EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 75423/14
Vasil Aleksandrov ALEKSANDROV
against Bulgaria

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 3 October 2017 as a Committee composed of:

Erik Møse, *President,*
Yonko Grozev*,*
Gabriele Kucsko-Stadlmayer, *judges,*

and Anne-Marie Dougin, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 24 November 2014,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Vasil Aleksandrov Aleksandrov, is a Bulgarian national born in 1977. According to the latest information from him, in September 2015 he left Bulgaria and moved to Spain.

The Bulgarian Government were represented by their Agent, Mr V. Obretenov of the Ministry of Justice.

The Government were given notice of the applicant's complaint under Article 3 of the Convention about the allegedly inhuman and degrading conditions of his detention in Burgas Prison and Varna Prison. At the same time, the Court also initiated a friendly-settlement procedure.

By a letter dated 19 June 2017, sent by registered post to the applicant's address in Ripollet, Spain, the applicant was advised that he had failed to reply to the Registry's letter of 17 March 2017 whereby he had been informed that notice of part of his application had been given to the Government and had been asked to state his position on the friendly-settlement proposal. The applicant was also asked to inform the Court whether he wished to accept the friendly-settlement proposal and to

specify whether he wished to maintain his application. His attention was drawn to the terms of Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention.

Having been informed by the postal services of the letter's arrival, the applicant left it unclaimed at the post office. The letter returned unopened to the Court on 3 August 2017.

No further correspondence has been received from the applicant, whereas his latest communication to the Court dates from 7 January 2016.

THE LAW

In these circumstances, the applicant may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue his application, within the meaning of Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention. Furthermore, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 *in fine*, the Court finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and its Protocols which require the continued examination of the case.

It is therefore appropriate to strike the application out of the list of cases.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 26 October 2017.

Anne-Marie Dougin	Erik Møse
Acting Deputy Registrar	President