

Case referred to the Grand Chamber

At its last meeting on 17 March 2025, the Grand Chamber panel of five judges decided to refer the case **Jesus Pinhal v. Portugal** (applications no. 48047/15 and 2276/20) and to reject requests to refer 15 other cases¹.

A legal summary of this case will be available in the Court's database HUDOC ([link](#)).

Referral accepted

Jesus Pinhal v. Portugal (no. 48047/15 and 2276/20)

The applicant, Filipe de Jesus Pinhal, is a Portuguese national who was born in 1946 and lives in Lisbon (Portugal).

The case concerns three sets of proceedings brought against the applicant by the criminal-law authorities, the Securities Market Commission and the Bank of Portugal, respectively, for criminal and administrative offences committed while he was Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of a private bank, Banco Comercial Português, S.A.

The applicant complains that he was prosecuted three times for the same acts. He relies in this connection on Article 4 of Protocol No. 7 (right not to be tried or punished twice) to the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 6 (right to a fair trial) and 7 (no punishment without law) of the Convention.

In its judgment of 8 October 2024, the Court held unanimously that there had been no violation of Article 4 of Protocol No. 7 to the Convention and declared the remainder of the application inadmissible.

On 17 March 2025 the case was referred to the Grand Chamber at the applicant's request.

Requests for referral rejected

Judgments in the following cases are now final²

Moskalj v. Croatia (application no. 60272/21), [judgment](#) of 15 October 2024

Al-Habeeb v. Denmark (no. 14171/23), [judgment](#) of 12 November 2024

Lindholm and the Estate after Leif Lindholm v. Denmark (no. 25636/22), [judgment](#) of 5 November 2024

Savuran v. Denmark (no. 3645/23), [judgment](#) of 12 November 2024

Sharafane v. Denmark (no. 5199/23), [judgment](#) of 12 November 2024

¹ Under Article 43 of the European Convention on Human Rights, within three months from the date of a Chamber judgment, any party to the case may, in exceptional cases, request that the case be referred to the 17-judges Grand Chamber of the Court. In that event, a panel of five judges considers whether the case raises a serious question affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention or its protocols, or a serious issue of general importance, in which case the Grand Chamber will deliver a final judgment. If no such question or issue arises, the panel will reject the request, at which point the judgment becomes final. Otherwise Chamber judgments become final on the expiry of the three-month period or earlier if the parties declare that they do not intend to make a request to refer.

² Under Article 44 § 2 (c) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the judgment of a Chamber becomes final when the panel of the Grand Chamber rejects the request to refer under Article 43.

Eckert v. France (no. 56270/21), [judgment](#) of 24 October 2024

Bakradze v. Georgia (no. 20592/21), [judgment](#) of 7 November 2024

Tsulukidze and Rusulashvili v. Georgia (nos. 44681/21 and 1725/22), [judgment](#) of 29 August 2024

Trapitsyna and Isaeva v. Hungary (no. 5488/22), [judgment](#) of 19 September 2024

Cesarano v. Italy (no. 71250/16), [judgment](#) of 17 October 2024

Haugen v. Norway (no. 59476/21), [judgment](#) of 15 October 2024

Severin v. Romania (no. 20440/18), [judgment](#) of 8 October 2024

Alperin v. Ukraine (no. 41028/20), [judgment](#) of 10 October 2024

Medvid v. Ukraine (no. 7453/23), [judgment](#) of 10 October 2024

Yüksek v. Türkiye (no. 4/18), [judgment](#) of 22 October 2024

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