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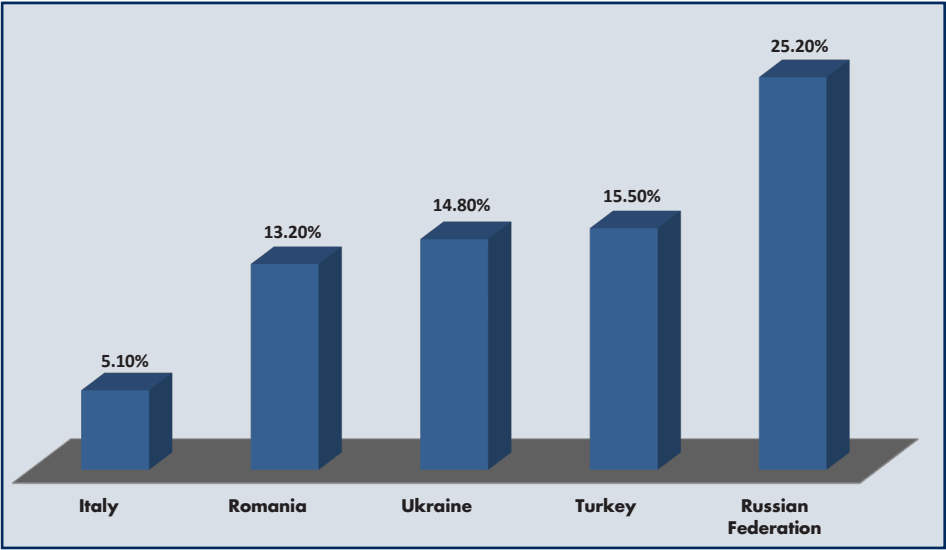
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Pending allocated cases

Approximately 59,800 applications were pending before a judicial formation at 31 December 2019. A quarter of these applications had been lodged against the Russian Federation.

The number of applications allocated to a judicial formation in 2019 exceeded the number disposed of judicially during the year.

on 31 December 2019



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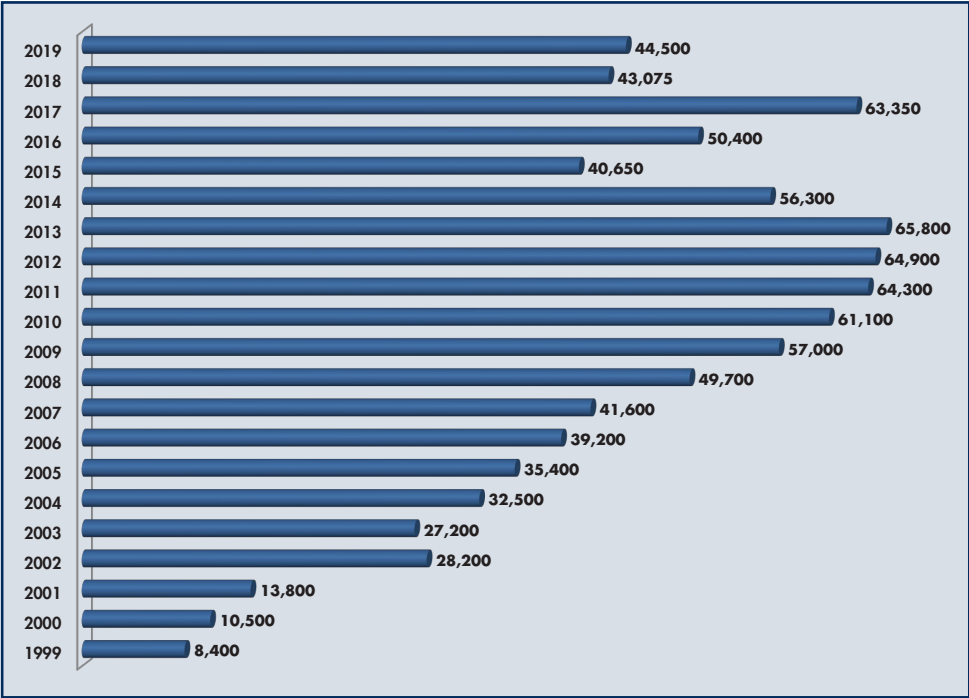
Applications allocated to a judicial formation

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 2019 about 44,500 applications were allocated to one of the Court’s judicial formations.

