



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

## FIRST SECTION

### DECISION

Application no. 68964/14  
Albert GHUKASYAN  
against Armenia

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 19 March 2020 as a Committee composed of:

Aleš Pejchal, *President*,

Jovan Ilievski,

Raffaele Sabato, *judges*,

and Liv Tiggerstedt, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above application lodged on 13 October 2014,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

## FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant, Mr Albert Ghukasyan, was born in 1938.

On 7 March 2019 the applicant's complaint under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention, concerning the alleged violation of the principle of equality of arms in the proceedings before the Court of Appeal as regards the examination of his appeal against the District Court's judgment of 25 November 2013, was communicated to the Armenian Government ("the Government").

By letter dated 22 July 2019 the applicant was requested to designate a representative, in accordance with Rule 36 §§ 2 and 4 (a) of the Rules of Court, by 19 August 2019. No response followed.

By letter dated 18 October 2019 the applicant was requested to designate a representative by 14 November 2019. The applicant did not respond to this letter either.

By letter dated 10 December 2019, sent by registered post, the applicant was notified that the period allowed for submission of a signed authority form had expired on 14 November 2019 and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicant's attention was drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out

of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application.

This letter was returned to the Court as “recipient moved” on 18 December 2019 and there are no previous letters from the applicant informing the Court about a change of address. Moreover, in the course of January 2020 several letters, including that dated 18 October 2019, were returned to the Court as “recipient moved”.

## THE LAW

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the application.

Accordingly, the case should be struck out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

*Decides* to strike the application out of its list of cases.

Done in English and notified in writing on 9 April 2020.

Liv Tigerstedt  
Acting Deputy Registrar

Aleš Pejchal  
President