

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 66265/17 Hrant MAZMANYAN against Armenia

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 7 April 2022 as a Committee composed of:

Jolien Schukking, President,

Armen Harutyunyan,

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, judges,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, Acting Deputy Section Registrar,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 23 August 2017,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Hrant Mazmanyan, was born in 1970. He was granted leave to represent himself in the proceedings before the Court.

The applicant's complaint under Article 6 § 3 (d) of the Convention concerning the impossibility for him to examine a witness on his behalf was communicated to the Armenian Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicant, who was invited to submit his own observations. In response, by his letter of 18 June 2021, the applicant merely submitted his claims for just satisfaction.

By letter dated 28 September 2021, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 25 May 2021 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicant's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. However, no response has been received.

The Registry's letter of 28 September 2021 was returned to the Court as unclaimed on 2 March 2022 and there is no previous letter from the applicant informing the Court about a change of address.

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THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 5 May 2022.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar Jolien Schukking President