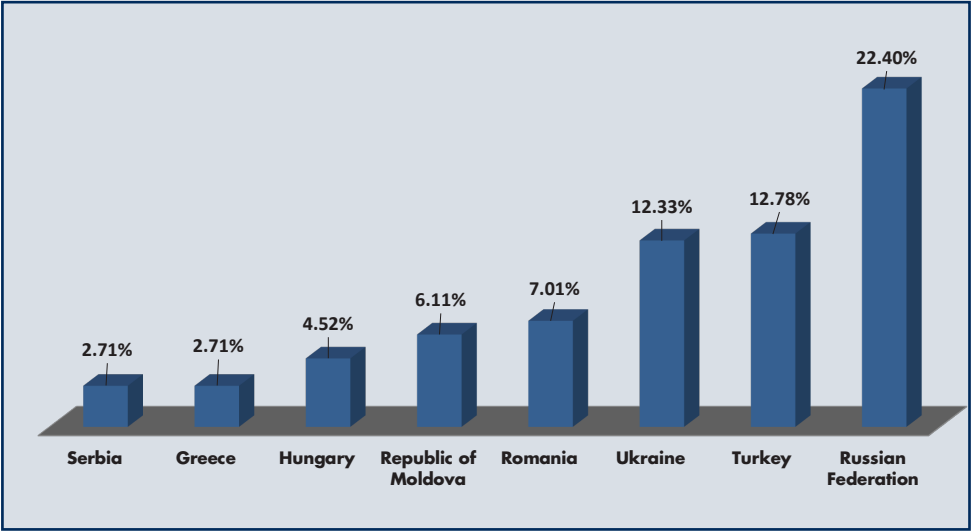
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Judgments by State

Almost half the judgments concerned 3 of the 47 member States, namely the Russian Federation (198), Turkey (113) and Ukraine (109). Nearly a quarter of all the judgments delivered by the Court concerned the Russian Federation.

Of the total number of judgments delivered in 2019, the Court found at least one violation of the Convention by the respondent State in 89% of the cases.



Since the Court was established in 1959, the Court has delivered 22,535 judgments. More than a third of them have concerned 3 member States: Turkey (3,645), the Russian Federation (2,699) and Italy (2,410) .

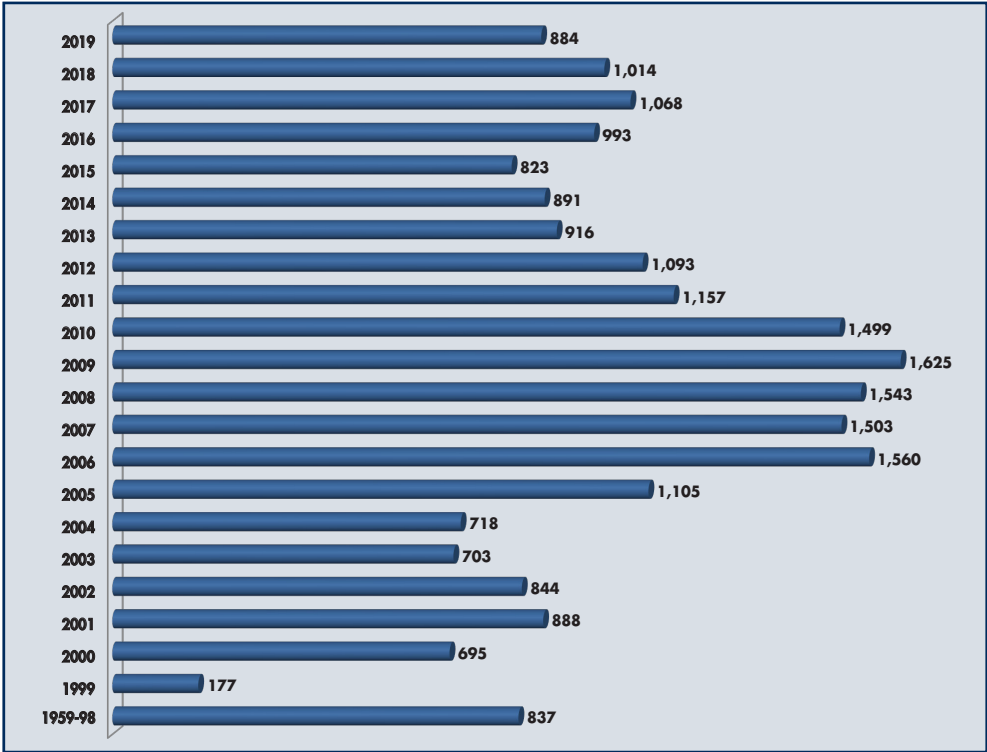
### Judgments delivered by the Court

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.

