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3-4 April 2007: Committee of Ministers' to supervise the execution of the European Court of Human Rights' judgments

Strasbourg, 03.04.2007 - On 3-4 April 2007, the Committee of Ministers holds the second of its special meetings planned in 2007 for the supervision of the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Article 46 of the ECHR). The Committee will supervise the payment by respondent states of just satisfaction to applicants (761 cases), the adoption of other individual measures granting redress to the applicants (95 cases or groups of cases) and of general measures preventing new similar violations (112 cases or groups of cases). The Committee will also examine for the first time 225 new judgments of the Court and draft Final Resolutions (concerning 137 cases) concluding that the respondent States have complied with their obligations under the judgments.

At this meeting, the Committee will supervise *inter alia*:

► **The granting by respondent States of redress to the applicants for the violations found, in particular:**

- **Responses to the 4th Interim resolution calling for urgent release of the applicants** arbitrarily and unlawfully detained in the "Moldovan Republic of Transnistria" (*Ilaşcu et al. v. Russia & Moldova*, ResDH(2006)26 of 10 May 2006);
- **Response of the Turkish authorities to the CM's repeated calls to reopen domestic proceedings** or otherwise redress the situation of the applicant convicted in violation of his right to a fair trial and still serving heavy prison sentence (*Hulki Güneş*, ResDH(2005)113); two new cases raise similar issues (*Göçmen*, *Söylemez*);
- Continuing obligation to conduct **effective investigations into alleged killing by security forces in Northern Ireland** (*Mc Kerr v. United Kingdom*), **Chechnya** (*Khashiyev v. Russia*) and **northern Cyprus** (*Kakoulli v. Turkey*);
- **Re-establishing parents' access to or regular relationship with their children**, to remedy violations of their right to family life by **Austria** (*Moser*) **Germany** (*Görgülü*), **Poland** (*Zawadka*), **Romania** (*Lafargue*) and **Switzerland** (*Bianchi*);
- **Urgent quashing of the applicant's criminal conviction in Turkey** for a refusal to perform compulsory military service on the ground of his conscientious objection (*Ülke*) and **prevention of expulsion from Turkey** (*D. and Others*);
- **Improvement of detention conditions of a person with a mental disorder in France** (*Riviere*);
- Putting an **end to dangerous industrial pollution as ordered by court decisions which remain unexecuted in Turkey** (*Taskin*, *Öçkan*, *Ahmet Okyay*).

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► **General measures** (constitutional, legislative and/or other reforms, including the setting up of effective domestic remedies), **taken or under way, to prevent new violations** similar to those found in the judgments, in particular:

- **Issue of missing persons and living conditions in northern Cyprus, property rights of displaced Greek-Cypriots** (*Cyprus v. Turkey*);
- **Preventing non-compliance with domestic court decisions in Italy and Ukraine;**
- **Progress achieved by recent bankruptcy reform in Italy** (*Luordo*);
- Improving **freedom of religion in Moldova** (*Metropolitan Church of Bessarabia*) and **freedom of expression in Turkey** (67 judgments);
- Need for adequate **judicial review of expulsions on grounds of national security in Bulgaria** (*Al-Nashif*);
- **The problem of excessive length of judicial proceedings, and/or setting up an effective domestic remedy in this respect** in cases, in particular, against Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

The information submitted to the Committee and its decisions are public. Interim Resolutions and decisions adopted on important and urgent issues become public at the end of the meeting. The other decisions adopted and the annotated agenda containing information on the progress in the execution of judgments are made public some weeks after the meeting. These documents together with **more comprehensive information on the execution of judgments by the member states** are available on http://www.coe.int/t/cm/home_en.asp or http://www.coe.int/Human_rights/execution/.