

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 2731/06
by Georgi Petrov FIRKOV
against Bulgaria

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 31 May 2011 as a Committee composed of:

Lech Garlicki, *President,*
Zdravka Kalaydjieva,
Vincent A. De Gaetano, *judges,*

and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 29 December 2005,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Georgi Petrov Firkov, is a Bulgarian national who was born in 1955 and lives in Bulgaria. He was represented before the Court by Ms R. Yosifova, a lawyer practising in Sofia. The Bulgarian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Mrs N. Nikolova, of the Ministry of Justice.

The applicant submitted complaints under Articles 6 § 1 and 7 of the Convention.

On 13 October 2010 the Court communicated the application to the Government.

On 15 November 2010 and 6 April 2011 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties under which the applicant

agreed to waive any further claims against Bulgaria in respect of the facts giving rise to this application against an undertaking by the Government to pay him 5,300 euros to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, which would be converted into Bulgarian levs at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be free of any taxes that may be applicable. It will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken 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 undertook 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.

THE LAW

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 application 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

Lech Garlicki
President