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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 20229/10
Radost Hristova MITEVA
against Bulgaria

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 20 September 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Khanlar Hajiyev, *President,*
Faris Vehabović,
Carlo Ranzoni, *judges,*
and Milan Blaško, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 19 March 2010,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Ms Radost Hristova Miteva, a Bulgarian national, was born in 1939 and lived in Yambol. She was represented before the Court by Ms S. Margaritova-Vuchkova, a lawyer practising in Sofia.

The Bulgarian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Ms V. Hristova, of the Ministry of Justice.

The applicant complained under Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 of the impossibility to enter into possession of a plot of land which had been formally restituted to her after its expropriation had been quashed.

The application was communicated to the Government on 24 February 2016. On 20 June 2016 the Government submitted to the Registry their observations on its admissibility and merits. These were forwarded to the applicant, who was invited to submit observations in reply by 8 August 2016.

By letter of 29 July 2016 the applicant's representative informed the Registry that the applicant had died and that she could not contact her only known heir, which was her niece.

THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, the Court concludes that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application within the meaning of Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention. It is in addition satisfied that respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto does not require such examination (Article 37 § 1 *in fine*).

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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 13 October 2016.

Milan Blaško
Deputy Registrar

Khanlar Hajiyev
President