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MILADZE v. GEORGIA: DEADLINE OF 1 DECEMBER 2026 FOR REQUESTS TO INTERVENE AS A THIRD PARTY

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On 30 September 2026 the President of the Court fixed **1 December 2026 as the deadline for requests to intervene as third parties** in the case of *Miladze v. Georgia* (no. 41585/23).

The case concerns Mr Miladze's administrative conviction for a video he had posted on TikTok in 2022, criticising the new transport policies in Tbilisi and alleging misconduct by public officials. The video went viral.

On 19 May 2026 a Chamber of the Fourth Section held, unanimously, that there had been no violation of Article 10 (freedom of expression) of the European Convention on Human Rights. On 21 September 2026 the case was [referred to the Grand Chamber](#).

On 30 September 2026 the President of the Court fixed 1 December 2026 as the deadline for requests to intervene as a third party in the case (see Rule 44 of the [Rules of Court](#) and paragraph 20 (d) of the [Practice Direction](#) on third-party intervention).

Therefore, any other Contracting Party or person concerned who wishes to intervene as a third party in the present proceedings (Rule 44 § 3 of the Rules of Court) must submit the corresponding request by 1 December 2026. The questions that will be addressed to the parties to this case will be published shortly on the Hudoc database, in the Document collection "[GC questions to parties](#)".

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