



KEY CASES

2023

First quarter



List of cases recommended
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approved by the Bureau

**European Court of
Human Rights**

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COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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NOTE

A selection of the most important cases dealt with by the Court (also referred to as “key cases”) is made quarterly by the Bureau, upon recommendation by the Jurisconsult (see Title I, Chapters II and III, of the [Rules of Court](#) about their respective roles). This list contains the selection of key cases for 2023.

Cases are listed by reference to the relevant Convention Articles and keywords, then alphabetically by respondent State and by applicant. They are also listed under the importance level “Key cases” in the [HUDOC](#) case-law database.

By default, all references are to Chamber judgments. Grand Chamber cases, whether judgments or decisions, are indicated by “[GC]”. Decisions are indicated by “(dec.)”.

Chamber judgments that are not yet “final” within the meaning of Article 44 of the Convention are marked “(not final)”. In the event that any such judgment is accepted for referral to the Grand Chamber in accordance with Article 43, it will not be included in the present list.

For information on the manner of citing the Court’s case-law, please see [here](#).

Article 44 § 2 – Final judgments

The judgment of a Chamber shall become final

- (a) when the parties declare that they will not request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber; or
- (b) three months after the date of the judgment, if reference of the case to the Grand Chamber has not been requested; or
- (c) when the panel of the Grand Chamber rejects the request to refer under Article 43.

Article 43 – Referral to the Grand Chamber

1. Within a period of three months from the date of the judgment of the Chamber, any party to the case may, in exceptional cases, request that the case be referred to the Grand Chamber.
2. A panel of five judges of the Grand Chamber shall accept the request if the case raises a serious question affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention or the Protocols thereto, or a serious issue of general importance.
3. If the panel accepts the request, the Grand Chamber shall decide the case by means of a judgment.

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***Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia* (dec.) [GC], nos. 8019/16 et al., 30 November 2022**

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ARTICLE 8

RESPECT FOR PRIVATE LIFE

Unjustified search of journalists' home and indiscriminate seizure of their personal belongings: *violation*

***Svetova and Others v. Russia*, no. 54714/17, 24 January 2023**

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Refusal by the national authorities to insert the term "neutral" or "intersex", instead of "male", on the birth certificate of an intersex person: *no violation*

***Y v. France*, no. 76888/17, 31 January 2023 (not final)**

[Judgment](#) | [Legal summary](#)

Unjustified publication of applicant's identifying data, including home address, on tax authority website portal, for failing to fulfil his tax obligations: *violation*

***L.B. v. Hungary* [GC], no. 36345/16, 9 March 2023**

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POSITIVE OBLIGATIONS

Absence of any form of legal recognition and protection for same-sex couples: *violation*

***Fedotova and Others v. Russia* [GC], nos. 40792/10 et al., 17 January 2023**

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ARTICLE 10

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

No legitimate aim for temporary suspension of children's fairy tale book depicting same-sex relationships and its subsequent labelling as harmful to children under the age of 14: *violation*

***Macatė v. Lithuania* [GC], no. 61435/19, 23 January 2023**

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Criminal fine of EUR 1,000 for disclosing to the media confidential documents from a private-sector employer concerning the tax practices of multinational companies ("Luxleaks"): *violation*

***Halet v. Luxembourg* [GC], no. 21884/18, 14 February 2023**

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ARTICLE 33

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Alleged administrative practices by Russia in eastern Ukraine under separatist control resulting in multiple Convention violations: *partly admissible*

Downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17: *admissible*

***Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia (dec.)* [GC], nos. 8019/16 et al., 30 November 2022**

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ARTICLE 35

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EXHAUSTION OF DOMESTIC REMEDIES

No effective remedy available in Russia to relatives of victims of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17: *admissible*

International investigation into downing of flight MH17 and use of international-law remedies before applying to the Court (six years after the incident): *application within time-limit*

***Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia (dec.)* [GC], nos. 8019/16 et al., 30 November 2022**

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FOUR-MONTH PERIOD (FORMER SIX-MONTH)

Final domestic decision arrived at before, but notified after, entry into force on 1 February 2022 of new time-limit under Protocol No. 15: *six-month rule applicable*

***Orhan v. Türkiye (dec.)*, no. 38358/22, 6 December 2022**

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ARTICLE 2 OF PROTOCOL No. 4

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

Sufficient procedural safeguards attaching to thirteen-month preventive curfew imposed on radicalised Islamist during state of emergency following terrorist attacks: *no violation*

***Pagerie v. France*, no. 24203/16, 19 January 2023**

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RULE 44C OF THE RULES OF COURT

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY

Respondent State's failure to engage with the proceedings after the cessation of its membership of the Council of Europe not an obstacle *per se* for the Court's examination of the case

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