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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 44591/12
Franz WELTE
against Austria

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 29 March 2016 as a Committee composed of:

Krzysztof Wojtyczek, *President,*
Iulia Antoanella Motoc,
Gabriele Kucsko-Stadlmayer, *judges,*
and Fatoş Aracı, *Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above application lodged on 11 July 2012,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Franz Welte, is an Austrian national, who was born in 1967 and lives in Sulz. He was represented before the Court by Mr W.L. Weh, a lawyer practising in Bregenz.

The Austrian Government ("the Government") were represented by their Agent, Mr H. Tichy, Head of the International Law Department at the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs.

The applicant complained under Article 6 of the Convention about the length of his civil proceedings.

On 16 December 2015 and 21 January 2016 the Court received friendly settlement declarations signed by the parties under which the applicant agreed to waive any further claims against Austria in respect of the facts giving rise to this application against an undertaking by the Government to pay him 3,500 euros to cover any and all damage as well as costs and expenses, which will be free of any taxes that may be applicable and

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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 21 April 2016.

Fatoş Aracı
Deputy Registrar

Krzysztof Wojtyczek
President