



Witness hearing in the Inter-State case of Georgia v. Russia (II)

A delegation of seven Judges of the European Court of Human Rights composed of Mirjana Lazarova-Trajkovska (“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”), Nona Tsotsoria (Georgia), Vincent. A. De Gaetano (Malta), Helen Keller (Switzerland), Dmitry Dedov (Russian Federation), Jon Fridrik Kjølbro (Denmark) and Yonko Grozev (Bulgaria) took evidence from witnesses in Strasbourg from Monday 6 June to Friday 17 June 2016 in the case of Georgia v. Russia (II) (application no. 38263/08). The Court heard 33 witnesses in total: 16 summonsed through the Georgian Government, 11 summonsed through the Government of the Russian Federation and six summonsed directly by the Court.

The application was lodged on 11 August 2008 under Article 33 (Inter-State cases) of the European Convention on Human Rights and concerns the armed conflict between Georgia and the Russian Federation in August 2008 and its aftermath. It raises issues under Articles 2 (right to life), 3 (prohibition of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment), 5 (right to liberty and security), 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the Convention, under Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property and right to education), as well as under Article 2 of Protocol No. 4 (freedom of movement).

Following a [hearing](#) on 22 September 2011, the application was declared [admissible](#), without prejudging the merits of the case, by a Chamber on 13 December 2011 and relinquished to the Grand Chamber on 3 April 2012.

The European Court of Human Rights will now continue its examination of the case.

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