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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 9588/25
Gyula BÉRES and Others
against Hungary
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 7 May 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani*, President*,
Juha Lavapuro,
Hugh Mercer*, judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application against Hungary lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 6 March 2025,

Having regard to the declaration submitted by the respondent Government requesting the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicants were represented by Ms R. Kovács N, a lawyer practising in Budapest.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings were communicated to the Hungarian Government ("the Government").

THE LAW

After unsuccessful friendly-settlement negotiations, the Government informed the Court that they proposed to make unilateral declaration with a view to resolving the issues raised by these complaints. They further requested the Court to strike out the application in accordance with Article 37 of the Convention.

The Government acknowledged the excessive length of civil proceedings. They offered to pay the applicants the amounts detailed in the appended table and invited the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention. The amount would be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and would be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay this amount within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertook to pay simple interest on it, 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 case.

The applicants were sent the terms of the Government's unilateral declaration several weeks before the date of this decision. The Court has not received a response from the applicants accepting the terms of the declaration.

The Court observes that Article 37 § 1 (c) enables it to strike a case out of its list if:

> "... for any other reason established by the Court, it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application".

Thus, it may strike out applications under Article 37 § 1 (c) on the basis of a unilateral declaration by a respondent Government even if the applicants wish the examination of the case to be continued (see, in particular, the *Tahsin Acar v. Turkey* judgment (preliminary objections) [GC], no. 26307/95, §§ 75-77, ECHR 2003-VI).

The Court has established clear and extensive case-law concerning complaints relating to the excessive length of civil proceedings (see, for example, *Gazsó v. Hungary,* no. 48322/12, 16 July 2015 and *Csatári and Others v. Hungary* [Committee], no. 18514/24, 20 May 2025).

Noting the admissions contained in the Government's declaration as well as the amount of compensation proposed – which is consistent with the amounts awarded in similar cases – the Court considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 (c)).

In the light of the above considerations, the Court is satisfied that respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto does not require it to continue the examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 *in fine*).

Finally, the Court emphasises that, should the Government fail to comply with the terms of their unilateral declaration, the application may be restored to the list in accordance with Article 37 § 2 of the Convention (*Josipović v. Serbia* (dec.), no. 18369/07, 4 March 2008).

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

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Takes note of the terms of the respondent Government's declaration and of the arrangements for ensuring compliance with the undertakings referred to therein;

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 28 May 2026.

Attila Teplán Acting Deputy Registrar	Stéphane Pisani President

APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention
(excessive length of civil proceedings)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth / Date of registration	Representative's name and location	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of applicant's comments, if any	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
9588/25 06/03/2025 (91 applicants)	**Gyula BÉRES** 1954 **ADING-H KFT** 2002 **BAMTAN KFT** 2008 **Attila BÁNHEGYI** 1963 **Jenő BANKÓ** 1956 **Miklós BÁRDOSI** 1960 **Ferenc BAZSÓ** 1972 **Cecília Ibolya BENE** 1974 **Ágota BÍRÓ** 1977 **Ferenc József BŐDI** 1958 **BODROGOLASZI RUGÓGYÁRTÓ KFT** 1997 **Sándor BORS** 1955 **József BUDAI** 1964	Kovács N. Réka Budapest	05/02/2026	05/03/2026	200

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	CHEMETALL KFT 1991 **CIKS KFT.** 2005 **Zoltán CSIDEI** 1966 **László CSILLAG** 1963 **DÓZSA-GÁZ KFT** 1991 **László ENZSÖL** 1956 **Olivér FEHÉR** 1958 **FLEX-FÉNY KFT** 2009 **Sándor GAÁL** 1955 **GEMICOM KFT** 1996 **László HEGEDÜS** 1961 **Béla HORVÁTH** 1953 **György HORVÁTH** 1960 **László Tamás HORVÁTH** 1948 **Zsuzsanna HORVÁTH** 1970 **INFORG KFT** 1990 **Sándor Istvánné ISZAK** 1972				

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	Péter JUHÁSZ 1953 **JÜLLICH GLAS HOLDING ZRT** 1998 **István KAJDI** 1957 **Györgyi KÁLMÁN** 1971 **KÁRÁSZY KFT** 1996 **Marianna KELEMENNÉ NEUBAUER** 1966 **András KISS** 1962 **László KŐHALMI** 1970 **László KOLOZÁR** 1956 **KOLTAY AUTÓS KFT** 1990 **Miklós KOMÁROMI** 1955 **József KOPCSÁNDI** 1956 **Dezső KOVÁCS** 1954 **Ferenc KOVÁCS** 1962 **Zsolt KOVÁCS** 1965 **KOZMA KFT** 1997 **Tibor Miklós KRIZMANITS** 1957				

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	KVAZÁR KFT 1993 **Imre LAKATOS** 1958 **LOMBIK KFT** 1997 **LUBRICANT SERVICE KFT** 2011 **MAGYAR-LAKK KFT** 1994 **László MÁNDLI** 1966 **MARKETOOL KFT** 2005 **Tamás MENCZINGER** 1964 **Judit MESTERHÁZINÉ SOMOGYI** 1968 **MOLPLAST KFT** 1997 **József MÜHL** 1960 **Ferencné NAGY** 1960 **István NÉMETH** 1956 **József NÉMETH** 1959 **Tibor NÉMETH** 1970 **Zoltán NÉMETH** 1956 **Brigitta Mária ÓRA** 1962				

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	Tibor János ORBÁN 1955 **PANNONLIFE KFT** 2007 **Antal PATHY** 1963 **Csongor Szabolcs PATYI** 1969 **Árpád PAYRITS** 1954 **Zoltán PETŐVÁRI** 1963 **István POÓR** 1953 **PRIMER-KEMI KFT** 1996 **Tibor PRUKNER** 1956 **SALDO ZRT** 1993 **SCHÖN-VILL KFT** 1995 **István SÜLE** 1958 **János SZABÓ** 1954 **Gyula SZAKÁCS** 1955 **Zoltán SZAKONYI** 1953 **Ottó SZANDI** 1955 **János SZEKERES** 1964				

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	SZOVA NONPROFIT ZRT 2007 **TEMESI KFT** 2005 **Sándor TÓBI** 1953 **TRIOL-WEST KFT** 2010 **Antal VÁGVÖLGYI** 1954 **Zsolt Ákos VÁNDORI** 1968 **Miklós VARGA** 1962 **Zoltán VÁRTOK** 1956 **József László VÖLGYI** 1960 **István VÖRÖS** 1958				

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