EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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HUDOC 2.2: User Manual
New features

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I. Document collections

The distribution of **Decisions** under "Document categories" is now more specific: you can choose between "Grand Chamber", "Chamber", "Committee", "Commission" and "Screening Panel".

You can find the **definition** of each document category by hovering the cursor over the question mark ⊘ .

For example, Grand Chamber judgments are defined as follows:
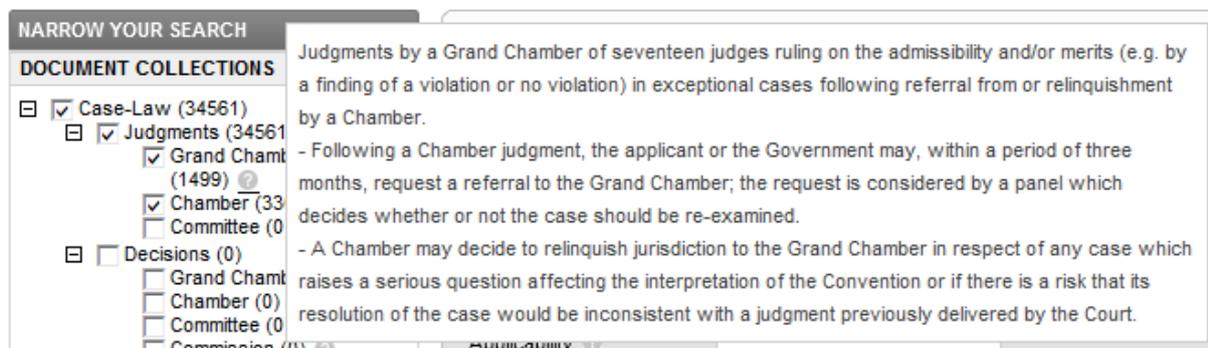
II.   Basic search

Use this field to search in one or more document collections.

A.   Basic search box

You can also open the **Simple Boolean Search screen** by clicking on the arrow:

The "Boolean" search box now contains "Near these words".

- Near these words corresponds to the Boolean operator NEAR.
NEAR enables you to find documents where the search terms are close to each other.
If you enter *police violence* in this field, the system will search for **police NEAR violence**.

B.   Spelling suggestions

Spelling suggestions have been improved when it comes to **case titles**.
If you spell a case title incorrectly your search will not return any documents. A message is then displayed suggesting the use of different or more general search terms.
Similarly spelt words, if any, will also be suggested. You can then search for that word simply by clicking on it.

Example:

The case title *Lautsi* has been spelt wrongly

The system proposes *Lautsi*.

C. Previewing results

The link **Preferences** can be found under the basic search field.

Preferences

When you click here you open a window that allows you to preview the results by checking the box.
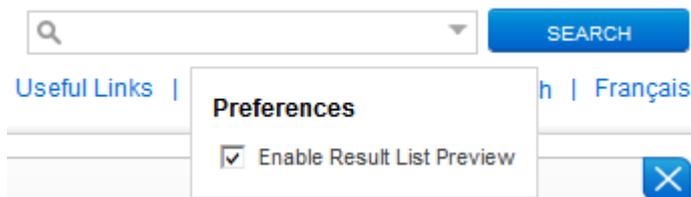
If you have enabled the "result list preview" and you search for the word *police*, it will be highlighted under the case titles in a selection of sentences taken from the document in question.

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NARROW YOUR SEARCH

DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS ▲

☐ ☑ Case-Law (6388)
   ☐ ☑ Judgments (6388)
     ☑ Grand Chamber (452) ⊘
     ☑ Chamber (5936) ⊘
     ☐ Committee (0) ⊘
   ☐ ☐ Decisions (0)
     ☐ Grand Chamber (0) ⊘
     ☐ Chamber (0) ⊘
     ☐ Committee (0) ⊘
     ☐ Commission (0) ⊘
     ☐ Screening Panel (0) ⊘
   ☐ Communicated Cases (0) ⊘
   ☐ Legal Summaries (0) ⊘
   ☐ Advisory Opinions (0) ⊘
   ☐ Reports (0) ⊘
   ☐ ☐ Resolutions (0)
     ☐ Execution (0) ⊘
     ☐ Merits (0) ⊘
  Press Collection

FILTERS ▲

LANGUAGE ⊘   **IMPORTANCE** ⊘
English (3813)   3 (2783)
French (2387)   2 (1839)
Russian (33)   1 (1766)
Albanian (19)   Case Reports
More...   (930)
    More...

