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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 35219/16
Gicu CIOBOTARU against Romania
and 2 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting 4 February 2021 a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan, *President,*
Jolien Schukking,
Ana Maria Guerra Martins, *judges,*
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of the applicants is set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention were communicated to the Romanian Government, who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicants, who were invited to submit their own observations. No reply was received by the Court.

By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the time allowed for the submission of their observations had expired (see the appended table for the relevant dates). The applicants' attention was further drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application.

No reply to these letters has been received by the Court (see details in the appended table) and there are no previous letters from the applicants

informing the Court about a change of address. All applicants have been released from prison.

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.

In the light of the foregoing, the Court concludes that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the applications (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 the Protocols thereto which require the 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 25 February 2021.

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Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Armen Harutyunyan
President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of the applicant's last letter	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter	New time-limit for submission of observations by the applicant	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	35219/16 11/07/2016	**Gicu CIOBOTARU** 1979	Atena Beatrice Ciobotaru, Zarnesti	14/10/2019	20/07/2020	Handed over to the recipient on 05/08/2020 (according to information on the website of the Romanian Post)	31/08/2020	26/01/2018
2.	55794/16 20/01/2017	**Laur GOMAN** 1984		31/01/2017	19/10/2020	Letter returned from home address on 21/12/2020 as recipient "moved from the address"	27/11/2020	17/01/2017
3.	59094/16 24/10/2016	**Ion GRIGORE** 1985		19/12/2016	19/10/2020	Letter returned from home address on 21/12/2020 as "unclaimed"	27/11/2020	22/05/2018