



Court rejects Ms Le Pen's request for interim measure to suspend immediate enforcement of electoral disqualification imposed by Paris Criminal Court

The European Court of Human Rights, sitting as a Chamber, has today refused, unanimously, to indicate an interim measure in the case of **Marine Le Pen v. France** (application no. 20233/25).

On 8 July 2025 Ms Le Pen sought an interim measure from the European Court of Human Rights, under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, to obtain the suspension of the immediate enforcement of the electoral disqualification imposed on her by the Paris Criminal Court on 31 March 2025.

The Court dismissed her request on the ground that, in any event, it was not established that there was an imminent risk of irreparable harm to a right protected by the Convention or the Protocols thereto.

Under the Convention system, interim measures may, in exceptional circumstances, whether at the request of a party or of any other person concerned, or of the Court's own motion, be indicated under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, where there is an imminent risk of irreparable harm to a Convention right.

Measures under Rule 39 of the [Rules of Court](#) are decided in connection with proceedings before the Court, without prejudging any subsequent decisions on the admissibility or merits of the case. The Court grants such requests only on an exceptional basis, when the applicants would otherwise face an imminent risk of irreparable harm. For further information, see [the factsheet on interim measures](#).

Request for an interim measure (Rule 39 of the Rules of Court)

The applicant, Ms Marine Le Pen, is a French national who was born in 1968 and lives in Paris.

By order of 6 December 2023 the applicant was committed to stand trial in the Paris Criminal Court on charges of instigating the misappropriation of public funds and of misappropriation of public funds along with the Rassemblement national ("National Rally") party and 26 other individuals.

In a judgment of 31 March 2025 the Paris Criminal Court acquitted the applicant on part of the facts forming the basis for the charges and found her guilty of the two aforementioned offences on the rest of the facts. It sentenced her to four years' imprisonment, of which two were suspended, with the remainder of the sentence to be served under home detention with electronic monitoring; ordered her to pay a fine of 100,000 euros; and, as a secondary penalty, disqualified her, with immediate effect, from running for public office for a period of five years.

The applicant appealed against the judgment on 1 April 2025. The appeal is currently pending before the Paris Court of Appeal.

On 8 July 2025 the applicant sought an interim measure from the Court to obtain the suspension of the immediate enforcement of her electoral disqualification by the Paris Criminal Court. She argued that the electoral disqualification imposed on her at first instance and the conditions of its enforcement exposed her to an imminent risk of irreparable harm to the rights guaranteed by Article 3 of Protocol No. 1 (right to free elections).

Decision of the Court

The Court has today rejected the applicant's request by unanimous decision of the seven judges composing the Chamber to which the case was assigned.

In its decision, the Court took the view that, in any event, it was not established that there was an imminent risk of irreparable harm to any of the rights protected by the Convention or the Protocols thereto. Consequently, it decided not to indicate the requested measure to the French Government.

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