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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 43914/21
Petar Ivanov VASILEV and Others
against Bulgaria

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 21 November 2024 as a Committee composed of:

Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir*, President*,
Úna Ní Raifeartaigh,
Mateja Đurović*, judges*,
and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 25 August 2021,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants were represented by Mr M. Ekimdzhiev, Ms K. Boncheva and Ms M. Dokova-Kostadinova, lawyers practising in Plovdiv.

The applicants' complaints under Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 and Article 13 of the Convention concerning the lengthy duration of a restitution procedure were communicated to the Bulgarian Government ("the Government").

On 3 June and 24 October 2024 the Court received friendly-settlement declarations signed by the parties. The applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Bulgaria in respect of the facts giving rise to the application, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay jointly to the four of them 6,500 (six thousand five hundred) euros (EUR), to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses, plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants. This amount will be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay this amount within the

above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake 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 parties agreed that such payment would 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 the Protocols thereto 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 12 December 2024.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir President

APPENDIX

List of applicants:

No.	Applicant's Name	Year of birth	Nationality	Place of residence
1.	Petar Ivanov VASILEV	1949	Bulgarian	Plovdiv
2.	Krasimir Dimitrov VASILEV	1957	Bulgarian	Plovdiv
3.	Stoyan Ivanov VASILEV	1959	Bulgarian	Plovdiv
4.	Rayna Dimitrova VASILEVA	1950	Bulgarian	Plovdiv