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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 20476/24
Michal POTOMA against Slovakia
and 3 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 6 February 2025 as a Committee composed of:

Georgios A. Serghides*, President*,
Frédéric Krenc,
Alain Chablais*, 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 regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings were communicated to the Slovak Government ("the Government").

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Slovakia in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the applications.

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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 6 March 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Georgios A. Serghides President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (excessive length of civil proceedings)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for non-pecuniary damage per applicant (in euros)[1]	Amount awarded for costs and expenses per application (in euros)[2]
1.	20476/24 15/07/2024	**Michal POTOMA** 1975		08/01/2025	18/11/2024	6,000	-
2.	21373/24 24/07/2024	**Jarmila MRAČNOVÁ** 1959	Monika Lichnerová Bratislava	13/12/2024	14/10/2024	1,500	250
3.	22167/24 31/07/2024	**Miroslav SABOL** 1967	Vladimír Šárnik Bratislava	12/12/2024	28/09/2024	2,300	250
4.	22173/24 31/07/2024	**Štefánia NEMŠOVSKÁ** 1959	Vladimír Šárnik Bratislava	16/12/2024	26/09/2024	1,800	250

[1] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.

[2] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.