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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Applications nos. 42862/16 and 17661/17
Niculae ZANET against Romania and
Marius-Marian DIANCU against Romania
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 4 February 2021 as a Committee composed of:

Armen Harutyunyan, *President,*
Jolien Schukking,
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 ("the Government"), who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicants, who were invited to submit their own observations. No reply was received by the Court.

By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the time allowed for the submission of their observations or of certain requested information had expired (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.

No reply to these letters has been received by the Court (see details in the appended table) and there are no previous letters from the applicants informing the Court about a change of address.

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, 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 25 February 2021.

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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 letter	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter	New time-limit for submission of observations by the applicant	Date of the applicant's release from prison
1.	42862/16 16/08/2016	**Niculae ZANET** 1979	04/01/2017	01/07/2020	16/07/2020 Illegible signature	12/08/2020	In detention at Slobozia Prison
2.	17661/17 06/04/2017	**Marius-Marian DIANCU** 1981	12/07/2017	22/06/2020	06/03/2020 Illegible signature	03/08/2020	In detention at Giurgiu Prison