



Measures applied in respect of all cases concerning Russia owing to disruption to the postal service

The European Court of Human Rights has decided to take a number of measures which will now be applied in all cases concerning Russia until further notice owing to the disruption to the postal service since the start of March 2022.

These measures may be summarised as follows:

The Court will register new cases and may proceed with a preliminary examination of their admissibility and merits but will not invite the Government of the Russian Federation to submit observations unless it is possible to use the Court's service for communicating electronically with an applicant's representative ([eComms](#)).

There will be no general extension of the time-limit (Article 35 of the European Convention on Human Rights) for lodging an application with the Court. The Court will assess in due time compliance with this admissibility criterion taking into account the exceptional circumstances.

Where the case file is ready for examination, decisions and judgments will continue to be adopted. They will be published on the Court's database, Hudoc, and notified to the parties where it is possible to use [eComms](#). In other cases, they will not be notified to the parties and will not be published on HUDOC until further notice.

If it is possible to use [eComms](#), time-limits will continue to be fixed in the usual way. If not, no new time-limits will be fixed and all time-limits already running in pending cases will be suspended until further notice.

Incoming correspondence will be processed in the usual way. If it is possible to use [eComms](#), outgoing correspondence will also be processed in the usual way; if not, it will be suspended until further notice.

Exceptions to the above measures can be decided by the President of the Court of his own motion or on request by the parties.

These measures will be reassessed in the light of developments in the postal service and will automatically be lifted if the postal service is resumed.

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