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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 25504/23
Francisco Manuel SEIXAS DA COSTA
against Portugal
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 20 November 2025 as a Committee composed of:

Anne Louise Bormann, *President*,
Sebastian Răduleţu,
András Jakab, *judges*,
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 16 June 2023,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the case,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant's details are set out in the appended table.

The applicant was represented by Mr M. Magalhães e Silva, a lawyer practising in Lisbon.

The applicant's complaints under Article 10 of the Convention concerning his conviction for aggravated defamation against a football coach following a tweet on *Twitter* were communicated to the Portuguese Government ("the Government").

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicant agreed to waive any further claims against Portugal in respect of the facts giving rise to this application, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay him 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 case.

THE LAW

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 application.

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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 11 December 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Anne Louise Bormann President

APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 10 of the Convention (Freedom of expression)

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 pecuniary damage (in euros)[1]	Amount awarded for non-pecuniary damage (in euros)[2]	Amount awarded for costs and expenses per application (in euros)[3]
25504/23 16/06/2023	**Francisco Manuel SEIXAS DA COSTA** 1948	Manuel Magalhães e Silva Lisbon	10/04/2025	12/09/2025	8,200	9,750	2,500

[1] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.
[2] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.
[3] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.