

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

FIFTH SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 29944/05, 18057/06, 19681/06, 22087/06 and 22185/06
by Jaka SOBOČAN and Others
against Slovenia

The European Court of Human Rights (Fifth Section), sitting on 30 August 2011 as a Committee composed of:
Ganna Yudkivska, *President,*
Boštjan M. Zupančič,
Angelika Nußberger, *judges,*
and Stephen Phillips, *Deputy Section Registrar,*
Having regard to the above applications,
Having regard to the settlement agreements signed by the parties,
Having deliberated, decides as follows:

THE FACTS

All the applicants are Slovenian nationals living in Slovenia.

The applicant Mr Jaka Sobočan was represented before the Court by Mr Z. Lipej, a lawyer practising in Medvode. Mr Robert Mencinger was represented before the Court by Ms M. Končan-Verstovšek, a lawyer practicing in Celje. Ms Anica Lončar was represented before the Court by Ms J. Jazbinšek-Goričan, a lawyer practicing in Celje. The applicant Mr Stanko Kalan was represented before the Court by Ms M. Krainer, a lawyer practicing in Radovljica. Mr Valentin Zajec was represented before the Court by Mr B. Verstovšek, a lawyer practicing in Celje.

The Slovenian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent.

All the applicants were parties to proceedings which were finally resolved less than three months after the implementation of the 2006 Act on the Protection of the Right to a Trial without Undue Delay ("the 2006 Act").

COMPLAINTS

The applicants complained under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention about the excessive length of civil proceedings and under Article 13 of the Convention about the lack of an effective domestic remedy in that regard.

THE LAW

In the present cases the Court notes that, after the Government had been given notice of the applications, they informed the Court that they had made a settlement proposal to the applicants.

By the settlement agreements signed by the State Attorney's Office and the applicants, the former acknowledged a violation of the right to a trial within a reasonable time and accepted to pay the applicants the non-pecuniary damage sustained and costs and expenses incurred. The applicants accepted the amount as a full compensation for the damage sustained due to the length of the above proceedings and waived any further claims against the Republic of Slovenia in respect of this complaint.

The applicants subsequently informed the Court that they had reached settlements with the State Attorney's Office and that they wished to withdraw their applications introduced before the Court.

The Court takes note that following the settlements reached between the parties the matter has been resolved at the domestic level and that the applicants wish to withdraw their applications. It is satisfied that respect for human rights as defined in the Convention or its Protocols does not require the examination of the applications to be continued (Article 37 § 1 *in fine* of the Convention).

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court unanimously

Decides to join the applications;

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases.

Stephen Phillips
Deputy Registrar

Ganna Yudkivska
President

Annex

No.	Application No.	Applicant's Name	Year of Birth	Address	Date of Introduction	Date of withdrawal
1.	29944/05	Jaka SOBOČAN	1972	Ljubljana	08/08/2005	03/12/2010
2.	18057/06	Robert MENCINGER	1969	Mislinja	28/03/2006	14/02/2011
3.	19681/06	Anica LONČAR	1953	Rogaška Slatina	20/04/2006	04/03/2011
4.	22087/06	Stanko KALAN	1938	Podnart	12/05/2006	14/03/2011
5.	22185/06	Valentin ZAJEC	1950	Ljubljana	10/05/2006	28/01/2011