



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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***Note explaining the mode of citation
and how to refer to the judgments and decisions of the Court***

From 1998 to 2015 the *Reports of Judgments and Decisions* of the European Court of Human Rights contained a selection of judgments delivered and decisions adopted after the entry into force of Protocol No. 11 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. All judgments and decisions of the Court (with the exception of decisions taken by a single judge) are available in the Court's case-law database HUDOC which is accessible via the Court's website (<http://www.echr.coe.int>).

Note on citation

The form of citation for judgments and decisions published in this series from 1 November 1998 to the end of 2007 follows the pattern: name of case (in italics), application number, paragraph number (for judgments), abbreviation of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), year and number of volume. From the beginning of 2008 to the end of 2015, there is no volume number (e.g., ECHR 2008, ECHR 2009, etc.).

In the absence of any indication to the contrary the cited text is a judgment on the merits delivered by a Chamber of the Court. Any variation from that is added in brackets after the name of the case: “(dec.)” for a decision on admissibility, “(preliminary objections)” for a judgment concerning only preliminary objections, “(just satisfaction)” for a judgment concerning only just satisfaction, “(revision)” for a judgment concerning revision, “(interpretation)” for a judgment concerning interpretation, “(striking out)” for a judgment striking the case out, or “(friendly settlement)” for a judgment concerning a friendly settlement. “[GC]” is added if the judgment or decision has been given by the Grand Chamber of the Court, whereas “[Committee]” is added if it was adopted by a Committee of three judges.

Examples

Judgment on the merits delivered by a Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland, no. 45678/98, § 24, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on the merits delivered by the Grand Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland [GC], no. 45678/98, § 24, ECHR 1999-II

Decision on admissibility delivered by a Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland (dec.), no. 45678/98, ECHR 1999-II

Decision on admissibility delivered by the Grand Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland (dec.) [GC], no. 45678/98, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on preliminary objections delivered by a Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland (preliminary objections), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on just satisfaction delivered by a Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland (just satisfaction), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on revision delivered by a Chamber

Campbell v. Ireland (revision), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on interpretation delivered by a Chamber
Campbell v. Ireland (interpretation), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment striking the case out delivered by a Chamber
Campbell v. Ireland (striking out), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Judgment on a friendly settlement delivered by a Chamber
Campbell v. Ireland (friendly settlement), no. 45678/98, § 15, ECHR 1999-II

Nota bene

Unreported judgments and decisions of the new Court, including those selected as key cases from 2016 onwards

Dupont v. France, no. 43568/98, § 24, 3 May 1999

Durand v. France (striking out), no. 45678/98, § 24, 5 September 1999

Martin v. France (dec.), no. 48666/98, 13 September 1999

APPENDIX

MEMORANDUM ON CITATION OF JUDGMENTS AND DECISIONS

With a view to simplifying and harmonising citation, the Publications Committee has decided that the names of judgments and decisions of the *old* Court and the names of decisions of the Commission should appear *in italics* and the mode of citation has been changed slightly.

Examples

see *Plattform "Ärzte für das Leben" v. Austria*, 21 June 1988, § 31, Series A no. 139

see *Delta v. France* (Article 50), 30 January 1990, § 38, Series A no. 191-A

see *Allenet de Ribemont v. France* (interpretation), 7 August 1996, § 17, *Reports of Judgments and Decisions* 1996-III

see *National & Provincial Building Society, Leeds Permanent Building Society and Yorkshire Building Society v. the United Kingdom*, 23 October 1997, § 118, *Reports* 1997-VII

see *Gautrin and Others v. France* (friendly settlement), 20 May 1998, § 57, *Reports* 1998-III

see *Gustafsson v. Sweden* (revision – merits), 30 July 1998, § 28, *Reports* 1998-V

see *Moreira de Azevedo v. Portugal*, no. 11296/84, Commission decision of 14 April 1988, *Decisions and Reports* 56, p. 126

see *Garnieri v. Italy*, no. 22256/88, Commission decision of 18 May 1992, unreported

Where the title of a judgment or decision includes the name of a newspaper or other publication, such name will appear in roman, as is already the case with judgments and decisions of the new Court.

Example

see *The Sunday Times v. the United Kingdom* (Article 50), 6 November 1980, § 22, Series A no. 38