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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 46600/12
Milorad BULATOVIĆ
against Montenegro

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 9 January 2018 as a Committee composed of:

Ledi Bianku, *President,*
Nebojša Vučinić,
Jon Fridrik Kjølbro, *judges,*
and Hasan Bakırcı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 11 July 2012,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Milorad Bulatović, is a Montenegrin national, who was born in 1961 and lives in Nikšić. He was represented before the Court by Mr D. Drašković, a lawyer practising in Nikšić.

The Montenegrin Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Ms V. Pavličić.

The applicant complained under Article 6 of the Convention about the length of his civil proceedings related to a labour dispute.

The applicant's complaint was 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 together with any claims for just satisfaction by 21 July 2017. No reply was received to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 29 August 2017, sent by registered post, the applicant's representative was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 21 July 2017 and that no extension of time had been requested. Nevertheless, he was invited to comply with the previous

request by 26 September 2017. The applicant's representative'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. The applicant's representative received this letter on 4 September 2017. However, 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 1 February 2018.

Hasan Bakırcı
Deputy Registrar

Ledi Bianku
President