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Applications concerned:

9988/13 - Ecodefence and Others v. Russia 49654/20 Rachinskiy and International Memorial v. Russia 53756/20 Human Rights Centre "Memorial" and Cherkasov v. Russia

Dear Madam or Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 28 and 29 December 2021 requesting the European Court of Human Rights under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court to prevent forced dissolution of the International Memorial and of the Memorial Human Rights Centre following the adoption of the judgments of 28 and 29 December 2021 by the Supreme Court of Russia and by the Moscow City Court, respectively.

Decision on interim measure

The President of the Section to which the case has been allocated, after having consulted the Chamber concerned (see also our letter of 24 November 2021 about the decision by the Chamber to suspend the examination of request under Rule 39), decided to indicate to the Government of Russia, under Rule 39, that in the interests of the parties and the proper conduct of the proceedings before it, the enforcement of the decisions to dissolve the applicant organisations should be suspended for a period that would be necessary for the Court to consider application no. 9988/13.

The parties' attention is drawn to the fact that failure of a Contracting State to comply with a measure indicated under Rule 39 may entail a breach of Article 34 of the Convention. In this connection, reference is made to paragraphs 128 and 129 of the Grand Chamber judgment of 4 February 2005 in the case of Mamatkulov and Askarov v. Turkey (applications nos. 46827/99 and 46951/99) as well as point 5 of the operative part.

Additional information

You should inform the Court of any change in your address or email or those of the applicants. Furthermore, you must inform the Court about any major developments regarding the above case, and submit any further relevant decisions of the domestic authorities.



During the proceedings the Court may send the applicants a request for information. Failure to reply to that request may lead the Court to conclude that the applicants are no longer interested in pursuing their application and to strike it out of its list of cases.

Yours faithfully,

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O. Chernishova Deputy Section Registrar