



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

## THIRD SECTION

### DECISION

Applications nos. 64188/16 and 64190/16  
Marija HORVATOVIĆ-VASILIC against Serbia  
and Anđelka HORVATOVIĆ against Serbia  
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Third Section), sitting on 29 August 2019 as a Committee composed of:

Dmitry Dedov, *President*,

Alena Poláčková,

Gilberto Felici, *judges*,

and Liv Tigerstedt, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having regard to the above applications lodged on 21 October 2016,

Having regard to the observations submitted by the respondent Government and the observations in reply submitted by the applicants,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

### FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants is set out in the appended table.

The applicants were represented by Ms G. Nišević-Tadić, a lawyer practising in Novi Sad.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings were communicated to the Serbian Government ("the Government").

### THE LAW

#### A. Joinder of the applications

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

**B. Complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (excessive length of civil proceedings)**

In the present applications, having examined all the material before it, the Court considers that the respondent Government cannot be held liable for the excessive length of the impugned civil proceedings.

In particular, while it is true that the proceedings lasted for a long time, the Court notes that they concerned complex property issues between eight parties, that they were stayed for more than five years and that the applicants contributed to their length.

In view of the above, the Court finds that these complaints are manifestly ill-founded and must be rejected in accordance with Article 35 §§ 3 (a) and 4 of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

*Decides* to join the applications;

*Declares* the applications inadmissible.

Done in English and notified in writing on 19 September 2019.

Liv Tigerstedt  
Acting Deputy Registrar

Dmitry Dedov  
President

## APPENDIX

## List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention

(excessive length of civil proceedings)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Date of birth	Start of proceedings or date of entry into force of the Convention in respect of Serbia (3 March 2004)	End of proceedings	Total length Levels of jurisdiction	Relevant domestic decision
1.	64188/16 21/10/2016	<b>Marija Horvatović-Vasilić</b> 11/08/1949	03/03/2004	17/10/2013	9 years and 7 months and 15 days 2 levels of jurisdiction	Constitutional Court Už-8529/2017 31/10/2017 Inadmissible
2.	64190/16 21/10/2016	<b>Andelka Horvatović</b> 24/02/1927	03/03/2004	17/10/2013	9 years and 7 months and 15 days 2 levels of jurisdiction	Constitutional Court Už-11614/2013 07/04/2016 Inadmissible