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3-5 June 2008: Committee of Ministers to supervise the execution of European Court of Human Rights judgments

Strasbourg, 03.06.2008 – The Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers will hold its second special "human rights" meeting¹ of 2008 from 3 to 5 June, where it will supervise the execution of a number of judgments from the European Court of Human Rights.

During the meeting, the Committee will follow up the adoption of individual measures needed to erase the consequences of violations for applicants (including the payment of just satisfaction, if any, awarded by the Court) and/or general measures (legislative or other changes) aimed at preventing new violations similar to those found by the Court in these cases.

377 new cases will be examined, some 33 of which raise questions related to the adoption of new general execution measures. The others are either linked to issues which are already under examination with regard to other cases or do not have a structural character.

In the remaining cases, the Committee will examine progress made in the adoption of individual and/or general measures, notably regarding some 300 required legislative or other reforms. At the meeting, the Committee will also consider adopting final resolutions in 69 cases where all of the necessary execution measures have been taken, and will assess whether some fifty further cases are ready to be closed.

A preliminary list of items/cases to be examined at the meeting (the 1028th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies) is available on the Committee of Ministers website, www.coe.int/t/cm/home_en.asp. To this list should be added the judgments which became final after the last "human rights" meeting. The latest public information on the main cases under examination is available, on a country-by-country basis, on the website www.coe.int/Droits_de_l'Homme/execution, under the heading "State of execution".

Interim Resolutions and decisions adopted on particularly important and/or urgent issues will become public at the end of the meeting. Other decisions, and the annotated agenda containing information on progress in the execution of judgments, will be made public once formally adopted a fortnight after the meeting. These documents – together with more comprehensive information on the execution of judgments by member states, including the Committee of Ministers' annual report for 2007 on its supervision of judgments – are available at www.coe.int/t/cm/home_en.asp and www.coe.int/Human_rights/execution.

¹ According to Article 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights:

"1 The High Contracting Parties undertake to abide by the final judgment of the Court in any case to which they are parties.

2 The final judgment of the Court shall be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers, which shall supervise its execution."

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