STATE ⊘   **ARTICLE** ⊘
Turkey (1299)   41 (3471)
Russia (644)   6 (3089)
Italy (500)   6-1 (2674)
United Kingdom   5 (1670)
(459)   More...
More...

NON-VIOLATION ⊘   **VIOLATION** ⊘
6 (540)   6 (2196)
3 (446)   6-1 (1848)
6-1 (410)   5 (1335)
5 (391)   3 (1180)
More...   More...

KEYWORDS ⊘ ▲

6388 Results Found   🖶 Print ➡ Export 📶 RSS   Sort by: Relevance ▾

CRITERIA | CLEAR ALL | Sort: Relevance ✕ | Document Collection Id: Grand Chamber,Chambe... ✕ | Text search: police ✕

📄 **AFFAIRE DÜRDANE ARSLAN ET SELVIHAN ARSLAN c. TURQUIE**
57908/00 | Arrêt (Radiation du rôle) | Cour (Quatrième Section) | 10/01/2006
... fonction de M.A., agent de *police* qui se trouvait au moment des ... logements réservés aux agents de *police*, en congé. M.A. vida ... leurs blessures. L'agent de *police* qui avoua les crimes fut inculpé ...
Rayer du rôle (conclusion d'un règlement amiable)
Case Details   Press Release   Related

📄 **AFFAIRE OKATAN c. TURQUIE**
40996/98 | Arrêt (Radiation du rôle) | Cour (Troisième Section) | 13/07/2006
... conduit à la clinique de la *police*, où l'on observa une ... conduit à la clinique de la *police*, où l'on observa une ... conduit à la clinique de la *police*, où l'on ...
Radiation du rôle (conclusion d'un règlement amiable)
Case Details   Press Release   Related

📄 **CASE OF P.G. AND J.H. v. THE UNITED KINGDOM**
44787/98 | Judgment (Merits and Just Satisfaction) | Court (Third Section) | 25/09/2001
... while they were detained in a *police* ..tion, that information had been obtained by the *police* concerning the use of a telephone, that part of a *police* report had not been disclosed ...
Violation of Art. 8 in respect of use of listening de...   in respect of obtaining information ... more...
Case Details   Language Versions   Press Release   Re...

> The search term is highlighted

📄 **CASE OF BRENNAN v. THE UNITED KING...**
39846/98 | Judgment (Merits and Just Satisfaction) | Court (Third Section) | 16/10/2001
... which he was questioned by the *police* after his arrest on terrorist ... during the initial period in *police* custody, that he made admissions ... his solicitor present during *police* interviews, that he was ...
No violation of Art. 6-1 and 6-3-c as regards deferral of access to lawyer No violation of Art. 6-1 and 6-3-c as regards poli... more...
Case Details   Language Versions   Press Release   Related

📄 **CASE OF KUCERA v. SLOVAKIA**
48666/99 | Judgment (Merits and Just Satisfaction) | Court (Fourth Section) | 17/07/2007
... Convention on account of the *police*'s entry into his apartment ... applicant was the director of the *Police* Department in the Považská ... below. A. Entry by the *police* into the applicant's apartment ...
Preliminary objection dismissed (non-exhaustion of domestic remedies) No violation of Art. 5-1 Violation of Art. 5-3 Violatio... more...
Case Details   Legal Summaries   Press Release   Related

III. Fine-tuning your search

A. Filters

FILTERS ▲

LANGUAGE ⓘ
English (15566)
French (15565)
Russian (727)
Romanian (363)
More...

IMPORTANCE ⓘ
3 (21796)
2 (7018)
1 (5755)
Case Reports (3033)
More...

STATE ⓘ
Turkey (5881)
Italy (4645)
Russia (2973)
Poland (2209)
More...

ARTICLE ⓘ
6 (21152)
41 (18009)
6-1 (17653)
P1-1 (6502)
More...

NON-VIOLATION ⓘ
6 (1958)
6-1 (1576)
3 (1096)
5 (892)
More...

VIOLATION ⓘ
6 (16969)
6-1 (13624)
5 (3615)
13 (3283)
More...

KEYWORDS ⓘ ▲

(Art. 6) Right to a fair trial (21072)
(Art. 41) Just satisfaction-{general} (18008)
(Art. 6-1) Reasonable time (8179)
(Art. 6) Civil proceedings (7235)
More...

