

Receipt of a completed application form in the inter-State case *Armenia v. Turkey*

On 9 May 2021 the European Court of Human Rights received a completed application form in the inter-State case *Armenia v. Turkey* (no. 43517/20).

The case concerns the respondent State's alleged role in the recent armed hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan which took place between 27 September and 10 November 2020 (the date of entry into force of a ceasefire agreement). Notably, Armenia alleges that Turkey provided assistance to the Azerbaijani armed forces during the conflict.

Previously, on 4 October 2020 the Court received a request for an interim measure introduced by Armenia against Turkey in relation to the above inter-State case. On 6 October 2020 the Court, applying Rule 39 of the Rules of Court for a second time in relation to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan (see the press release of [6.10.2020](#)), called on all States directly or indirectly involved in the conflict, including Turkey, to refrain from actions that would contribute to breaches of the Convention rights of civilians and to respect their obligations under the Convention.

On 17 November 2020 the Government of Turkey requested that the Court lift the interim measure in relation to the inter-State case of *Armenia v. Turkey*. They referred, in particular, to a statement signed on 9 November 2020 by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the President of the Russian Federation, declaring an end to the hostilities with effect from midnight on 10 November 2020. On 1 December 2020 the Court decided, in the light of the information provided by the Government of Turkey, to lift the interim measure previously indicated on 6 October 2020. The other decisions taken by the Court under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court with regard to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan remain in force (see the links to the related press releases below).

The completed application form now received in the inter-State case of *Armenia v. Turkey* opens the proceedings on the complaints about alleged violations of the Convention. The first matter for the Court to examine is the admissibility of the application. As an initial step, and in accordance with Rule 51 § 1 (assignment of applications and subsequent procedure), the President of the Court has assigned the case to the Third Section and given notice of the application to the respondent State.

Links to previous related press releases

- ***Armenia v. Turkey*** no. 43517/20, lodged on 4 October 2020
 - See press releases of [06.10.2020](#), [14.10.2020](#) and [02.12.2020](#).
- ***Armenia v. Azerbaijan*** no. 42521/20, lodged on 27 September 2020
 - Press releases of [28.09.2020](#), [30.09.2020](#) and [04.02.2021](#).
- ***Azerbaijan v. Armenia*** no. 47319/20, lodged on 27 October 2020
 - See press releases of [27.10.2020](#) and [04.02.2021](#).
- **Other press releases:**
 - Statement on requests for interim measures concerning the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan : [04.11.2020](#).
 - The interim measure indicated in the case of *Armenia v. Azerbaijan* and Rule 39 proceedings with regard to alleged captives to remain in force: [16.12.2020](#).

- *Armenia v. Azerbaijan* and alleged captives: notification to the Committee of Ministers of interim measures indicated: [16.03.2021](#).
- Relinquishment in favour of the Grand Chamber in the two inter-State cases *Armenia v. Azerbaijan* and *Azerbaijan v. Armenia*: [12.05.2021](#)

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