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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 29035/14 and 29736/14
Aleksandr Aleksandrovich LISOV against Russia
and Aleksey Gennadyevich BUREYEV against Russia

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 5 September 2017 as a Committee composed of:

Luis López Guerra, *President,*
Dmitry Dedov,
Jolien Schukking, *judges,*

and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on 26 March 2014 and 26 March 2014 respectively,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicants, Mr Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Lisov and Mr Aleksey Gennadyevich Bureyev, are Russian nationals, who were born in 1977. They were represented before the Court by Mr V.V. Starinskiy, a lawyer practising in Moscow.

The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented initially by Mr G. Matyushkin, the Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Court of Human Rights, and then by his successor in that office, Mr M. Galperin.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 §§ 1 and 3 (d) concerning examination of witnesses were communicated to the Government on 24 June 2015.

The applicants failed to respond to the last Registry's letter of 16 December 2016 (received by their representative on 18 January 2017), reminding them that the period allowed for submission of their observations in reply had expired on 27 August 2016 and that no extension of time had

been requested. Their attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention.

THE LAW

Given that the applications at hand concern similar complaints and raise identical issues under the Convention, the Court decides to join them pursuant to Rule 42 § 1 of the Rules of Court.

The Court considers that, in the circumstances outlined above, the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue their applications, 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 cases.

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 28 September 2017.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

Luis López Guerra
President