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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 55644/16 and 64700/16
Yuriy Vasylyovych BALABOLKA against Ukraine
and Stepaniya Ivanivna VARKHOLYAK against Ukraine

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 21 September 2017 as a Committee composed of:

Nona Tsotsoria, *President,*
Gabriele Kucsko-Stadlmayer,
Lətif Hüseynov, *judges,*

and Liv Tigerstedt, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the dates indicated in the appended table,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants' complaints under Articles 6 § 1 and 13 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings and the lack of any effective remedy in domestic law were communicated to the Ukrainian Government ("the Government").

The Court received friendly-settlement declarations under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Ukraine in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the

expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the applications. In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 12 October 2017.

Liv Tigerstedt	Nona Tsotsoria
Acting Deputy Registrar	President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 and Article 13 of the Convention
(excessive length of civil proceedings and lack of any effective remedy in domestic law)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant name Date of birth	Date of receipt of Government declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[i]
1.	55644/16 21/06/2016	**Yuriy Vasylyovych Balabolka** 27/01/1959	11/05/2017	12/06/2017	1,200
2.	64700/16 01/11/2016	**Stepaniya Ivanivna Varkholyak** 02/01/1963	11/05/2017	24/07/2017	900

[i] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.