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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 40325/11
Pál SZABÓ
against Hungary

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 1 July 2014 as a Committee composed of:

Helen Keller, *President,*
András Sajó,
Robert Spano, *judges,*
and Abel Campos, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 27 June 2011,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Pál Szabó, is a Hungarian national, who was born in 1947 and lives in Budapest. He was represented before the Court by Mr E. Kiss, a lawyer practising in Budapest.

The Hungarian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr Z. Tallódi, Agent, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice.

The applicant complained under Articles 7, 14 and 17 of the Convention and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 about the imposition of a special tax.

On 5 March and 26 May 2014 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties under which the applicant agreed to waive any further claims against Hungary in respect of the facts giving rise to this application against an undertaking by the Government to pay him 19,300 euros to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses, which will be converted into Hungarian forints at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be free of any taxes that may be applicable. It 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 case.

THE LAW

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 application. In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the case out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

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

Abel Campos
Deputy Registrar

Helen Keller
President