



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

THIRD SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 22640/16
Goran STOJKOVIĆ
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 application lodged on 8 April 2016,

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

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant's details are set out in the appended table.

The applicant was represented by Ms R. Dugošija, a lawyer practising in Žabari.

The applicant's 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

In the present application, having examined all the material before it, the Court considers that for the reasons stated below, the respondent Government cannot be held liable for the length of the civil proceedings.

In particular, the Court notes that the applicant lodged a civil action against his employer, seeking payment of various work-related benefits, on 20 September 2005. Shortly thereafter, the proceedings were stayed at the

request of the applicant, until 31 October 2006. After three hearings had been held in 2007, on 1 February 2008, the applicant withdrew his claim almost entirely continuing to seek payment of travel expenses only. Furthermore, nine hearings scheduled in 2010 and 2011 were adjourned at the request of the applicant or both parties.

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,

Declares the application inadmissible.

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

Liv Tigerstedt
Acting Deputy Registrar

Dmitry Dedov
President

APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention

(excessive length of civil proceedings)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Date of birth	Start of proceedings	End of proceedings	Total length Levels of jurisdiction	Relevant domestic decision
22640/16 08/04/2016	Goran Stojković 02/10/1970	20/09/2005	08/05/2013	7 years and 7 months and 19 days 2 levels of jurisdiction	Constitutional Court Už-5042/2013 08/10/2015 No violation