

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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 15649/17 and 31062/20
Sergey Pavlovich OBUKHOV against Russia
and Lyudmila Stefanovna DEMYANKOVA against Russia

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 5 February 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Úna Ní Raifeartaigh*, President*,
Mateja Đurović,
Vasilka Sancin*, 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 and the relevant details are set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints were communicated to the Russian Government ("the 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 to these letters.

By letters sent through the Court's Electronic Communication Service (eComms), the applicants were notified that the period allowed for submission of their observations had expired on 14 November 2021 and on 18 February 2022, respectively, and that no extension of time had been requested.

The applicants' 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. No response followed.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar procedural behaviour of the applicants, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

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 applications.

Accordingly, the cases should be struck 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 26 February 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Úna Ní Raifeartaigh President

APPENDIX

List of applications

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Complaints communicated to the respondent Government	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of the Court's last letter sent to applicant via eComms	Date when the Court's last letter was downloaded on eComms platform
1.	15649/17 15/02/2017	**Sergey Pavlovich OBUKHOV** 1958	Serdyukov Kirill Gennadyevich Moscow	Prot. 1 Art. 3 – the applicant's disqualification from standing as a candidate in elections to the State Duma, Art. 13 – lack of an effective remedy to complain about his disqualification.	06/09/2022	17/10/2022 (sent to the applicant's representative)	18/10/2022
2.	31062/20 10/06/2020	**Lyudmila Stefanovna DEMYANKOVA** 1939	Shanin Igor Borisovich Maykop	Art. 6 (1) – unfairness of civil proceedings initiated by the applicant, Prot. 1 Art. 1 – disproportionate interference with the applicant's property rights.	14/01/2022	28/07/2022	Not downloaded