

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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 54421/08
by Iván SERES and Margit SZIKORA
against Hungary

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 24 May 2011 as a Committee composed of:
Dragoljub Popović, *President,*
András Sajó,
Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, *judges,*
and Françoise Elens-Passos, *Deputy Section Registrar,*
Having regard to the above application lodged on 5 November 2008,
Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the case,
Having deliberated, decides as follows:

PROCEDURE

The applicants, Mr Iván Seres and Margit Szikora, are Hungarian nationals who were born in 1944 and 1955 respectively and live in Budapest. They were represented before the Court by Mr J. Ernszt, a lawyer practising in Budapest. The Hungarian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr L. Höltzl, Agent, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice.

The applicants complained under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention about the length of civil proceedings to which they were parties.

On 30 January and 7 February 2011 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Hungary in respect of the facts

giving rise to this application against an undertaking by the Government to pay them jointly EUR 5,600 (five thousand six hundred euros) to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, which would be converted into Hungarian forints at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be free of any taxes that may be applicable. This sum will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court pursuant to Article 37 § 1 of the Convention. In the event of failure to pay this sum within the said three-month period, the Government undertook to pay simple interest on it, from 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 its Protocols and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 *in fine* of the Convention).

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.

Françoise Elens-Passos
Deputy Registrar

Dragoljub Popović
President