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ACTION REPORT

ČOLOVIĆ v. SERBIA

Application no. 2806/20, the judgement of 30 September 2025, final on 30 September 2025

from the

RADONJIĆ AND ROMIĆ group of cases v. Serbia

Application no. 43674/16, the judgment of 4 April 2023, final on 4 July 2023

I CASE DESCRIPTION

1. This case concerns the failure to award compensation for non-pecuniary damage to the applicant for an established violation of the right to liberty and security.

2. The Court found that the applicant had suffered a violation of his right under Article 5 § 5 of the Convention, which guarantees to everyone who has been arrested or deprived of his liberty in violation of the provisions of Article 5 of the Convention an actionable right to compensation.

II INDIVIDUAL MEASURES

3. The Serbian authorities have taken steps to ensure that the violation at hand ceased and that the applicant was redressed for the negative consequences of the violation found by the European Court. These measures are set out below.

A. The applicant's release

4. At the outset, the authorities indicate that the applicant in *Čolović* case has been already released before the European Court rendered the present judgment. He was sentenced to a suspended sentence, and did not raise this issue either before the domestic courts or before the Court.

5. Therefore, given that the applicant is currently not held under detention, the violation has been brought to an end.

B. The applicant's redress

6. The European Court awarded the applicant just satisfaction in respect of non-pecuniary damage in the amount of EUR 2,000. The payment has been made on 16 January 2026, almost within the deadline set out by the European Court.

7. In view of the above, the authorities consider that the applicant has been redressed for the damage sustained and that no further individual measures are possible in the present case.

III GENERAL MEASURES

8. In response to the European Court's findings, the authorities recall that the general measures in similar cases have been taken within the context of the leading case *Radonjić and Romić*, which are capable of preventing similar violations. The authorities note that the revised Action plan in *Radonjić and Romić case* [DH-DD(2025)978] was submitted on 27 August 2025. All general measures regarding the case *Čolović* will be implemented within the framework of the *Radonjić and Romić group of cases*.

9. In 2025, the authorities ensured that publication and dissemination of the present judgment were taken to draw the attention of the relevant domestic authorities on the European Court's findings in this case. To this end, the European Court's judgment was translated into Serbian and published in the Official Gazette and on the Government Agent's official web page. The European Court's findings have therefore been made easily accessible to judges and the legal community nationwide.

10. The Government Agent furthermore prepared an analysis of the European Court's findings in this judgment and ensured its dissemination together with the translated judgment to all relevant domestic authorities.

11. The above-mentioned measures ensured the awareness of the Court's findings and the need to comply with the Convention requirements in similar cases.

IV JUST SATISFACTION

12. The authorities ensured that just satisfaction awarded by the European Court has been disbursed to the applicant on 16 January 2026. The payment has thus been made almost within the deadline set out by the European Court.

V CONCLUSIONS

13. The authorities consider the individual measures taken ensured that the applicant was redressed for the damage sustained.

14. The authorities furthermore consider the general measures taken within the context of the *Radonjić and Romić group of cases* are capable of preventing similar violations and will be further implemented within the framework of the *Radonjić and Romić group*.

15. The authorities therefore consider that the Republic of Serbia has complied with its obligations under Article 46 § 1 of the Convention and respectfully propose to the Committee of Ministers to close its examination of the case *Čolović*.