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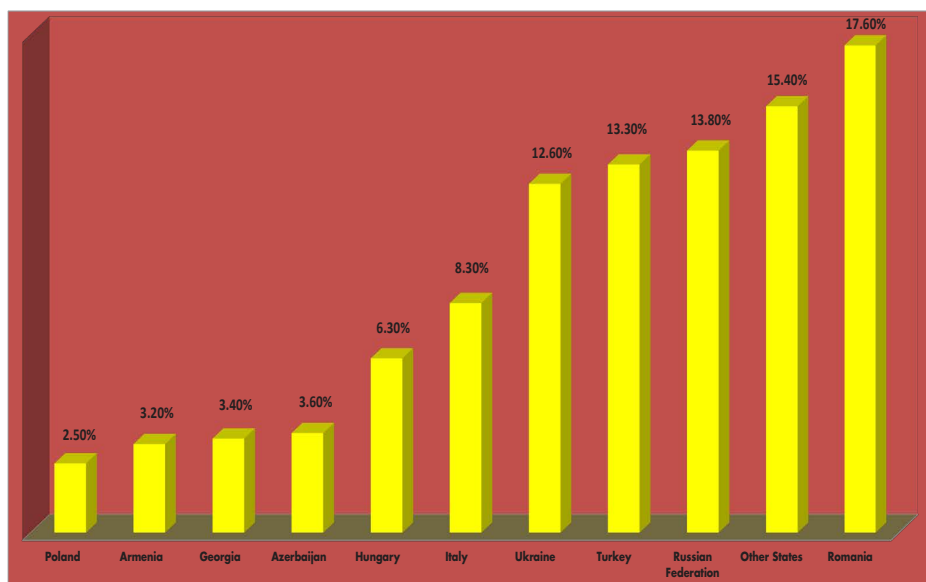
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Pending allocated cases

Approximately 56,250 applications were pending before a judicial formation at 31 December 2017. More than half of these applications had been lodged against one of the following 4 member States of the Council of Europe: Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

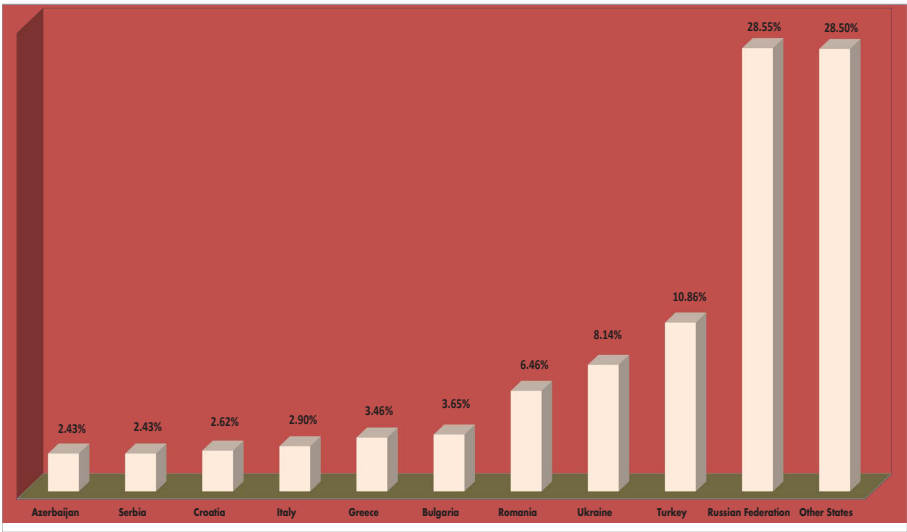
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Judgments by State in 2017

Almost half the judgments concerned 3 of the 47 member States, namely the Russian Federation (305), Turkey (116) and Ukraine (87). More than a quarter of all the judgments delivered by the Court concerned the Russian Federation.

Of the total number of judgments delivered in 2017, the Court found at least one violation of the Convention by the respondent State in 85% of the cases.



