

FEES: A BARRIER TO JUSTICE

The undersigned organizations call on the Member States of the Council of Europe to reject the proposal to impose fees on individuals who file an application to the European Court of Human Rights seeking redress for violations of their human rights guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Imposing a fee on applicants to the European Court of Human Rights may deny victims of human rights violations access to justice, based on their ability to pay.

Administering a fee system could drain the Court of human and financial resources while deterring individuals – based on their economic standing – with well-founded human rights claims from seeking redress before the Court.

FRAIS À LA CEDH: UN OBSTACLE À LA JUSTICE

Les organisations soussignées demandent aux États membres du Conseil de l'Europe de rejeter la proposition consistant à imposer des frais aux personnes introduisant une requête auprès de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme afin d'obtenir des réparations lorsqu'elles ont été victimes de violations des droits fondamentaux garantis par la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme.

Le fait d'imposer des frais aux personnes saisissant la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme pourrait empêcher des victimes de violations des droits humains d'obtenir justice, au motif de leur incapacité à payer.

Cela pourrait par ailleurs lourdement grever les ressources humaines et financières de la Cour, tout en dissuadant des personnes dont la demande en matière de droits humains est fondée de former un recours auprès de la Cour, en raison de leur situation financière.

List of signatories as of 19 April 2011

1. ACCEPT Association, Romania
2. Access Info Europe, International NGO (registered in Spain)
3. Access to Information Programme (AIP), Bulgaria
4. ACED – Associação Contra a Exclusão pelo Desenvolvimento, Portugal
5. ACEP - Associação Para a Cooperação Entre os Povos, Portugal
6. Action Européenne des Handicapés (AEH), Bonn, Germany
7. Agenda: Child! Association, Turkey
8. Aim for Human Rights, Netherlands
9. AIRE Centre, London, United Kingdom
10. Amnesty International
11. ANBO, Netherlands
12. ArciLesbica, Italy
13. Art1 - voorkomt en bestrijdt discriminatie (Dutch national association against discrimination), Netherlands
14. Associação Portuguesa de Apoio à Vítima (Portuguese Association for Victim Support), Portugal
15. Association "Nous sommes aussi l'Eglise", France

Liste des signataires en date du 19 avril 2011

16. Association Européenne pour la Défense des droits de l'Homme, Brussels, Belgium
17. Association for Solidarity with Children Deprived of Their Freedom, Turkey
18. Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva, Switzerland
19. Association for the Protection of Women's Rights in Azerbaijan after D. Aliyeva, Azerbaijan
20. Association of Human Rights and Solidarity for Oppressed People (MAZLUMDER), Turkey
21. ASTRA - Central and Eastern European Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health, Poland
22. Asylum Aid, United Kingdom
23. Azerbaijan Lawyers Association, Azerbaijan
24. Azerbaijan Lawyers Forum, Azerbaijan
25. Azerbaijan Migration Centre, Azerbaijan
26. Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union (AYLU), Azerbaijan
27. BaBe, Croatia
28. Bar Association of Center District of Chisinau, Moldova
29. Belgian Disability Forum asbl (BDF), Belgium
30. British Irish RIGHTS WATCH, United Kingdom

31. Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation – Plovdiv
32. Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation – Sofia
33. Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
34. Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights Foundation
35. Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development (CIPDD), Georgia
36. Caucasus Women's Network, Georgia
37. Çavaria, Belgium
38. CCF Israel - Coalition For Children and Family, Israel
39. Centar za građanske inicijative Poreč, Croatia
40. Centar za mir, pravne savjete i psihosocijalnu pomoć – Vukovar (Center for Peace, Legal Advice and Psychosocial Assistance – Vukovar), Croatia
41. Centar za mirovne studije, Croatia
42. Center for Equality Advancement, Lithuania
43. Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, Macedonia
44. Center for Political and Economic Research, Azerbaijan
45. Center for Reproductive Rights, USA
46. Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russian Federation
47. Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University College Cork, Ireland
48. Centre for Disability Law & Policy at the National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
49. Centre for Law and Democracy, Canada
50. Centre of National and International Researches, Azerbaijan
51. CG-Raad - Dutch Council of the Chronically ill and the Disabled, Netherlands
52. Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Armenia, Armenia
53. Chance for Children Foundation, Hungary
54. Child Law Clinic, Faculty of Law, University College Cork, Ireland
55. Child Rights Information Network – CRIN, London, United Kingdom
56. Citizen, Democracy and Accountability, Slovak Republic
57. Civil Rights Defenders (former Swedish Helsinki Committee), Sweden
58. COC Nederland, Netherlands
59. Committee for Human Rights Leskovac, Serbia
60. Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ), Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
61. Cooperating Organizations and Communities for Roma Human Rights in Greece (SOKADRE), Greece
62. Defence for Children International – International Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
63. Defence For Children International – the Netherlands, Leiden, Netherlands
64. Democracy and Human Rights Resource Centre Public Union (Sungait), Azerbaijan
65. Democracy Learning Public Association, Azerbaijan
66. Documenta, Croatia
67. DPOD-Denmark
68. Društvo Kulturno, informacijsko in svetovalno središče LEGEBITRA, Slovenia
69. Društvo SOS telefon (Association SOS Help Line for Women and Children - Victims of Violence), Slovenia
70. EASPD – European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities, Brussels, Belgium
71. East European Development Institute, Ukraine
72. East-Ukrainian Center for Civil Initiatives, Ukraine
73. ECCHR - European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, Berlin, Germany
74. Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center, Azerbaijan
75. E-QUALITY - Dutch information and research centre for gender, family and diversity issues, Netherlands
76. Estonian Human Rights Centre, Estonia
77. ETC Graz, Austria
78. Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) / Réseau Euro-Méditerranéen des Droits de l'Homme (REMDH), Copenhagen, Denmark
79. Europe in Law Association, Armenia
80. European Association of Schools of Political Studies (EASPS), Strasbourg, France
81. European Central Council of Homeopaths, United Kingdom
82. European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), Austria
83. European Disability Forum, Brussels, Belgium
84. European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC), United Kingdom
85. European Humanist Federation, Brussels, Belgium

86. European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)
87. European Ombudsman Institute, Austria
88. European Prison Education Association (EPEA), Drammen, Norway
89. European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest, Hungary
90. European Union of Women – EUW, Swedish Section, Sweden
91. European Women’s Lobby, Brussels, Belgium
92. Europski pokret Split, Croatia
93. Expertise Centre Independent Living, Belgium
94. Fair Trials International, London, United Kingdom
95. Fédération abolitionniste internationale pour un monde libéré de toutes formes d'exploitation sexuelle (FAI), Paris, France
96. Federation for Women and Family Planning, Poland
97. FFSB - Fédération Francophone des Sourds de Belgique, Belgium
98. FHEDLES - Femmes et Hommes, Égalité, Droits et Libertés dans les Églises et la Société, France
99. FIACAT - Federation Internationale de l'Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture, Paris, France
100. FIAN International, Heidelberg, Germany
101. FIAN Norway, Norway
102. FIHUAT - Fédération internationale pour l'habitat, l'urbanisme & l'aménagement des territoires, La Haye, Pays-Bas
103. Finnish League for Human Rights, Helsinki, Finland
104. FLAC - Free Legal Advice Centres, Ireland
105. Friends of the Earth England, Wales & Northern Ireland, London, United Kingdom
106. Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, Georgia
107. Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, London, United Kingdom
108. GONG, Croatia
109. Građanski odbor za ljudska prava GOLJP, Croatia
110. Greek Helsinki Monitor, Greece
111. H.I.J.O.S. Nederland, Netherlands
112. Helsinki Citizens Assembly Vanadzor Office, Armenia
113. Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina
114. Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia
115. Helsinki Committee of Armenia
116. H.O.P.E. - Hospital Organisation of Pedagogues in Europe, Brussels, Belgium
117. Howard League for Penal Reform, United Kingdom
118. Human Rights Action, Montenegro
119. Human Rights Association, Turkey
120. Human Rights Center, Azerbaijan
121. Human Rights Center (HRIDC), Georgia
122. Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT) / Turkiye Insan Haklari Vakfi (TIHV)
123. Human Rights House of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
124. Human Rights in Mental Health Initiative, Turkey
125. Human Rights Institute, Russian Federation
126. Human Rights Monitoring Institute, Lithuania
127. Human Rights Priority, Georgia
128. Human Rights Watch
129. Humanitarian Law Center, Serbia
130. Humanrights.ch / MERS, Switzerland
131. Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU)
132. Hungarian Helsinki Committee
133. ICCO / Kerk in Actie, Netherlands
134. ILGA Europe, Brussels, Belgium
135. Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia
136. INFOTEKA – ženski informaciono dokumentacioni centar – Woman's Information and Documentation Center, Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina
137. Inicijativa Inakost', Slovak Republic
138. Institute for Peace and Democracy, Azerbaijan
139. Interights, London, United Kingdom
140. International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, Switzerland
141. International Federation for Human Rights / Fédération Internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme (FIDH), Paris, France
142. International Institute for the Studies of Human Rights (IISHR), Italy
143. International Movement ATD Fourth World, France
144. International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR), Brussels, Belgium
145. International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network, Brussels, Belgium
146. International Protection Centre, Russian Federation
147. International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), Copenhagen, Denmark

