

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 19974/12
Maria and Zdzisław DRZEWIECCY
against Poland

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 2 July 2013 as a Committee composed of:

David Thór Björgvinsson, *President*,
Vincent A. De Gaetano,
Krzysztof Wojtyczek, *judges*,
and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 27 March 2012,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

PROCEDURE

The applicants, Ms Maria Drzewiecka and Mr Zdzisław Drzewiecki, are Polish nationals, who were born in 1952 and 1950 respectively and live in Trzebiel.

The Polish Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Ms J. Chrzanowska, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The applicants complained about the State's failure to carry out an effective and prompt investigation into the death of their son in a car accident. The complaint was communicated to the Government under Article 2 of the Convention.

THE LAW

On 7 May 2013 the Court received the following declaration signed by the applicants:

> "We, Maria Drzewiecka and Zdzisław Drzewiecki, note that the Government of Poland are prepared to pay us, with a view to securing a friendly settlement of the above-mentioned case pending before the European Court of Human Rights, EUR 10,000 (ten thousand euros) to cover any and all pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to us.
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> This sum will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court to strike the case out of its list of cases. 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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> We accept the proposal and waive any further claims against Poland in respect of the facts giving rise to this application. We declare that this constitutes a final resolution of the case."

On 16 May 2013 the Court received the following declaration from the Government:

> "I, Justyna Chrzanowska, Agent of the Government, declare that the Government of Poland offer to pay Ms Maria Drzewiecka and Mr Zdzisław Drzewiecki, with a view to securing a friendly settlement of the above-mentioned case pending before the European Court of Human Rights, EUR 10,000 (ten thousand euros) to cover any and all pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.
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> This sum will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court to strike the case out of its list of cases. In the event of failure to pay this sum within the said three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, 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."

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. 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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

David Thór Björgvinsson
President