

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 11918/09
by Robert CHRABĄSZCZ
against Poland

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 11 January 2011 as a Committee composed of:

David Thór Björgvinsson, *President,*
Päivi Hirvelä,
Mihai Poalelungi, *judges,*

and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 14 February 2009,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

THE FACTS

The application was lodged by Mr Robert Chrabąszcz, a Polish national who was born in 1979 and is currently detained in Wrocław Remand Centre. The Polish Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Mr Jakub Wołąsiewicz of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 6 September 2010 the President of the Fourth Section of the Court decided to communicate under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention the applicant's complaint concerning the length of the criminal proceedings. The proceedings have lasted nine years and five months. It appears that they are still pending before the domestic courts.

THE LAW

On 22 November 2010 the Court received the following declaration from the Government:

> "I, Jakub Wołąsiewicz, Agent of the Government, declare that the Government of Poland offer to pay, to Mr Robert Chrabąszcz, with a view to securing a friendly settlement of the above-mentioned case pending before the European Court of Human Rights, PLN 18,000 (eighteen thousand Polish zlotys) to cover any and all pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and any and all costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.
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> This sum will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision by the Court pursuant to Article 37 § 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights. In the event of failure to pay this sum within the said three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on it, from 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."

On 16 November 2010 the Court received the following declaration signed by the applicant:

> "I, Robert Chrabąszcz, note that the Government of Poland are prepared to pay me, with a view to securing a friendly settlement of the above-mentioned case pending before the European Court of Human Rights, PLN 18,000 (eighteen thousand Polish zlotys) to cover any and all pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and any and all costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.
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> This sum will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision by the Court pursuant to Article 37 § 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights. From the expiry of the above-mentioned three months until settlement simple interest shall be payable on the above amount at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.
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> I accept the proposal and waive any further claims against Poland in respect of the facts giving rise to this application. I declare that this constitutes a final resolution of the case."

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 its Protocols and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 *in fine* of the Convention). 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.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

David Thór Björgvinsson
President