148. International Research Center for Sociological, Penal and Penitentiary Studies (INTERCENTER), Italy
149. International-Lawyers.org, Switzerland
150. Interregional Association of Human Rights Organizations "AGORA", Russian Federation
151. Irina Boikova, attorney, Ukraine
152. Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Ireland
153. Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Ireland
154. Irish Family Planning Association, Ireland
155. Irish Penal Reform Trust, Ireland
156. Irish Prison Education Association, Ireland
157. Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted, Italy
158. Justitia et Pax Netherlands
159. Kristīne Dupate, lawyer, Latvia
160. Kuća ljudskih prava, Croatia
161. Kurdish Democracy, Culture, and Solidarity Association Batman Branch (Kürdi-Der), Turkey
162. Kurdish Human Rights Project, United Kingdom
163. La Strada International, Amsterdam, Netherlands
164. Lambdaistanbul LGBTT, Turkey
165. Latvian Human Rights Committee, Latvia
166. Law and Development Public Union, Azerbaijan
167. Law House, Azerbaijan
168. Law Office of Dr. Curtis F.J. Doebbler, USA
169. Law Office of Sumy region, Ukraine
170. Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights – YUCOM, Serbia
171. Lawyers for Constitutional Rights and Freedoms (JURIX), Russian Federation
172. Lawyers for Human Rights, Moldova
173. Lawyers' Committee of Human Rights, Azerbaijan
174. Legal Aid and Research Public Union, Azerbaijan
175. Legal Clinic for Refugees and Immigrants, Bulgaria
176. Legal Education Society, Azerbaijan
177. Legal Guide, Armenia
178. Legal Human Academy, Denmark
179. Legal Information Centre for Human Rights, Estonia
180. Legal Think Tank, Azerbaijan
181. Legal-Information Centre for NGOs - PIC (Pravno-informacijski centernevladnih organizacij), Slovenia
182. "Les Briques du GAMP" asbl, Belgium
183. Liberty, United Kingdom
184. Liga Portuguesa dos Direitos Humanos – Civitas, Portugal
185. Liga voor Mensenrechten, Belgium
186. Ligue des Droits de l'Homme – Belgique
187. Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights
188. LOS - Lesbian Organisation of Switzerland
189. Malta Gay Rights Movement
190. Marriage Equality, Ireland
191. Media Rights Institute, Azerbaijan
192. Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC), Hungary
193. Mental disability rights organization "Uzer", Ukraine
194. Mental Health Europe
195. Minority Rights Group - Greece
196. Minority Rights Group International, London, United Kingdom
197. Mouvement ATD Quart Monde France
198. MOVISIE - Netherlands centre for social development, Netherlands
199. Mozaika - Alliance of LGBT people and their friends, Latvia
200. NARAVNI ZAČETKI Združenje za informiranje, svobodno izbiro in podporo na področju nosečnosti, poroda in starševstva, Slovenia
201. National Confederation of Disabled People – N.C.D.P., Greece
202. NGO "Article 42 of the Constitution", Georgia
203. NGO "Environment-People-Law", Ukraine
204. Nord-Sud XXI, Switzerland
205. Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities (NICEM), Belfast, United Kingdom
206. Norwegian Centre against Racism, Norway
207. Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC), Norway
208. Norwegian Mission to the East, Norway
209. Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers, Norway
210. Novosibirsk Regional NGO - Feminist and LGBT Human Rights Organization "Gender and Law", Russian Federation
211. Odvjetnik Bruno Spiz, Croatia
212. Open Society Foundations, Hungary
213. Östgruppen för demokrati och mänskliga rättigheter (Swedish Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights), Sweden

