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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 24972/24
Mihály VIZI and Others against Hungary
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 19 February 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani*, President*,
Juha Lavapuro,
Hugh Mercer*, judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application against Hungary lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on 26 August 2024,

Having regard to the declaration submitted by the respondent Government requesting the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicants were represented by Ms F. Pintér, a lawyer practising in Győr.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings were communicated to the Hungarian Government ("the Government").

THE LAW

After unsuccessful friendly-settlement negotiations, the Government informed the Court that they proposed to make unilateral declaration with a view to resolving the issues raised by these complaints. They further requested the Court to strike out the application in accordance with Article 37 of the Convention.

The Government acknowledged the excessive length of civil proceedings. They offered to pay the applicants the amounts detailed in the appended table and invited the Court to strike the application out of the list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention. The amounts would be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and would 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 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 applicants were sent the terms of the Government's unilateral declaration several weeks before the date of this decision. The Court has not received a response from the applicants accepting the terms of the declaration.

The Court observes that Article 37 § 1 (c) enables it to strike a case out of its list if:

> "... for any other reason established by the Court, it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application".

Thus, it may strike out applications under Article 37 § 1 (c) on the basis of a unilateral declaration by a respondent Government even if the applicants wish the examination of the case to be continued (see, in particular, the *Tahsin Acar v. Turkey* judgment (preliminary objections) [GC], no. 26307/95, §§ 75-77, ECHR 2003-VI).

The Court has established clear and extensive case-law concerning complaints relating to the excessive length of civil proceedings (see, for example, *Gazsó v. Hungary,* no. 48322/12, 16 July 2015 and *Csatári and Others v. Hungary* [Committee], no. 18514/24, 20 May 2025).

Noting the admissions contained in the Government's declaration as well as the amount of compensation proposed – which is consistent with the amounts awarded in similar cases – the Court considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 (c)).

In the light of the above considerations, the Court is satisfied that respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto does not require it to continue the examination of the application (Article 37 § 1 *in fine*).

Finally, the Court emphasises that, should the Government fail to comply with the terms of their unilateral declaration, the application may be restored to the list in accordance with Article 37 § 2 of the Convention (*Josipović v. Serbia* (dec.), no. 18369/07, 4 March 2008).

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

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Takes note of the terms of the respondent Government's declaration and of the arrangements for ensuring compliance with the undertakings referred to therein;

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 12 March 2026.

Attila Teplán Acting Deputy Registrar	Stéphane Pisani President

APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (excessive length of civil proceedings)

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24972/24 26/08/2024 (224 applicants)	**Mihály VIZI** 1944 **János SZABÓ** 1957 **Lajosné PÁZMÁNDI** 1952 **János István ZAKAR** 1945 **Lukács SZILÁGYI** 1955 **Mária Gizella ÖRDÖGNÉ CZEGLÉDI** 1959 **Benjamin NYÍRI** 1957 **István Miklósné SZABÓ** 1960 **Zoltán GONDA** 1942 **Gyula MÁRTA** 1931 **Tímea NÉMETI** 1978 **István BAJZÁTH** 1936 **Imre SZŰCS** 1955 **Zoltánné SZIRÁKI** 1955 **Antal FÜLÖP** 1945 **Illésné GONDA** 1954 **Illésné KOVÁCS** 1957 **László ÁBRAHÁM** 1961 **Szilveszter KECSKÉS** 1977 **Tibor LUKÁCSI** 1955 **Jenő NAGY** 1941 **Jánosné PÉLI** 1933 **József TÓTH** 1968 **Andrea LAKATOSNÉ TÖRÖK** 1972 **András FEDOR** 1958 **Terézia HEGEDŰSNÉ MARKÓ** 1969 **Nóra LUKÁCSI** 1982	Pintér Fruzsina Győr	09/12/2025	15/01/2026	200

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	Andrásné BUDAI 1966 **Imréné BUDAI** 1936 **Henrietta CSÍKOSNÉ HEMRIK** 1979 **István GÁL** 1942 **Pál SZABÓ** 1944 **Imréné KORMOS** 1933 **Józsefné GUBANCSIK** 1949 **András KÜRI** 1954 **János KORMÁNY** 1960 **Sándor BOROS** 1935 **Sándor PAPP** 1959 **Angéla SLÉDERNÉ PÉNTEK** 1976 **Géza BARANYA** 1976 **Imréné TÓTH** 1964 **Albertné BORÓK** 1951 **István VIZI** 1959 **Mihályné TÓTH** 1939 **Ágnes KOSARASNÉ TELEK** 1976 **Tibor FÓNAGY** 1975 **Imre SZABÓ** 1958 **Emil MAJZIK** 1955 **András BÉRES** 1944 **Jenőné BERÉNYI** 1944 **Gyuláné CSILLIK** 1954 **László NÉMETH** 1956 **Endre BALÁZSI** 1958 **Mihályné FEKETE** 1955 **Mária Julianna PULAINÉ BARTA** 1956 **Albert PATONAI** 1954 **Dezsőné DOBOS** 1960 **Ferenc VARGA** 1948				

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	Vendel SZATMÁRI 1940 **Tamás PÉNTEK** 1950 **József VARGA** 1950 **Ildikó GYŐRINÉ PÉNTEK** 1967 **Pál DÖMÖK** 1953 **Józsefné SZABÓ** 1943 **Ferenc BALÁZS** 1967 **Imréné TÓTH** 1944 **Béla KEREKES** 1944 **Lajosné CSAJBÓK** 1938 **Marianna JUHÁSZ** 1968 **Gabriella ANDRÁSINÉ KOVÁCS** 1976 **Csaba Tibor CSÍKHEGYI** 1947 **Mihály KOVÁCS** 1951 **Zoltán NAGY** 1974 **Ignác LOVÁSZ** 1941 **Tünde BOZÓKINÉ KATONA** 1981 **Sándor Lászlóné FEJES** 1946 **Sándor Lászlóné KANYÓ** 1947 **Attila VITÁRIZS** 1973 **Zoltán BUKTA** 1970 **Jánosné CSINGER** 1955 **István CSEH** 1944 **Kálmán NAGY** 1967 **Gáspárné HÉJA** 1946 **János TÓTH** 1971 **János ÖRDÖG** 1970 **Mihály BALOG** 1953 **Imre TÓTH** 1968 **Rózsa Ágota PETHE** 1948 **József BAJZÁTH** 1936				

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[1] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant