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

H46-8 Sargsyan v. Azerbaijan (Application No. 40167/06)

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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Decisions

The Deputies

1. recalled that this case concerns the property rights of a refugee of Armenian origin who was forced to flee from his home during the active military phase of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (1992-94);
2. recalled further that in its judgment on just satisfaction of 12 December 2017 the Court held that Azerbaijan was to pay the applicant's next-of-kin within three months certain sums in respect of pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage as well as costs and expenses;
3. recalled that following the consultations with the authorities concerned, the Secretariat prepared two Memorandums of Understanding to enable simultaneous payment of the just satisfaction awarded by the Court and default interest accrued owing in the present case and in *Chiragov and Others v. Armenia*, through a Council of Europe bank account;
4. recalling the indication by the authorities of Azerbaijan in September 2024 that they required more time for assessment of the draft Memorandum of Understanding;
5. strongly underlined again the unconditional obligation under Article 46 § 1 of the Convention on respondent states to fully and effectively execute all judgments against them, including their unconditional obligation to pay the sums of just satisfaction awarded by the Court;
6. noted with profound concern that no information has been provided by the Azerbaijani authorities for the present meeting and invited them to resume constructive and results-oriented dialogue with the Secretariat;
7. noted with regret the lack of progress in the payment of just satisfaction in this case and urged the Azerbaijani authorities to proceed without further delay with the concrete steps required to ensure the payment of the of all sums due as just satisfaction, either by the avenue foreseen in the draft Memorandums of Understanding, or by paying directly to the applicant or his next-of-kin;
8. decided to resume consideration of the present case at their Human Rights meeting in March 2026 at the latest, and to consider taking new action in the absence of tangible progress towards the payment by then.