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New procedural steps in Crimea inter-State case

The European Court of Human Rights (the President) has taken further decisions regarding the next procedural steps in the inter-State case **Ukraine v. Russia (Crimea)** (application nos. 20958/14 and 38334/18).

The case concerns Ukraine's allegations of a pattern ("administrative practice") of violations of the European Convention on Human Rights by the Russian Federation in Crimea beginning in February 2014.

In its <u>decision</u> of 16 December 2020, the Court declared the application partly admissible, finding that the admissible complaints did fall within the "jurisdiction" of Russia on the basis of the effective control that it exercised over Crimea as of 27 February 2014.

After completion of the written procedure, the President of the Court has informed the parties that it would serve the interests of the proper administration of justice that the Court hold a hearing on the admissibility and merits in the case, and has provisionally scheduled this to be held on 8 November 2023. In that hearing the Court will examine the merits of the complaints already declared admissible and will examine the admissibility and merits of the "political prisoners" case (no. 38334/18) and the transfers of "convicts" complaint under Article 8 of the Convention (raised in no. 20958/14).

The procedure for the processing of cases before the Court involving Russia can be found here.

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