MORE FILTERS ▲

DATE ⓘ
Last Week (58)
Last Month (160)
Last 6 Months (814)
Last Year (1720)
Last 5 Years (13603)
Last 10 Years (26232)

COURTS ⓘ
Supreme Court (3291)
Cour de cassati cassation (3083)
Constitutional Court (1874)
Court of Cassation (1303)
More...

JUDGES ⓘ
Nicolas Bratza (3675)
Christos Rozakis (3193)
Françoise Tulkens Tulkens (2107)
Peer Lorenzen (1961)
More...

ORIGINATING BODY ⓘ
Court (Second Section) (4185)
Court (First Section) (3914)
Court (Fourth Section) (3354)
Court (Third Section) (3094)
More...

ORGANISATION ⓘ
European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (727)
PACE (300)
Human Rights Watch (246)
Comité européen pour la prévention de la torture (183)
More...

1. Multiple searches, Boolean operators AND/OR

All filters except for Language, Importance and Date enable you to use the Boolean operators **AND** and **OR** so you can search under more than one category for the same filter.

By default the Boolean operator is OR. You can select AND by clicking on the appropriate button (at the top of the filter window which appears when you click on "more").

If you set the logic to AND, the system will remember your choice and it will be used by default the next time you use this filter.

- The Boolean operator **OR** enables you to find cases in either of the selected categories.
  For example, if you search for Bosnia and Herzegovina OR Croatia, your result list will show all cases where the respondent State is either Bosnia and Herzegovina or Croatia.

- The Boolean operator **AND** enables you to find cases corresponding to all selected categories put together.
  For example, if you search for Bosnia and Herzegovina AND Croatia, your result list will show all cases where both Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia are respondent States, such as *Ališić and Others v. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*.
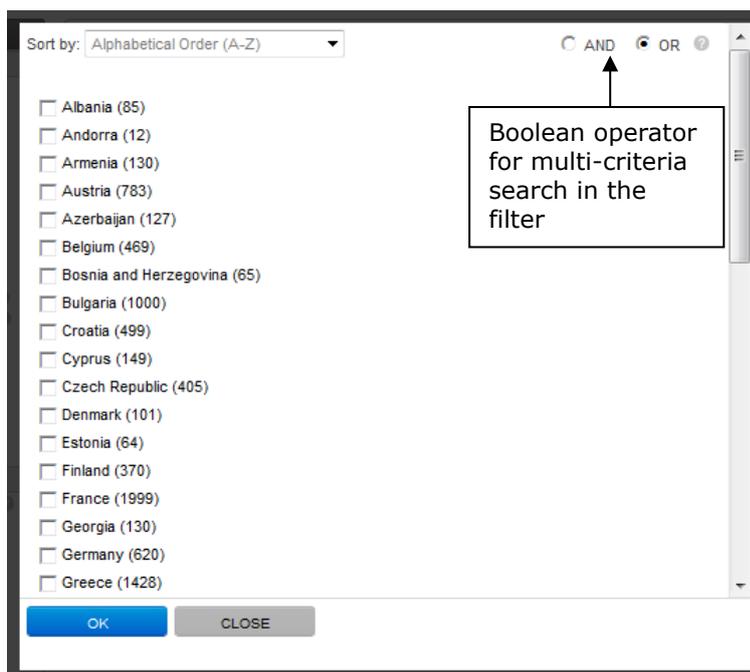
The Boolean operator applied remains visible in the filter search window. On the main page, the criteria selected are displayed under the corresponding filter with grey highlighting. You can remove each one by clicking on a cross. You can also remove all the criteria applied for a given filter by clicking on "Clear".
In the example illustrated below, where Bosnia and Herzegovina AND Croatia have been selected in the "State" filter, you can remove one or both of these States:
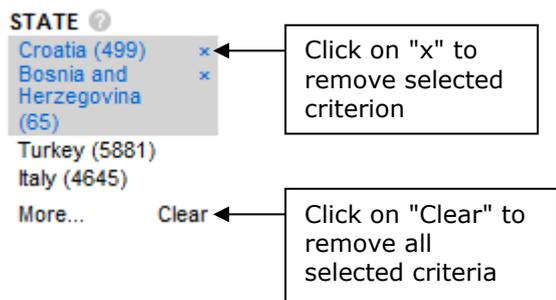
If you add, for example, Turkey as a criterion under the "State" filter, by clicking on Turkey, the Boolean operator previously selected will continue to be applied.