Since the Court was established in 1959, the Court has delivered 20,637 judgments. More than a third of them have concerned 3 member States: Turkey (3,386), Italy (2,382) and the Russian Federation (2,253).

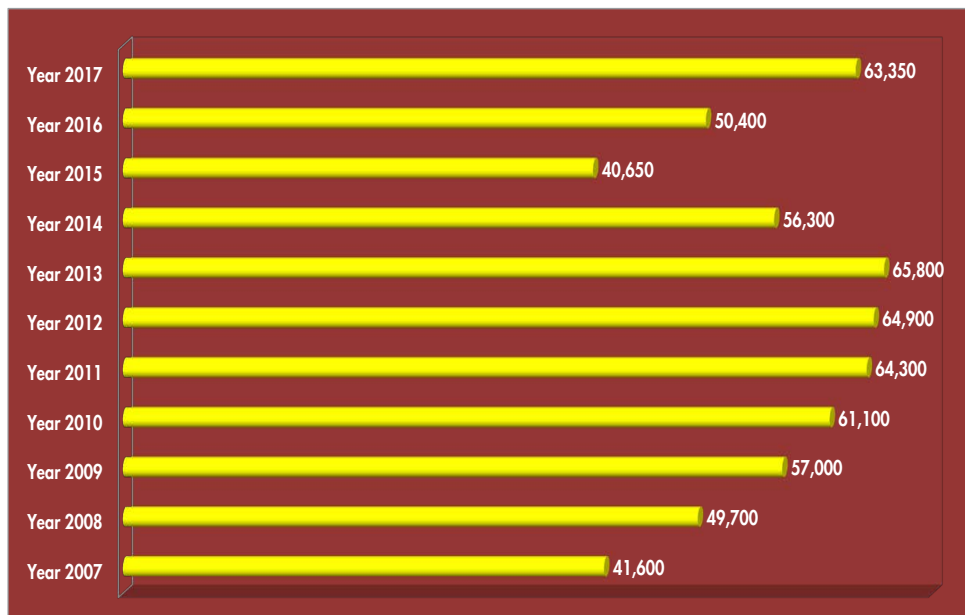
Applications allocated to a judicial formation

Applications which are allocated to a judicial formation are those for which the Court has received a correctly completed form, accompanied by copies of relevant documents.

These applications will be examined by a single judge, a Committee or a Chamber of the Court. These figures do not include applications which are at the pre-judicial stage (incomplete case file).

In 2017 there was a 19% increase in new applications as compared with the previous year. This is mainly explicable by the increase in the number of Turkish applications allocated.

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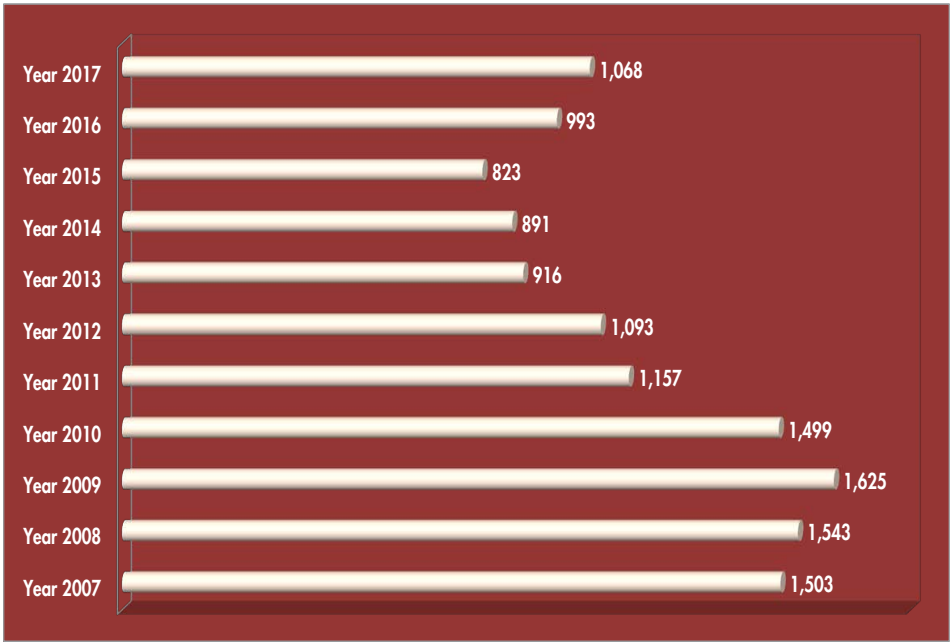