A single judgment may therefore encompass a number of applications.

In 2019 the Court delivered 884 judgments concerning 2,187 applications.

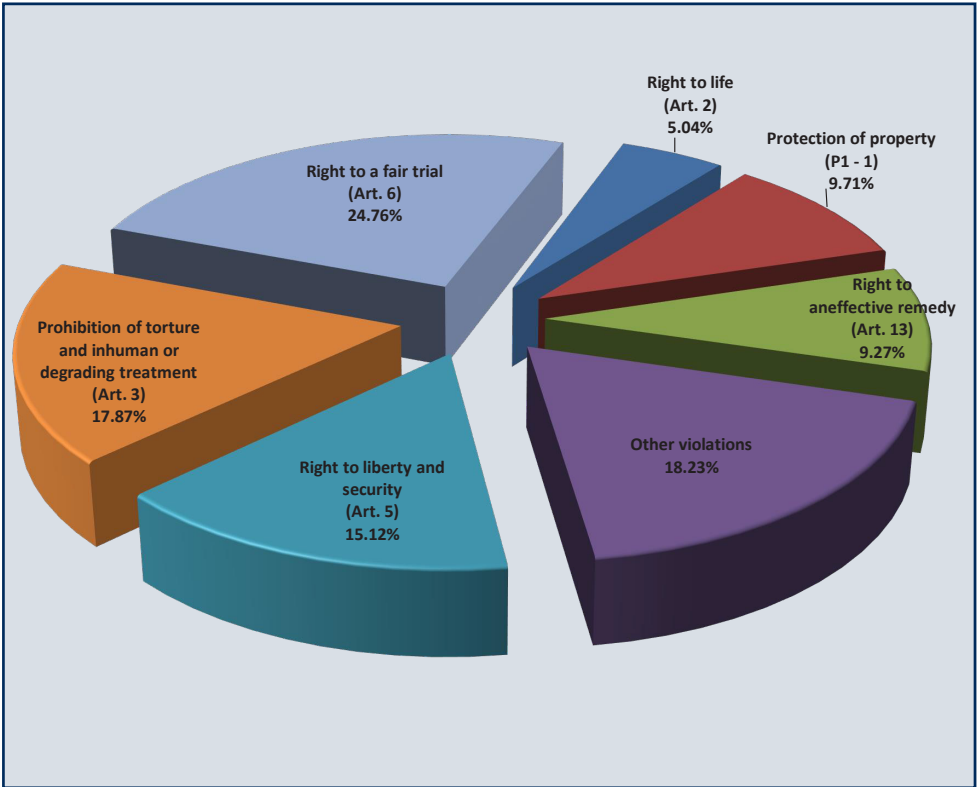
In 2019 the Court completed its examination of a total of 40,667 applications with a judgment or decision or by striking the case out of the list.



### Subject-matter of the Court’s violation judgments

In the judgments delivered by the Court in 2019, nearly 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.

