



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

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 41863/10
Roman Aleksandrovich GONCHARENKO against Russia
and 3 other applications
(see list appended)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 29 January 2013 as a Committee composed of:

Khanlar Hajiyeu, *President*,

Erik Møse,

Dmitry Dedov, *judges*,

and André Wampach, *Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the dates listed in the annex,

Having regard to the declarations submitted by the Government and the applicants' acceptance of their terms,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

A list of the applicants and their representatives is set out in the appendix.

The Russian Government ("the Government") were represented by Mr G. Matyushkin, the Representative of the Russian Federation at the European Court of Human Rights.

The applicants complained under Article 3 of the Convention about the conditions of their detention in Russian penitentiary facilities.

By their letters dated 13 April, 10 September and 24 October 2012, the Government informed the Court that they proposed to make a declaration with a view to resolving the issue raised by the applications. They acknowledged that the applicants had been "detained in the conditions

which did not comply with the requirements of Article 3 of the Convention” and stated their readiness to pay the following amounts to the applicants as just satisfaction: 4,000 euros (EUR) to Mr Goncharenko, EUR 4,000 to Mr Grigoryev, EUR 12,000 to Mr Melnikov, and EUR 5,500 to Mr Ozerin. The payment was to cover any pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage, together with any costs and expenses incurred, as well as any tax that may be chargeable. It would be effected within a period of three months from the date of notification of the decision taken by the Court. In the event of failure to pay within that period, the Government undertook to pay simple interest on it, from 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 would constitute the final resolution of the cases.

In their letters of 3 October and 12 and 23 November 2012, the applicants informed the Court that they agreed to the terms of the Government’s declarations.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similarity of the main issues under the Convention in the above cases, the Court decides to join the applications and examine them in a single decision.

The Court considers that the applicants’ express agreement to the terms of the declarations made by the Government shall be considered as a friendly settlement between the parties (see *Cēsnieks v. Latvia* (dec.), no. 9278/06, § 34, 6 March 2012, and *Bakal and Others v. Turkey* (dec.), no. 8243/08, 5 June 2012).

The Court therefore 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 applications.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court unanimously

Decides to join the applications,

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

André Wampach
Deputy Registrar

Khanlar Hajiyev
President

APPENDIX

No	Application No	Lodged on	Applicant Date of birth Place of residence	Represented by
1.	41863/10	27/05/2010	Roman Aleksandrovich GONCHARENKO 11/12/1979 Zavodoukovsk	
2.	57707/10	08/09/2010	Maksim Anatolyevich GRIGORYEV 25/05/1987 Novobiryusinskiy	Yekaterina Viktorovna YEFREMOVA
3.	10064/11	22/01/2011	Aleksandr Vladimirovich MELNIKOV 20/05/1977 Ulan-Ude	Aleksandr Aleksandrovich KALASHNIKOV
4.	67584/11	18/08/2011	Andrey Viktorovich OZERIN 25/06/1987 Kronshtadt	