Judgments delivered by the Court

In recent years the Court has concentrated on examining complex cases, and has decided to join certain applications which raise similar legal questions so that it can consider them jointly.

In 2017 the Court delivered 1,068 judgments concerning 15,595 applications, which represents an increase of 709% over the previous year.

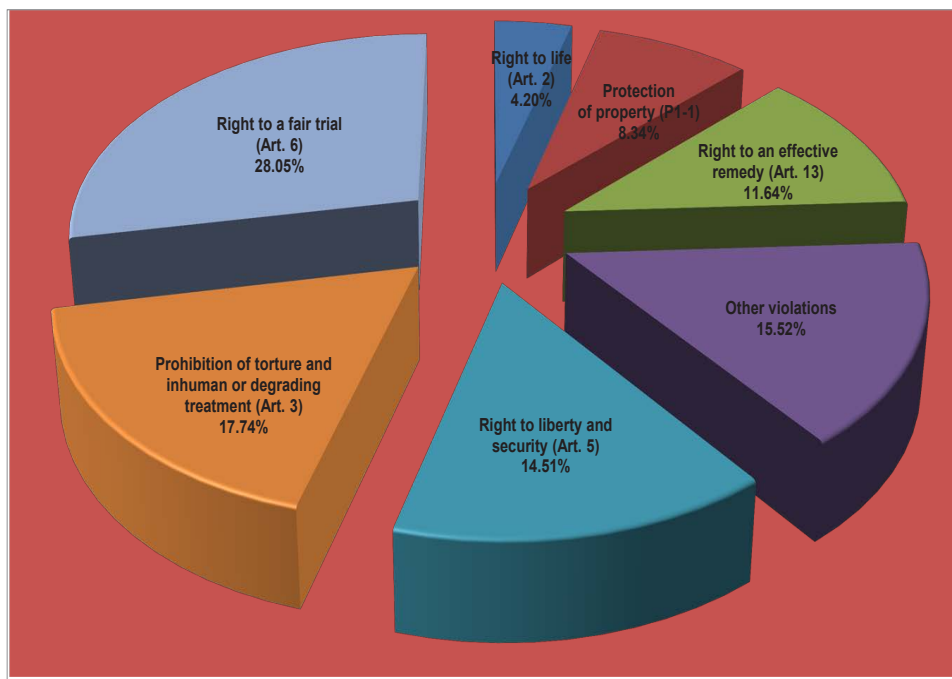
In 2017 the Court completed its examination of a total of 85,951 applications with a judgment or decision or by striking the case out of the list. This represents an increase of 123% over the previous year.



Subject-matter of the Court's violation judgments in 2017

In the judgments delivered by the Court in 2017, more than a quarter of the violations concerned Article 6 (right to a fair hearing), whether on account of the fairness or the length of the proceedings.

