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FORTHCOMING CHAMBER JUDGMENTS

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The European Court of Human Rights will be notifying in writing four Chamber judgments on Tuesday 11 September 2007.

Press releases and texts of the judgments will be available at **11 a.m.** (local time) on the Court's Internet site (http://www.echr.coe.int).

V.T. v. France (application no. 37194/02)

The applicant, V.T., is a French national who lives in Paris. She complains that, despite her efforts over several years to give up prostitution, the obligation on her to pay family-allowance contributions is forcing her to continue that activity (Articles 3 and 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights).

L. v. Lithuania (no. 27527/03)

The applicant, Mr L., is a Lithuanian national who lives in Klaipėda (Lithuania). He was registered at birth as a girl, with a name clearly identifiable as female. However, he submits that from an early age he felt his gender was male rather than female. He complains about the lack of legislation regarding transsexuals in Lithuania and notably the absence of any lawful possibility to undergo full gender-reassignment surgery, which result in daily embarrassment and difficulties (Articles 3, 8, 12 and 14).

Teren Aksakal v. Turkey (no. 51967/99)

The applicant, Teren Aksakal, is a Turkish national who lives in Istanbul. She complains that her husband was subjected to torture resulting in his death while in police custody, and also alleges that there were various shortcomings in the criminal proceedings instituted in the national courts (Articles 2, 3 and 13).

Bulgakov v. Ukraine (no. 59894/00)

The applicant, Dmitriy Bulgakov, is a Ukrainian national of Russian origin. He lives in Simferopol (Ukraine). He alleges an unjustified interference with his private life with regard to the "Ukrainianisation" of his Russian first name which appears as "*Dmytro*" in official documents (Articles 8 and 14).

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