

Measures applied in respect of cases in which Ukraine is a respondent or an applicant Government following the military attack of February 2022

Against the background of the war in Ukraine and following a request received from the Ukrainian Government on 24 February 2022 to “suspend the examination of all applications against Ukraine until further notice”, the European Court of Human Rights has decided to take a number of measures which will now be applied in all cases concerning Ukraine until further notice. The President of the Court may allow exceptions to those measures where appropriate.

These measures may be summarised as follows:

All new applications received by the Court against Ukraine will be registered with a view to examination at a later date. However, applications for [interim measures](#) concerning Ukraine will continue to be processed.

There will be no general extension of the six/four-month time-limit (Article 35 of the Convention). 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. However, nothing will be published on Hudoc and the parties will not be informed until further notice.

No new time-limits will be fixed. All time-limits already running in pending cases will be suspended until further notice.

There will be no general extension of the three-month time-limit for seeking referral to the Grand Chamber (Article 43 § 1 of the Convention).

Incoming correspondence will be processed in the usual way. Outgoing correspondence will be sent only for the purpose of informing the parties and as long as the postal services and the Internet are operational in Ukraine.

Application of these measures will be reassessed in the light of developments in the situation in Ukraine by the end of March 2022 at the latest.

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