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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 56574/10
Elena STĂTESCU against Romania
and 4 other applications
(see list appended)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 24 May 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Krzysztof Wojtyczek, *President,*
Egidijus Kūris,
Iulia Motoc, *judges,*

and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the dates indicated in the appended table,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

A list of the applicants is set out in the appendix.

The Romanian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Ms C. Brumar, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The applicants complained under Article 6 § 1 and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention both taken alone and in conjunction with Article 14 of the Convention about the divergent case-law of the domestic courts on the issue of the right to maternity allowance for each of the children born from multiple pregnancies. The applications were communicated to the Government on 6 October 2015.

Between 11 March and 12 April 2016 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Romania in respect of the facts

giving rise to these applications against an undertaking by the Government to pay each applicant 3,000 euros to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, which will be converted into Romanian lei at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be free of any taxes that may be applicable. The amount will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court. 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 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 cases.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

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 applications. In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications.

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 16 June 2016.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

Krzysztof Wojtyczek
President

APPENDIX

No.	Application No Lodged on	Applicant Date of birth Place of residence	Represented by	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount in EUR to be paid by the respondent State
1.	**56574/10** 31/08/2010	**Elena STĂTESCU** 10/12/1973 Păușești Măglași		12 April 2016	15 March 2016	3,000 (three thousand)
2.	**6889/14** 13/02/2014	**Monica Simona MELINTE** 16/10/1981 Târgu Neamț	Mariana SOFRONIA	12 April 2016	22 March 2016	3,000 (three thousand)
3.	**30880/14** 07/04/2014	**Sorinel Nicuşor SOOS** 09/02/1972 Petroșani	Radu Ciprian HARJA	12 April 2016	11 March 2016	3,000 (three thousand)
4.	**56284/14** 04/08/2014	**Ionela Bianca CANTEMIR** 12/10/1980 Iași	Gabriela PĂDURARIU	1 April 2016	14 March 2016	3,000 (three thousand)
5.	**12696/15** 03/03/2015	**Daniela Liana VEREȘ** 05/05/1974 Cluj Napoca	Flavia Lucia MOISE	1 April 2016	7 April 2016	3,000 (three thousand)