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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 13145/21
Karen STEPANYAN
against Greece

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 2 July 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Úna Ní Raifeartaigh*, President*,
Canòlic Mingorance Cairat,
Vasilka Sancin*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application against the Hellenic Republic lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 1 March 2021,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Karen Stepanyan, was born in 1983. He was represented by Mr K. Chatziioannou, a lawyer practising in Thessaloniki.

The applicant's complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention, as well as under Article 13 concerning the lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of inadequate conditions of detention, were communicated to the Greek Government ("the Government").

By its letter of 14 March 2022, the Government informed the Registry of the applicant's request that his application be withdrawn and provided a solemn declaration signed by the applicant to this regard.

On 22 March 2022 the Court transmitted the information received from the Government to the applicant's representative and requested that the applicant submits any written comments he may wish to make by 15 April 2022. However, no response has been received since.

THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, the Court concludes that the applicant may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the application (Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention). Furthermore, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 *in fine*, the Court finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto which require the continued examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

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

Done in English and notified in writing on 27 August 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Úna Ní Raifeartaigh President