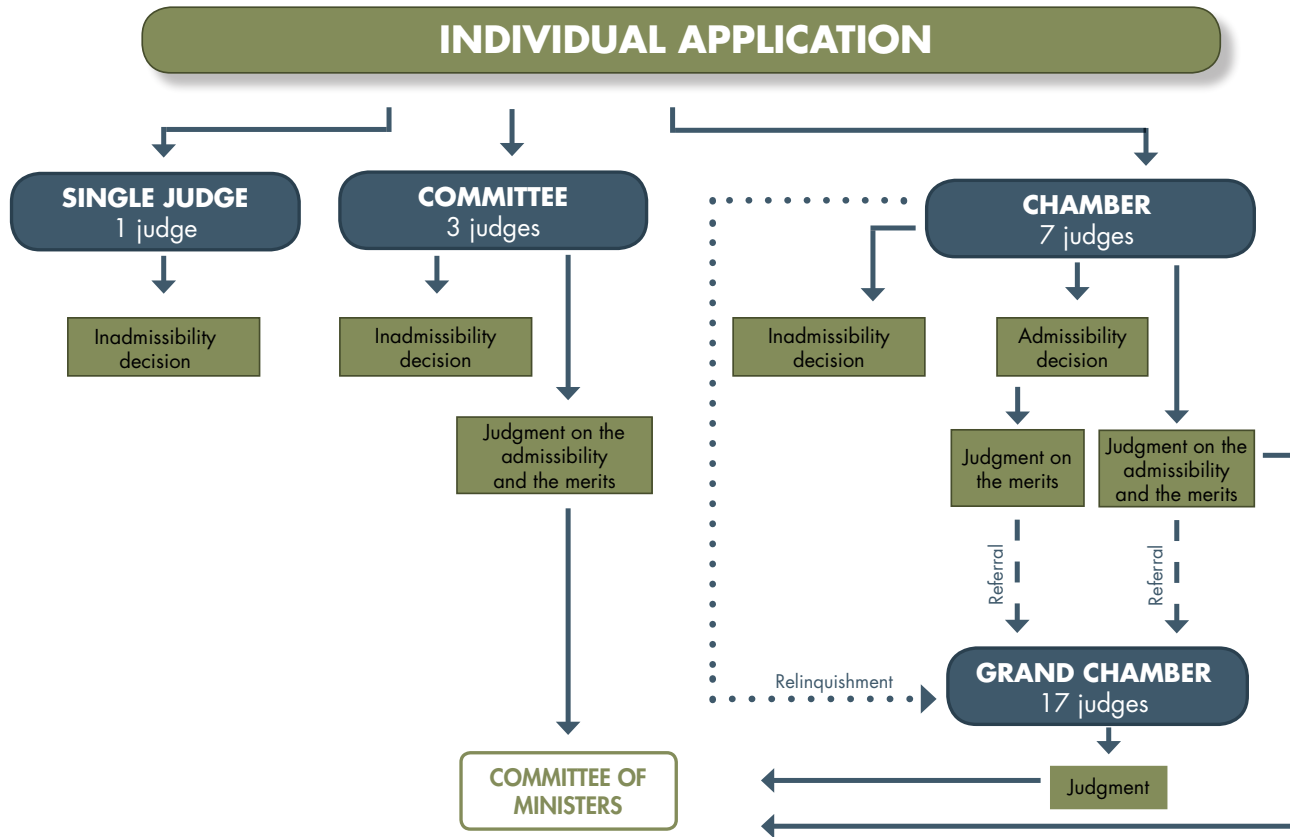
In addition, more than 20% of the violations found concerned serious breaches of the Convention, namely the right to life or the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Articles 2 and 3).



