

1531st meeting, 10-12 June 2025 (DH)

H46-7 Namazov group v. Azerbaijan (Application No. 74354/13)

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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Decisions

The Deputies

1. recalled that this group concerns various violations of the Convention on account of the disciplinary proceedings against the applicants, former advocates, which resulted in their disbarment, in breach of Articles 8 and 10 of the Convention;
2. reiterated the obligation of Azerbaijan, under the terms of Article 46, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to abide fully, effectively, and promptly by the final judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in any case to which they are a party;
3. noted with profound concern that no information has been provided by the authorities for the present meeting;

As regards individual measures

4. with respect to the cases of *Namazov* and *Bagirov* adopted Interim Resolution CM/ResDH(2025)139;
5. with respect to the new case of *Afgan Mammadov*, invited the authorities to provide information on the individual measures taken in this case in line with the Court's judgment;

As regards general measures

6. firmly reiterated their call on the authorities to follow up on previous decisions on this matter and to adopt the measures required without further delay, namely to:
 - submit a detailed analysis of the compliance of the draft amendments to the Law "On Advocates and Advocacy Activity" with the Convention standards;
 - put in place sufficient safeguards to prevent undue disciplinary action against lawyers in the exercise of their professional duties and to ensure that disciplinary proceedings are carried out in line with the Convention and the respective Council of Europe standards;
 - take measures aimed at improving judicial practice concerning the judicial review of disciplinary proceedings against lawyers to ensure that such proceedings respect the principles of fairness and adversarial procedure, that the judicial decisions are duly reasoned and provide an effective safeguard to ensure the proportionality of imposed sanctions;
7. invited the authorities to resume a constructive and results-oriented dialogue with the Secretariat to set up a roadmap to fully achieve the general measures required in these cases;
8. decided to resume examination of this group of cases at one of their DH meetings in 2026.