



European Court takes measures to deal with cases sent from earthquake zone in Türkiye

The European Court of Human Rights has decided to take a number of measures in view of the difficulties faced by the people living in the provinces affected by the earthquakes of 6 February 2023 in Türkiye and in response to a letter received from the Government of Türkiye on 15 February 2023 informing the Court that a state of emergency had been declared in those provinces.

These measures concern cases sent from all the provinces affected by this natural disaster and can be summarised as follows:

Assessment of compliance with the requirements of [Rule 47 of the Rules of Court](#) is suspended, until further notice, for any case received after 6 February 2023, as well as for those received before that date where the assessment of the application of Rule 47 has not yet been completed;

While there will be no general extension of the four-month time-limit (Article 35 of the Convention), the Court will assess compliance with this admissibility criterion taking into account the exceptional circumstances;

Cases which are ready to be notified to the respondent parties will be processed taking into account where possible whether the parties would be able to deal with the case effectively;

Decisions and judgments will continue to be adopted. They will be notified to the parties using all available means and will be published on [HUDOC](#);

Requests for extension of time-limits will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis;

While there will be no general extension of the three-month time-limit for seeking referral to the Grand Chamber (Article 43 § 1 of the Convention), admission of late requests may be considered in view of the exceptional circumstances;

Incoming correspondence will be processed in the usual way. Outgoing correspondence will be sent using all available means.

No strike-out warning letters will be sent until further notice and no striking-out decisions (Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention) will be adopted in cases where the time-limit for responding to the strike-out warning letter expired after 6 February 2023, unless the applicant has made a statement indicating that he or she does not intend to pursue the application.

The President of the Court may allow exceptions to the measures where appropriate.

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