



Grand Chamber case Georgia v. Russia (No. 1)

(application no. 13255/07)

A delegation of five Judges of the European Court of Human Rights composed of Josep Casadevall (Andorra), Anatoly Kovler (Russian Federation), Mark Villiger (Liechtenstein), Isabelle Berro-Lefèvre (Monaco), and Nona Tsotsoria (Georgia) took evidence from witnesses in Strasbourg from Monday 31 January to Friday 4 February 2011 in the case of Georgia v. Russia (I).

The application was lodged on 26 March 2007 under Article 33 (Inter-State cases) of the European Convention on Human Rights and deals with the alleged existence of an administrative practice involving the arrest, detention and collective expulsion of Georgian nationals from the Russian Federation in the autumn of 2006. It raises issues under Articles 3 (prohibition of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment), 5 (right to liberty and security), 8 (right to respect for private and family life), 13 (right to an effective remedy) and 18 (limitation on use of restrictions on rights) of the Convention and of Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property and right to education), Article 4 of Protocol No. 4 (prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens) as well as of Article 1 of Protocol No. 7 (procedural safeguards relating to expulsion of aliens).

The Government of the Russian Federation contested the Georgian Government's allegations of an administrative practice involving the arrest, detention and collective expulsion of Georgian nationals from the Russian Federation in the autumn of 2006 and submitted that they had not adopted reprisal measures against Georgian nationals.

Following a hearing on 16 April 2009, the application was declared admissible, without prejudging the merits of the case, by a Chamber on 30 June 2009 and relinquished to the Grand Chamber on 15 December 2009.

The European Court of Human Rights will now continue its examination of the case.

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