

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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 46664/10
Stepan SAHAKYAN
against Armenia

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 12 December 2017 as a Committee composed of:

Aleš Pejchal, *President,*
Armen Harutyunyan,
Jovan Ilievski, *judges,*

and Renata Degener, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 30 July 2010,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Stepan Sahakyan, is an Armenian national, who was born in 1945 and lives in Yerevan. He was represented before the Court by Ms H. Harutyunyan, a lawyer practising in Yerevan.

The Armenian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Mr G. Kostanyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicant complained under Articles 6 and 13 of the Convention and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 about the length of proceedings in a suspended civil case and having no effective remedy in that respect and about the seizure of paintings belonging to him within the framework of a criminal investigation and having no effective access to court to protect his property rights.

On 14 September 2017 the applicant informed the Court that he wanted to withdraw the application because the matter had been resolved. In particular, the seizure imposed on the paintings had been lifted and the

criminal case had been discontinued, which in its turn allowed a resumption of the suspended civil case.

THE LAW

In the light of the above, the Court considers that the matter has been resolved within the meaning of Article 37 § 1 (b) of the Convention and that respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and its Protocols does not require it to continue the examination of the application under Article 37 § 1 *in fine*.

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 11 January 2018.

Renata Degener Deputy Registrar	Aleš Pejchal President