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Meeting: 1193 meeting (4-6 March 2014) (DH)

Item reference: Communication from the applicant's representative

(21/02/2014) in the case of Saveriades (Xenides-Arestis group) against Turkey (Application No. 16160/90)

Information made available under Rule 9.1 of the Rules of the Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and of the terms of friendly settlements.

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Réunion : 1193 réunion (4-6 mars 2014) (DH)

Référence du point : Communication du représentant du requérant dans l'affaire

Saveriades (groupe Xenides-Arestis) contre Turquie (Requête n° 16160/90) *(anglais uniquement)*

Informations mises à disposition en vertu de la Règle 9.1 des Règles du Comité des Ministres pour la surveillance de l'exécution des arrêts et des termes des règlements amiables.

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21 February 2014

Mr Abel De Campos Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers European Court of Human Rights Council of Europe F-67075 Strasbourg, cedex France

VIA EMAIL (Abel.DECAMPOS@coe.int) & MAIL

Dear Mr Campos

Re: Application No. 16160/90 - Saveriades v. Turkey, Judgment of 26 October 2010

Having just returned from the funeral of the abovementioned Applicant, who passed away on 19 February 2014 after a short illness (as per attached funeral notice in the local press), I take the liberty of addressing this letter to the Committee as a gesture of respect to my late client.

There is no doubt in my mind that the delaying tactics of the Respondent Government have contributed to the Applicant's death.

It is not the first time this has happened and I draw your attention to Application no. 16219/90 – Demades v Turkey (still pending) where the Applicant passed away more than 7.5 years ago.

I recall the late Demades' most memorable comment set out in the 2nd paragraph of his letter dated 11 October 1995 to Mr H C Kruger, Secretary to the Commission (as he then was):

'... if human rights are meant for living humans there is a good chance that many of us will not make it to experience the practical restoration of the human rights we were deprived of since 1974. Many of my friends passed away in any event..."

The abovementioned prophetic statement still holds good today, where nearly 40 years later the late Mr Saveriades has not received satisfaction despite the unconditional judgment of the Court of 26 October 2010 and the continuing violation of his rights.

I am actually wondering what the Committee is planning to do to remedy the above and bring the Respondent Government to order.

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Turkey's track record in these Applications shows contempt to the judgments of the Court and I am afraid the Committee's tolerance simply encourages the Respondent to continue.

I would be grateful if this matter is brought to the attention of the Members of the Committee of Ministers, prior to their meeting on 4 March 2014, pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules for the Supervision of the Execution of Judgments and the Respondent Government is requested to honour the said judgments.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and remain at your disposal for any clarifications.

Yours sincerely

Achilleas Demetriades

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cc: DG Human Rights & Legal Affairs

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