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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 39978/16
Laurenţiu-Mihail STROE against Romania
and 3 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 8 December 2022 as a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan*, President*,
Anja Seibert-Fohr,
Ana Maria Guerra Martins*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention were communicated to the Romanian Government (see the appended table for the relevant dates), the friendly-settlement procedure being set in motion through the offices of the Registrar upon communication.

No reply was received by the Court from the applicants within the provided deadline. By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the Court received no response within the time allowed for the submission of their response and that they were provided with a new deadline for submitting a response (see the appended table for the relevant dates). The applicants' attention was further drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application.

The registered letters either returned to the Court or were received by the applicants (see details in the appended table). No reply to the letters has been

received by the Court and there are no previous letters from the applicants informing the Court about the change of address. Even though all the applicants had been released from prison several years before the date of this decision, the last correspondence from them predominantly dates back several years as well (see the appended table for the relevant dates).

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.

In the light of the foregoing, in the absence of any recent correspondence from the applicants and considering that, following the communication of the application to the Government, no reply was received to the Court's letters, the Court concludes that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the applications (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 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 12 January 2023.

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Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Armen Harutyunyan
President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Date of the applicant's last communication to the Court	Date of communication	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of return/delivery of the registered letter	New time-limit for submission of response by the applicant	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	39978/16 29/08/2016	**Laurenţiu-Mihail STROE** 1982	01/09/2016	28/10/2021	08/04/2022	07/06/2022 (returned)	06/05/2022	25/08/2016
2.	42021/16 19/08/2016	**Florin-Dumitru BIRTOIU** 1982	02/09/2020	28/10/2021	08/04/2022	28/04/2022 (delivered)	06/05/2022	07/06/2019
3.	3487/17 27/01/2017	**Victor SANDU** 1965	21/11/2017	28/10/2021	08/04/2022	15/04/2022 (delivered)	06/05/2022	14/11/2017
4.	31977/17 19/06/2017	**Viorel PETCU** 1972	28/04/2021	30/09/2021	17/03/2022	25/03/2022 (delivered)	14/04/2022	07/02/2017