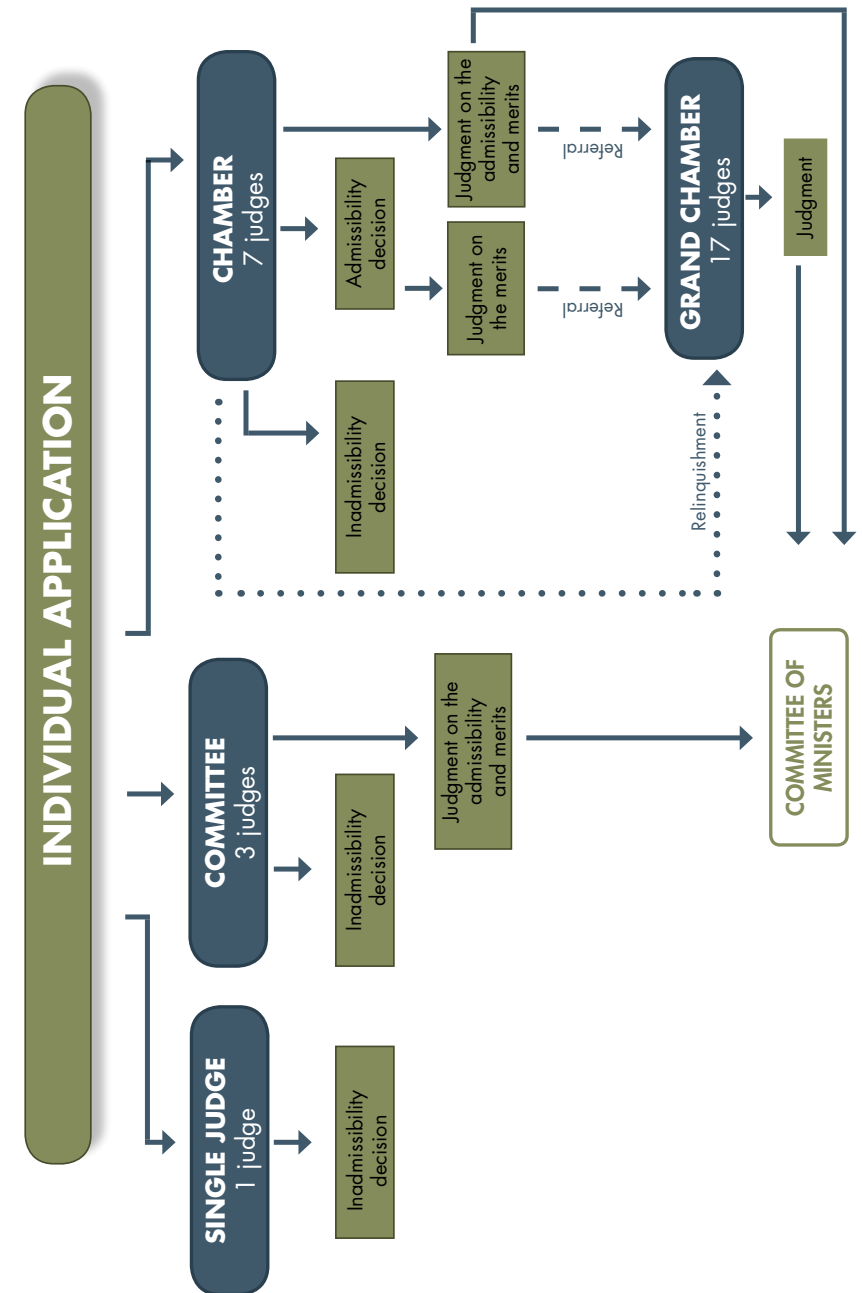
In addition, more than 20% of the violations found concerned serious breaches of the Convention, namely the right to life or the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Articles 2 and 3).



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	Applications allocated to a judicial formation	Applications declared inadmissible or struck out	Applications delivered	Applications in which judgment was delivered	Total number of applications decided
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
Albania	88	47	1	48	
Andorra	6	7	0	7	
Armenia	148	372	41	413	
Austria	199	188	5	193	
Azerbaijan	397	427	56	483	
Belgium	139	161	9	170	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,784	658	379	1,037	
Bulgaria	750	746	20	766	
Croatia	712	711	16	727	
Cyprus	45	44	2	46	
Czech Republic	300	277	0	277	
Denmark	59	48	2	50	
Estonia	121	129	13	142	
Finland	131	131	2	133	
France	693	578	19	597	
Georgia	131	1,390	14	1,404	
Germany	584	542	8	550	
Greece	344	302	26	328	
Hungary	950	1,310	106	1,416	
Iceland	40	15	6	21	
Ireland	37	33	2	35	
Italy	1,454	2,403	15	2,418	
Latvia	233	195	4	199	
Liechtenstein	6	6	0	6	
Lithuania	396	406	24	430	
Luxembourg	23	20	0	20	
Malta	35	34	12	46	
Republic of Moldova	635	697	74	771	
Monaco	8	1	0	1	
Montenegro	427	442	3	445	
Netherlands	400	390	1	391	
North Macedonia	262	246	11	257	
Norway	102	99	5	104	
Poland	1,834	1,885	12	1,897	
Portugal	188	122	11	133	
Romania	2,656	3,016	245	3,261	
Russian Federation	12,782	8,793	445	9,238	
San Marino	10	4	7	11	
Serbia	2,160	2,445	150	2,595	
Slovak Republic	300	297	9	306	
Slovenia	210	222	5	227	
Spain	606	707	6	713	
Sweden	209	205	0	205	
Switzerland	279	275	6	281	
Turkey	7,274	4,880	216	5,096	
Ukraine	3,991	2,227	187	2,414	
United Kingdom	344	347	12	359	
TOTAL	44,482	38,480	2,187	40,667	

