of their email address if they have one. It may be useful for notification purposes in the final stage of the proceedings.

7. Legal aid

Where the Court's case-law is well established, legal aid is not normally granted.

8. Confidentiality

In accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Court, documents deposited with the Registry by the parties or by any third parties are to be accessible to the public, unless decided otherwise for the reasons set out in Rule 33 § 2. It follows that as a general rule any information contained in the documents which are filed with the Registry, including information about identified or identifiable persons, may be accessible to the public. Moreover, such information may appear in the Court's online HUDOC database if the Court includes it in a statement of facts established for the communication of the case to the respondent Government, a decision on admissibility or striking out, or a judgment.

9. Anonymity

Whenever an applicant is referred to using initials, this indicates that anonymity has been granted to that person. This entails consequences for any documents submitted to the Court. In such cases, any documents deposited with the Registry in which the applicant's name appears or which could otherwise easily lead to his or her identification will not be made accessible to the public (Rule 33 § 1).