214. Pax Romana / International Catholic Movement for Intellectual & Cultural Affairs, Switzerland
215. Penal Reform International, London, United Kingdom
216. Perot – Društvo za sobivanje človeškega, Slovenia
217. Poradna pre občianske a ludske prava (Center for Civil and Human Rights), Košice, Slovakia
218. Positive Living Association, Turkey
219. Potilasyhdistys Trasek ry, Finland
220. Prisoners Abroad, United Kingdom
221. PROMO-LEX Association, Moldova
222. Public advocacy organization "Umansk Association of Voters", Ukraine
223. Public Association for Assistance to Free Economy, Azerbaijan
224. Public Association on Education of Human Rights, Azerbaijan
225. Public human rights organization "Justice", Gadyach, Poltava region, Ukraine
226. Public Interest Litigation Support Project, Belfast, United Kingdom
227. Public Interests Citizen Initiative Union, Azerbaijan
228. Public Verdict Foundation, Russian Federation
229. Quaker Council for European Affairs, Brussels, Belgium
230. Radulescu Catalina Mihaela Law Office, Romania
231. RAZBOR d.o.o., Croatia
232. Reaching Out Romania
233. Rechtsanwalt Dr. Herbert Pochieser, Austria
234. Rechtsanwältin Mag. Nadja Lorenz, Austria
235. Rechtsanwaltsbüro Soyer & Partner/in, Austria
236. Rechtskomitee LAMBDA (RKL), Austria
237. Redress Trust, United Kingdom
238. Regional Centre for Minorities, Serbia
239. Romani CRISS - Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies, Romania
240. Russian Justice Initiative, Russian Federation
241. Salzburger Rechtsanwaltskammer, Austria
242. Save Hasankeyf Association, Turkey
243. Slovenska filantropija (Slovene Philanthropy, Association for the Promotion of Volunteering), Slovenia
244. "Social Action" Centre / "No Borders" Project, Ukraine
245. Society for Humanitarian Research, Azerbaijan
246. Society for Threatened Peoples - Switzerland
247. SOS Mitmensch, Austria
248. Središče Rotunda, primorski družbeni center (community centre of Primorska region), Slovenia
249. Svitanje, Croatia
250. "Tafano" – Law Firm, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine
251. The JAG Association, Sweden
252. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, Sweden
253. Tolerant Youth Association, Lithuania
254. Toward Civil Society Center, Azerbaijan
255. Trans Aide - Association nationale transgenre, France
256. Trans-Fuzja Foundation, Poland
257. TRIAL - Track Impunity Always, Switzerland
258. Truth Now, Cyprus
259. Udruga za promicanje istih mogućnosti UPIM, Croatia
260. Ukrainian Women Bar Association, Ukraine
261. Union européenne des Greffiers de Justice "E.U.R." - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden
262. Unione degli Atei e degli Agnostici Razionalisti (UAAR), Italy
263. Unione forense per la tutela dei diritti umani (UFTDU), Italy
264. Unterweger | Einwallner RechtsanwältInnen, Austria
265. Urals Center for Constitutional and International Human Rights Protection of the NGO "SUTYAJNIK", Russian Federation
266. Vinnytsya Human Rights Group, Ukraine
267. Voltrans Transmen Initiative, Turkey
268. World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland
269. "Yordanka Bekirska" Law Firm, Bulgaria
270. Youth Center for Democratic Initiatives, Armenia
271. Youth for Justice - Georgia
272. Youth Initiative for Human Rights in Montenegro, Montenegro
273. Youth Peace Group Danube – YPGD, Croatia
274. Zajednički odvjetnički ured Darko Rajić, Marijan Bruketa i Juraj Rajić, Croatia
275. ZARA – Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit, Austria
276. Zenonas Gricius, lawyer, Lithuania
277. Zenska udruga "Izvor", Croatia