

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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 5867/07
Igor Vladimirovich BAKHTIN
against Russia

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 28 May 2013 as a Committee composed of:
Elisabeth Steiner, *President,*
Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos,
Ksenija Turković, *judges,*
and André Wampach, *Deputy Section Registrar,*
Having regard to the above application lodged on 21 November 2006,
Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Igor Vladimirovich Bakhtin, is a Russian national, who was born in 1975 and lives in Moscow.

The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr G. Matyushkin, Representative of the Russian Federation at the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicant complained, in particular, under Article 6 about his inability to confront prosecution witnesses in open court.

The applicant's complaints were communicated to the Government, who submitted their observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicant, who was invited to submit his own observations. No reply was received to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 11 February 2013, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had

expired on 10 January 2013 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 a case out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. No response has been received to date.

THE LAW

The Court considers that, 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.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the case out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court unanimously

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

André Wampach
Deputy Registrar

Elisabeth Steiner
President