



ECHR grants interim measure in new inter-State case brought by Ukraine against Russia concerning events in the Kerch Strait

Today, the European Court of Human Rights decided to indicate to the Russian Government by way of interim measure that, in the interests of the parties and the proper conduct of the proceedings before it, they should ensure that appropriate medical treatment be administered to those captive Ukrainian naval personnel who required it, including in particular any who might have been wounded in the naval incident that took place in the Kerch Strait on 25 November 2018.

The Government of Ukraine submitted an urgent request under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court in the context of a new inter-State application lodged against the Russian Federation under Article 33 (Inter-State cases) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The inter-State application was lodged on 29 November 2018 and registered under application no. 55855/18, Ukraine v. Russia (VIII).

In its decision today, the Court also maintained its request for factual information, as formulated in its letter to the Russian Government on 29 November 2018. See [press release](#) of 30 November 2018.

The Court may, under Rule 39 of its Rules of Court, indicate interim measures to any State party to the Convention. Interim measures are urgent measures which, according to the Court's well-established practice, apply only where there is an imminent risk of irreparable harm. Such measures are decided in connection with proceedings before the Court, without prejudging any subsequent decisions on the admissibility or merits of the case in question. For further information, see the [Factsheet on interim measures](#).

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