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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 51676/20
Anastasiya Valeryevna STARODUBOVSKAYA
against Russia

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 19 June 2025 as a Committee composed of:

Diana Kovatcheva*, President*,
Canòlic Mingorance Cairat,
Vasilka Sancin*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 2 November 2020,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicant was represented by Ms M.O. Eysmont, a lawyer practising in Moscow.

The applicant's complaints under Article 8 of the Convention concerning the unlawful search were communicated to the Russian Government ("the Government"). Complaints based on the same facts were also communicated under other provisions of the Convention.

THE LAW

The Court notes from the outset that, in the present case, the application was lodged more than six months after the final decision in respect of the applicant's grievances under Articles 8 and 18 of the Convention was taken (see the appended table). It must therefore ascertain whether the applicant complied with the six-month rule set out in Article 35 § 1 of the Convention.

The Court further notes that, as regards applications introduced in 2020, the method of calculation of the six-month rule has been adjusted in order to handle the difficulties to which the global pandemic and widespread lockdown gave rise and to preserve the essence of the right of individual

petition under Article 34 of the Convention. In particular, the six-month rule was exceptionally considered to have been suspended for three calendar months in total, whenever a calendar six-month period either started to run or, on the contrary, was due to expire at any time between 16 March and 15 June 2020 (see *Saakashvili v. Georgia* (dec.), nos. 6232/20 and 22394/20, §§ 46-59, 1 March 2022).

Turning to the circumstances of the present case, the Court observes that neither the date of the introduction of the application nor the date of the expiration of the six-month time-limit fall within the above-mentioned period (16 March to 15 June 2020). The exceptional measure is therefore not applicable in the present case (compare *Kitanovska and Barbulovski v. North Macedonia*, no. 53030/19, § 39-40, 9 May 2023; and *Masse v. France* (dec.), no. 47506/20, 25 March 2025). It follows that the application was lodged out of time and must be rejected in accordance with Article 35 §§ 1 and 4 of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Declares the application inadmissible.

Done in English and notified in writing on 10 July 2025.

Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Diana Kovatcheva
President

APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 8 of the Convention (unlawful search)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Type of search Premises	Date of the search authorisation Name of issuing authority	Date of the search Means of exhaustion	Specific defects	Other complaints
51676/20 02/11/2020	**Anastasiya Valeryevna STARODUBOVSKAYA** 1995	Eysmont Mariya Olegovna Moscow	Flat	12/11/2019 Savelovskiy District Court of Moscow	04/12/2019 03/02/2020 Moscow City Court	no relevant or sufficient reasons to justify the search: applicant not a suspect, no adequate and sufficient safeguards against abuse: broad terms/wide content and scope of the search warrant (objects and documents not specific enough to restrict police's discretion)	Art 18 - Application of restrictions only for prescribed purposes