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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 12744/23
Andriy Volodymyrovych MIKHEYEV
against Ukraine

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 7 May 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Andreas Zünd*, President*,
Vahe Grigoryan,
Sébastien Biancheri*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application against Ukraine lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 1 March 2023,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Andriy Volodymyrovych Mikheyev, was born in 1970.

The applicant's complaint under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the life sentence with no prospect of release was communicated to the Ukrainian Government ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits.

By letter dated 5 February 2026, sent by registered post and via the Court's Electronic Communication Service (eComms), the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired on 12 January 2026 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 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. The applicant refused to receive the registered letter and did not download it from the eComms platform.

THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 28 May 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Andreas Zünd President