



Grand Chamber Panel's decisions

At its last meeting, on Monday 8 December 2025, the Grand Chamber panel of five judges decided to reject all three requests¹ for referral to the Grand Chamber.

Requests for referral rejected

Judgments in the following three cases are now final²

B.R. v. Switzerland (application no. 2933/23), [judgment](#) of 8 July 2025

Opalenko v. Ukraine (no. 46673/18), [judgment](#) of 17 July 2025

Bradshaw and Others v. the United Kingdom (no. 15653/22), [judgment](#) of 22 July 2025

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The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.

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.