2. Organisations

The list of organisations has been updated. It includes a set of organisations whose work is relevant to the activities of the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe.
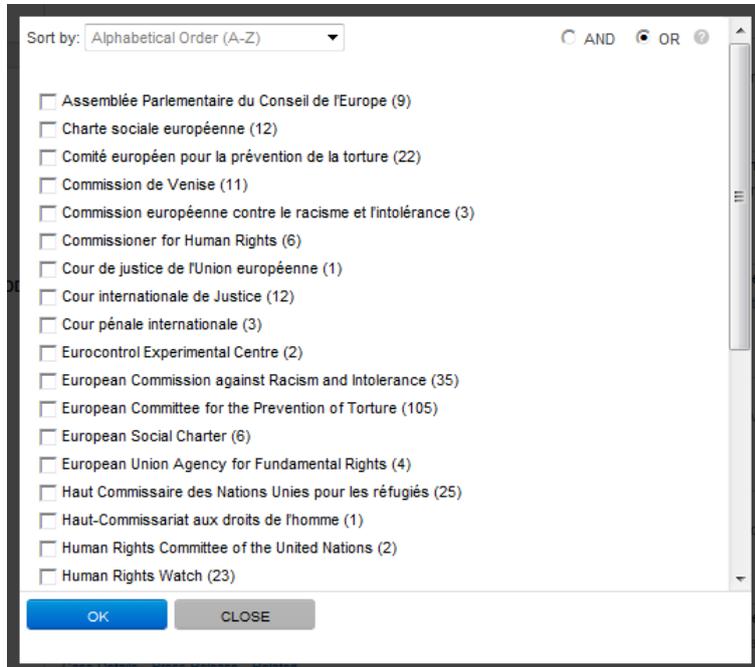
IV.   Result list

In the illustrations below a search has been made for "interprète" in Grand Chamber and Chamber judgments, importance level 1.The results are sorted by date, from the newest to the oldest. The result list preview is enabled.

A.   Displaying search results

1.   Exporting result list

You can **export** the result list in CSV or Excel formats.

Click on to open the window "Export options":

Select the format CSV or Excel as you wish.

In Excel format the results appear in a table of 6 columns containing the following information: document title, application number, document type, originating body, date and conclusion.

2. Multiple application numbers

The result list shows all the application numbers related to a case.

Only the first three application numbers are displayed automatically. If there are more than three you can display them all by clicking on the adjacent link.

3. Language versions

If the text is available in more than one language, the available versions appear in the result list.

If there are a large number of language versions, you can click to see the complete list.

Click on the language of your choice to access the document in the appropriate language version.

B. Displaying documents

1.   Displaying a document in HTML format

Click on the case title to view the document.

A full viewing pane then opens with the document.
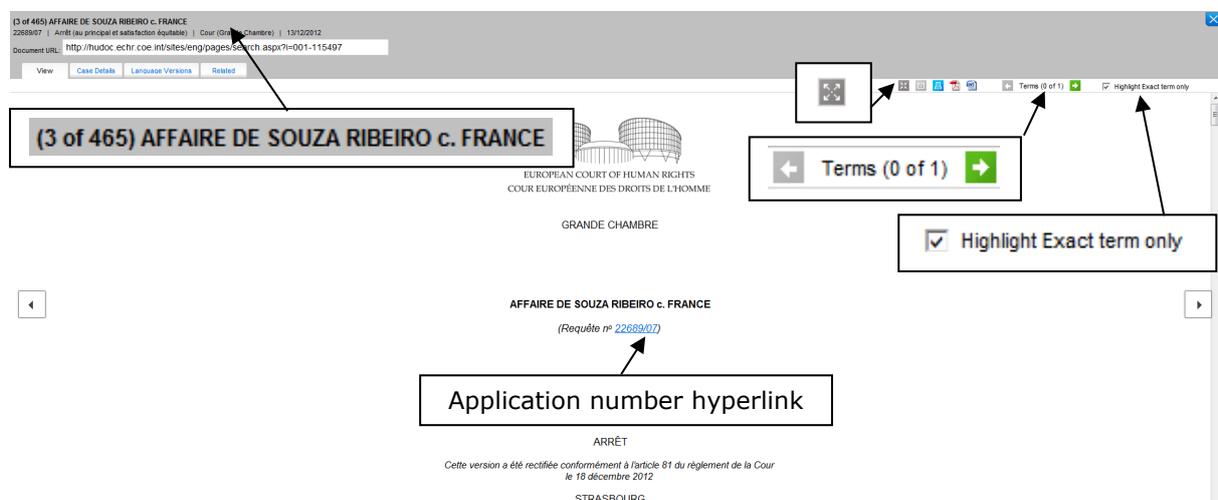
New functions are available:

a. Position of text in result list

The figures between brackets before the case title shows the **position of the document in the result list**.
In the example   , the case *De Souza Ribeiro v. France* is the third out of 465 in the result list.

b. Number of hits

 displays the **number of hits** inside a given document. Depending on the search term (if any), the number may change depending on whether you select "Highlight Exact term only" (see below for highlighting of terms).

Click on the green arrow to display the hits.

c. Highlighting of terms

The visibility of **highlighted terms** has been optimised. The active hit `interprète`
(obtained after clicking on the green arrow) is not highlighted in the same colour as the
inactive hits `interprète` (other instances of same word in document).

With the option ☑ Highlight Exact term only you can **highlight only the exact term that you
have searched for**, if any. For example, if you search for "interprète", only that word
will be highlighted and not the similar words such as s`interpréter`, where "interpréte" is
highlighted.

d. Application number hyperlinks

Each application number is automatically given a **hyperlink** [30696/09](#), allowing you to
move directly to the case in question. A new tab will be opened with the list of all related
documents.
Hyperlinks are associated with application numbers for all Strasbourg cases cited in the
document. However, as the case-law of the "old" Court before 1998 is cited without an
application number – for example, *Marckx v. Belgium* (13 June 1979, Series A no 31) –
there are no hyperlinks for such cases.
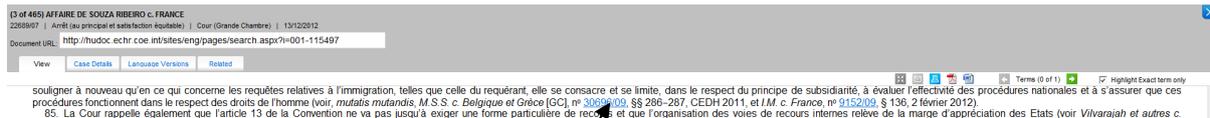
2. View maximised/minimised

The window opens as a maximised view.
To minimise or maximise the view, click on ⛶ .

C. Displaying case details

In the "Case details" tab the **application numbers** for the cases cited in the
Strasbourg case-law list appear as **hyperlinks**, allowing you to move directly to the
case-law cited: by clicking on the link you will display a list of all the results related to
the particular application number.

Application number as hyperlink

V. Tool bar

A. Colour

The tool bar can be found on the main page. The colour has been darkened to make it more visible.
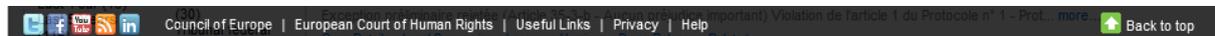
B. Help

Click on this link to access this *User Guide for new features in Hudoc 2.2.*, the Hudoc manual and the video tutorials.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Useful Links

When you click on this link you open a window that gives you access to various information on the Court's case-law.

Click here to access information on Court's case-law

B.   HUDOC URL

The URL for the HUDOC session has been simplified so that only the search criteria are marked.
For example, if you have done a search in the French interface of the HUDOC site (*hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/fra*) for Grand Chamber and Chamber judgments (*"documentcollectionid2":["GRANDCHAMBER","CHAMBER"]*) of importance level 1 (*"importance":["1"]*), the URL address for the session will be as follows:
http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/fra/Pages/search.aspx#{"importance":["1"],"documentcollectionid2":["GRANDCHAMBER","CHAMBER"]}

C.   Subscriptions to Twitter

The European Court of Human Rights is now on Twitter, at the following address:
https://twitter.com/ECHR_HUDOC

The Twitter account enables you to follow the Court's press releases in French and English.

Click on the link below to consult information about the Court's use of its Twitter account: http://www.echr.coe.int/ECHR/FR/Bottom/Twitter+Disclaimer/

D.   Maintenance

In the event of technical maintenance work on the Hudoc site, the banner below will appear at the bottom of the search screen to inform you that performance might be slow.