Throughput of applications in 2017

	Applications allocated to a judicial formation	Applications or struck out inadmissible	Applications declared judgment was delivered	Applications which in	Total number of applications decided
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Albania	95	56	0	56	
Andorra	2	3	0	3	
Armenia	356	109	12	121	
Austria	228	260	27	287	
Azerbaijan	679	210	97	307	
Belgium	153	177	16	193	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	866	1,449	43	1,492	
Bulgaria	582	622	62	684	
Croatia	723	786	28	814	
Cyprus	31	30	3	33	
Czech Republic	385	423	8	431	
Denmark	58	60	2	62	
Estonia	156	150	2	152	
Finland	181	217	2	219	
France	887	909	17	926	
Georgia	89	232	12	244	
Germany	586	621	19	640	
Greece	422	388	43	431	
Hungary	1,952	7,353	26	7,379	
Iceland	27	6	7	13	
Ireland	54	45	2	47	
Italy	1,374	1,973	133	2,106	
Latvia	275	261	20	281	
Liechtenstein	9	8	0	8	
Lithuania	401	451	33	484	
Luxembourg	38	52	1	53	
Malta	22	15	5	20	
Republic of Moldova	758	633	17	650	
Monaco	7	8	1	9	
Montenegro	138	154	16	170	
Netherlands	532	573	3	576	
Norway	123	129	3	132	
Poland	2,066	2,446	20	2,466	
Portugal	197	209	14	223	
Romania	6,509	3,767	214	3,981	
Russian Federation	7,957	6,889	1,156	8,045	
San Marino	11	10	1	11	
Serbia	1,431	1,594	37	1,631	
Slovak Republic	425	377	18	395	
Slovenia	374	1,818	13	1,831	
Spain	669	635	7	642	
Sweden	150	154	1	155	
Switzerland	266	263	10	273	
'The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia'	345	286	10	296	
Turkey	25,978	30,063	991	31,054	
Ukraine	4,387	2,975	12,438	15,413	
United Kingdom	415	507	5	512	
TOTAL	63,369	70,356	15,595	85,951	

Simplified flow chart of case-processing by the Court



Violations by Article and by State¹

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2. Other judgments: just satisfaction, revision, preliminary objections and lack of jurisdiction.

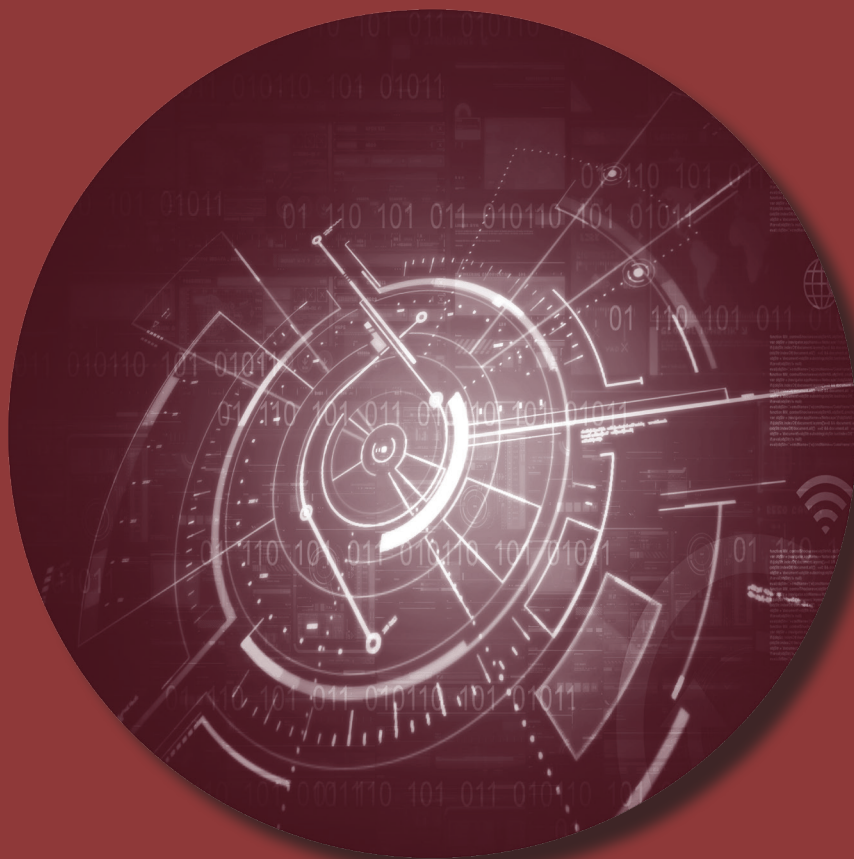
3. Cases in which the Court held there would be a violation of Article 2 and/or 3 if the applicant was removed to a State where he/she was at risk.

4. Figures in this column may include conditional violations.

* Eight judgments are against more than one State: Cyprus and Turkey; Republic of Moldova and Russian Federation (six judgments); and Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

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