



Ten requests for referral to the Grand Chamber rejected

At its last meeting (27 May 2013), the Grand Chamber panel of five judges decided to reject the requests pending before it to refer ten cases to the Grand Chamber¹.

Judgments in the following cases are now final².

Requests for referral submitted by the applicants

D.N.W. v. Sweden (application no. 29946/10), [judgment](#) of 6 December 2012;

Şükran Aydın and Others v. Turkey (nos. 49197/06, 23196/07, 50242/08, 60912/08 and 14871/09), [judgment](#) of 22 January 2013;

Eweida and Others v. the United Kingdom (nos. 48420/10, 59842/10, 51671/10 and 36516/10), [judgment](#) of 15 January 2013³.

Requests for referral submitted by the Government

Torreggiani and Others v. Italy (nos. 43517/09, 46882/09, 55400/09, 57875/09, 61535/09, 35315/10 and 37818/10), [judgment](#) of 8 January 2013;

Camilleri v. Malta (no. 42931/10), [judgment](#) of 22 January 2013;

Suleymanov v. Russia (no. 19664/07), [judgment](#) of 22 January 2013;

Velichko v. Russia (no. 19664/07), [judgment](#) of 15 January 2013;

Bayar and Gürbüz v. Turkey (no. 37569/06), [judgment](#) of 27 November 2012;

X. v. Turkey (no. 24626/09), [judgment](#) of 9 October 2012;

Oleksandr Volkov v. Ukraine (no. 21722/11), [judgment](#) of 9 January 2013.

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¹ Under Article 43 of the European Convention on Human Rights, within three months from the date of a Chamber judgment, any party to the case may, in exceptional cases, request that the case be referred to the 17-member Grand Chamber of the Court. In that event, a panel of five judges considers whether the case raises a serious question affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention or its protocols, or a serious issue of general importance, in which case the Grand Chamber will deliver a final judgment. If no such question or issue arises, the panel will reject the request, at which point the judgment becomes final. Otherwise Chamber judgments become final on the expiry of the three-month period or earlier if the parties declare that they do not intend to make a request to refer.

² Under Article 44 § 2 (c) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the judgment of a Chamber becomes final when the panel of the Grand Chamber rejects the request to refer under Article 43.

³ Three of the four applicants concerned have submitted a request for referral of the case to the Grand Chamber: Shirley Chaplin (application no. 59842/10), Lillian Ladele (no. 51671/10) and Gary McFarlane (no. 36516/10).

The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.