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# Judgments and decisions of 14 September 2023

The European Court of Human Rights has today given notification in writing of 13 judgments[1] and 19 decisions[2]:

one Chamber judgment is summarised below;

separate press releases have been issued for two other Chamber judgments in the cases of *Baret and Caballero v. France* (applications nos. 22296/20 and 37138/20) and *Ainis and Others v. Italy* (no. 2264/12);

two separate press releases have been issued for 13 decisions in the cases of *Daoudi v. France* (no. 48638/18) and *A.G. and Others v. Norway* (no. 14301/19 and 11 other applications);

ten Committee judgments, concerning issues which have already been examined by the Court, and the six other decisions can be consulted on *Hudoc* and do not appear in this press release.

*The judgment summarised below is available only in English.*

## Valiullina and Others v. Latvia (application nos. 56928/19, 7306/20, et 11937/20)

The applicants are five Latvian nationals and five "permanently resident non-citizens" of Latvia. They are parents and children who identify as part of the Russian-speaking minority in Latvia.

The case concerns changes to the law in 2018 which increased the number of subjects that had to be taught through Latvian – the national language – in public schools, which resulted in a decrease in teaching time through Russian. In 2019 the Constitutional Court ruled on the constitutionality of the relevant amendments, stating, among other findings, that there was no proof that the contested provisions that governed the language of instruction in schools affected the constitutional right to education.

Relying on Article 2 of Protocol No. 1 (right to education) to the European Convention on Human Rights taken alone, and in conjunction with Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) of the European Convention, the applicants complain that the 2018 amendments restricted their access to education, and that the difference in treatment between Russian-speaking and Latvian-speaking pupils amounts to discrimination.

**No violation of Article 14 taken together with Article 2 of Protocol No. 1**

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[1] Under Articles 43 and 44 of the Convention, Chamber judgments are not final. During the three-month period following a judgment's delivery, any party may request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber of the Court. If such a request is made, a panel of five judges considers whether the case deserves further examination. In that event, the Grand Chamber will hear the case and deliver a final judgment. If the referral request is refused, the Chamber judgment will become final on that day. Under Article 28 of the Convention, judgments delivered by a Committee are final.
Once a judgment becomes final, it is transmitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for supervision of its execution. Further information about the execution process can be found here: www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/execution.

[2] Inadmissibility and strike-out decisions are final.

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