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15-17 October 2007: Committee of Ministers' to supervise the execution of the European Court of Human Rights' judgments

Strasbourg, 15.10.2007 - On 15-17 October 2007, the Committee of Ministers will hold its special meeting 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 (675 cases), the adoption of other individual measures granting redress to the applicants (114 cases or groups of cases) and/or of general measures aimed at preventing new similar violations (120 cases or groups of cases). In addition, the Committee will start the supervision of the execution of a further 418 new judgments of the Court. It will also examine draft Final Resolutions concerning 145 cases concluding that the respondent States have complied with their obligations under the Convention.

The Committee will supervise:

► Individual measures to provide redress to applicants, *inter alia*:

- **Turkey's response to the CM's two Interim Resolutions urging to reopen domestic proceedings** or otherwise provide redress to the applicant convicted in violation of his right to a fair trial and still serving a heavy prison sentence (*Hulki Güneş*, ResDH(2005)113, CM/ResDH(2007)26); two other cases raise similar issues (*Göçmen*, *Söylemez*);
- Follow-up given to decision **to reopen unfair criminal proceedings** and **regular access to medical examinations while in detention** (*Popov*), and **progress of domestic proceedings** brought by the applicant **against the prosecutor's refusal to prosecute persons involved in the death of her son whilst imprisoned** (*Taraiyeva*) in the **Russian Federation**;
- **Residence registration of the applicant** (*Tatishvili*) or **re-entry of the applicant into the state's territory** (*Bolat*) in the **Russian Federation**;
- **Re-establishing parents' access to or regular relationships with their children**, to remedy violations of their right to family life in the **Czech Republic** (*Zavřel*), **Germany** (*Görgülü*), **Romania** (*Lafargue*), **Serbia** (*V.A.M.*) and **Switzerland** (*Bianchi*);
- **Putting an end to the applicant's repeated prosecution in Turkey** for his refusal to perform compulsory military service on the ground of his conscientious objection (*Ülke*);
- **Measures taken to ensure compliance with domestic court decisions ordering the closure of a gold mine and three power plants polluting the environment in Turkey** (*Taskin*, *Öçkan*, *Ahmet Okyay*);
- **Remedying the persistent infringement of the freedom of association of the applicant association and its members in Bulgaria**, as found in several judgments since 2001 (*UMO Ilinden - Pirin and others*; *UMO Ilinden and others*) or **the persistent refusal to register the applicant's church in Moldova** (*Biserica Adevărat Ortodoxă din Moldova and others*);

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

- **Issue of missing persons, property rights of the Greek-Cypriots in the northern part of Cyprus and property rights of displaced Greek-Cypriots** (*Cyprus v. Turkey*);
- **Assessment of measures taken or outstanding, necessary to ensure full compliance by the Russian Federation with the judgments concerning Chechnya** – follow-up to the high level Round Table held in July 2007 in Moscow (*group Khashiyev*);
- **Assessment of progress achieved to prevent abuses by members of security forces in southeast Turkey** (143 cases and 69 friendly settlements);

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- Assessment of progress achieved in the adoption of measures **to prevent ill-treatment by the police in Bulgaria and to ensure effective investigations** in this respect (*group Velikova*) and also **to prevent inhuman and degrading treatment by the police in Greece** (*Alsayed Allaham*);
- Assessment of progress achieved in **improving conditions of detention in the Russian Federation** (*group Kalashnikov*);
- Progress of the reform aimed at ensuring **adequate legal safeguards concerning storage and use of personal data by intelligence services in Romania** (*Rotaru*);
- Measures adopted to **prevent non-compliance with domestic court decisions in Albania** (*Qufaj Co. SH.p.k.*) and **Ukraine** (*group Zhovner*) and **to prevent violations of the legal certainty requirement** through supervisory review procedure **in Russia** (*group Ryabykh*);
- Improving **freedom of religion in Moldova** (*Metropolitan Church of Bessarabia*) and **freedom of expression in Turkey** (74 cases);
- **Excessive length of judicial proceedings, and/or setting up an effective domestic remedy in this respect** in cases against a number of states (Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, 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. 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 member states** will be made available on http://www.coe.int/t/cm/home_en.asp or http://www.coe.int/Human_rights/execution/.