

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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 8363/19
Arsen ARTSRUNI
against Armenia

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 12 March 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Andreas Zünd, *President*,
Diana Sârcu,
Mykola Gnatovskyy, *judges*,
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application against the Republic of Armenia lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 19 January 2019,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Arsen Artsruni, was born in 1961. He was represented by Mr H. Alumyan, a lawyer practising in Yerevan.

The applicant's complaint under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the alleged *de facto* irreducibility of his life imprisonment was communicated to the Armenian Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits.

By letter dated 17 July 2025 the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 30 June 2025 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicant's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. By his letter in reply the applicant's representative informed the Court that the applicant had in fact been released in 2021 and since then all contact with him had been lost.

THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

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 2 April 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Andreas Zünd President