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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 31880/16
Iulian GHEORGHIȚĂ against Romania
and 9 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 24 November 2022 as a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan*, President*,
Anja Seibert-Fohr,
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. In application no. 31880/16 the Government notified the Court that the applicant had changed his name from Gheorghiţă to Nistoreasa. The Court advised the parties that it would continue processing the application under the case name of *Gheorghiţă v. Romania*. This corresponded to the applicant's name as referred to in his application lodged with the Court.

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 the change of address.

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 15 December 2022.

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	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of sending the Government's observations to the applicant	Time-limit for submitting response by the applicant	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt/return of the registered letter	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	31880/16 21/07/2016	**Iulian NISTOREASA (former GHEORGHIȚĂ)** 1983	21/07/2016	29/01/2021	30/07/2021	10/08/2022	20/10/2022 Letter returned to sender as "unclaimed"	11/06/2019
2.	33661/16 01/07/2016	**Costel-Claudiu PURCĂRIN** 1989	22/04/2021	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	19/07/2022 Illegible signature	16/01/2018
3.	34049/16 01/07/2016	**Alexandru DRAGOMIRESCU** 1984	21/05/2019	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	05/08/2022 Illegible signature	28/03/2018
4.	37170/16 25/07/2016	**Ștefan LUCACI** 1975	14/08/2018	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	14/09/2022 Letter returned to sender as "not picked up"	31/10/2017
5.	38248/16 29/07/2016	**Nicolae STAN** 1969	21/05/2019	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	15/07/2022 Signed for receipt by the applicant	20/03/2019
6.	38316/16 21/07/2016	**Stelică URSACHI** 1972	02/10/2018	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	19/07/2022 Letter handed over to the recipient (according to information on the website of the Romanian Post)	15/08/2018

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7.	57546/16 03/11/2016	**Vasile RETEAN** 1968	16/12/2020	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	20/07/2022 Signed for receipt by the applicant's wife	27/06/2018
8.	58821/16 21/11/2016	**Marian VLĂDUȚOIU** 1962	15/12/2020	14/04/2022	26/05/2022	08/07/2022	18/07/2022 Illegible signature	19/12/2017
9.	34361/19 12/06/2019	**Karoly CZININO** 1968	24/06/2021	08/12/2020	19/01/2021	03/02/2022	14/02/2022 Illegible signature	09/04/2019
10.	36145/20 07/09/2020	**Marin-Alin MATEI** 1995	15/09/2020	09/04/2021	21/05/2021 02/05/2022	18/05/2022 13/06/2022	31/05/2022 Letter handed over to the recipient at his home address (according to information on the website of the Romanian Post) 11/08/2022 Letter returned to sender as "unclaimed" from Craiova-Pelendava Prison address	In detention in Craiova-Pelendava Prison according to the Government's observations of 17/03/2021