## Simplified flow chart of case-processing by the Court



Violations by Article and by State<sup>1</sup>

2019	Total number of judgments																											
	Judgments finding at least one violation														Other Articles of the Convention													
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	2	2	3	3	3	2/3	4	5	6	6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	P1-1	P1-2	P1-3	P7-4
Albania	1	1					1			1																		
Andorra	0																											
Armenia	20	18	1		1	1								4	1			2	1		2		3		9			
Austria	6	4	1		1										2			2										
Azerbaijan	21	18			3	1	2		3	1			7	5		1		2	1	1	4				2		2	6
Belgium	8	6	2				1		2				2		1								1				1	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21	21											1	3	2	13									15			
Bulgaria	19	13	4		2						3			4				2		1			5		4			
Croatia	11	9	1		1				1				1	6				1	3						1			
Cyprus	2	1	1						1				1															
Czech Republic	0																											
Denmark	2	2									1		1															
Estonia	2	2							1									1					1					
Finland	2	1	1			1			1																			
France	19	13	6			1		2	1					7				1						1				1
Georgia	14	13	1			1	1		4	4				7											1			
Germany	8		8																									
Greece	24	23	1			2		4	1		1	5	2	8								1	7		4	1		
Hungary	40	36	3		1			3	1			5		27				1		4			16		1			
Iceland	6	6												4														2
Ireland	2	1	1												1								1					
Italy	14	13	1						1	1		1	2	3	1			3		1			2		4			
Latvia	4	4												2	1									1				
Liechtenstein	0																											

2019	Total number of judgments																			Other Articles of the Convention									
	Judgments finding at least one violation	Friendly settlements	Judgments finding no violation	Right to life – deprivation of life	Lack of effective investigation	Inhuman or degrading treatment	Lack of effective investigation	Conditional violations <sup>3</sup>	Prohibition of slavery/forced labour	Right to liberty and security	Right to a fair trial <sup>2</sup>	Non-enforcement	No punishment without law	Freedom of thought, conscience and religion	Freedom of assembly and association	Freedom of expression	Right to marry	Prohibition of discrimination	Protection of property	Right to education	Right to free elections	Right not to be tried or punished twice							
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	2	2	3	3	3	2/3	4	5	6	6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	P1-1	P1-2	P1-3	P7-4	
Lithuania	19	10	6		3		2	3	5	2			1	1				1							1				
Luxembourg	0																												
Malta	12	9	3											1									3		8				
Republic of Moldova	54	39	14		1				5	1			9	22		5		4		1			3		15				
Monaco	0																												
Montenegro	3	2			1				1				3																
Netherlands	1	1												1															
North Macedonia	12	9			3									3	1				2						3				
Norway	5	4	1															4											
Poland	12	11	1			1	1		3	3				2	3					1									
Portugal	9	8			1		1		1					1	1			1		3									
Romania	62	56	5	1					30	1			2	4	5	2		4	1	1				3	6	1		1	
Russian Federation	198	186	5		7	20	22	1	57	22	8		90	61	1	14		22		19	10		43	3	26		1	10	
San Marino	4	1	3											1															
Serbia	24	22	1		1				3	3			1		10	7		1							5				
Slovak Republic	5	5											1	2				1							1				
Slovenia	5	4			1									1				1					1	1					
Spain	4	3	1											2				1											
Sweden	0																												
Switzerland	6	5	1								1		2	1				1											
Turkey	113	96	6	5	6	4	2		12	4			16	13	4		1	11		35	2		2		14	1		2	
Ukraine	109	109					3	4	40	10			54	22	35	1		9	1	1	2		38	1	10			12	
United Kingdom	5	5											1					2						1		1			
Sub-Total		790	79	6	33	29	39	5	180	56	13	1	204	184	106	44	2	82	4	68	20	1	125	11	131	3	4	5	32
TOTAL <sup>4</sup>				884																									

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

2. Figures in this column may include conditional violations.

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. Figures in this column are available only from 2013 onwards.

4. Including nineteen judgments which concern two or more respondent States.

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