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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 1051/07
Damian GUŢAN
against Romania

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 27 May 2014 as a Committee composed of:

Alvina Gyulumyan, *President,*
Kristina Pardalos,
Johannes Silvis, *judges,*
and Marialena Tsirli, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 15 December 2006,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

THE FACTS

The applicant, Mr Damian Guţan, is a Romanian national, who was born in 1926 and lives in Ocnița. He was represented before the Court by Mr V. Cîmpeanu, a lawyer practising in I.L. Caragiale.

The Romanian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Mrs C. Brumar, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The applicant complained under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention that his right to a fair hearing had been infringed on account of the fact that a final decision adopted in his favour had been reversed by means of an extraordinary appeal. Under Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention he complained about the infringement of his right to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions.

The applicant's complaints were communicated to the Government, who submitted their observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicant, who was invited to submit his own observations. No reply was received to the Registry's letter.

By letter dated 24 September 2012, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had

expired on 31 August 2012 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicant's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike a case out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application. The applicant received this letter on 3 October 2012. However, no response has been received.

THE LAW

The Court considers that, in these circumstances, the applicant may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue his application, within the meaning of 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 its Protocols which require the continued examination of the case.

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.

Marialena Tsirli Deputy Registrar	Alvina Gyulumyan President