

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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 41900/06
Aleksey Aleksandrovich POPKOV
against Russia

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 28 June 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Helen Keller, *President,*
Johannes Silvis,
Alena Poláčková, *judges,*

and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 30 September 2006,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Aleksey Aleksandrovich Popkov, is a Russian national, who was born in 1978 and lives in Irkutsk. He was represented before the Court by Ms Y. Popkova, a lawyer practising in Irkutsk.

The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr G. Matyushkin, Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicant complained that in the course of the civil proceedings against him he had been unable to make copies of the materials in the case file, while the respondent party had been provided with copies of those documents; that his case had been heard in camera; about the tapping of his telephone; and that he had not had an effective remedy to protect his right to private life.

The application was communicated to the Government, who submitted their observations. 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 3 September 2014, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of his observations had expired 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's representative received this letter on 29 September 2014. However, no response followed.

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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 21 July 2016.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

Helen Keller
President