



Practical Information for lodging a request for interim measures

How to contact the Court

Requests are received by the Registry staff from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Strasbourg Local time: GMT+1). Requests received after 4 p.m. will not normally be dealt with on that day.

Requests received during weekends and public holidays are not dealt with on those days but are processed during the next working day (see [List of public and other holidays](#)).

Requests should be sent **via the ECHR Rule 39 Site, by fax, or by post**. The Court will not deal with requests sent by email.

- The web address of the **site** is <https://r39.echr.coe.int>
For more information regarding the site, please see below.
- The dedicated **fax** numbers for sending requests are:
+33 3 90 21 43 50 and
+33 3 88 41 39 00

It is recommended that any faxes exceeding 10 pages be sent in several parts so that they can be received and processed in the best possible conditions.

- The **postal address** is:
European Court of Human Rights
Council of Europe
67075 STRASBOURG CEDEX
FRANCE

All requests sent by fax or post should be marked as follows in bold on the face of the request:

“Rule 39 – Urgent

Person to contact (name and contact details): ...

In expulsion or extradition cases, the following should also be specified:

Scheduled date and time of removal and destination: ...”

Requests should normally be received as soon as possible after the final domestic decision has been taken, in order to enable the Court and its Registry to have sufficient time to examine the matter. The Court may not be able to deal with requests in expulsion or extradition cases received less than a working day before the scheduled time of removal.

Requested information and documents

Requests should, where possible, be in one of the official languages of the Contracting Parties. They should contain the following information and documents.

- Applicant First name(s)
- Applicant Last name(s)
- Current Address of the Applicant
- Date of birth
- Nationality(ies)

- If there are several applicants, “First name(s)”, “Last name(s)”, “Current address”, “Date of birth” and “Nationality(ies)” in respect of each applicant
 - First name(s), Last name(s) and Address of the Representative, if any
 - State(s) against which the request is being lodged
- A. Grounds for the request for interim measures
1. Detailed description of the current situation
 2. Nature of the alleged imminent risk of irreparable damage
 3. A copy of all related documents (recent medical reports, photographs, documents demonstrating the applicant’s vulnerability, press articles or reports concerning the applicant’s situation etc.)
 4. In cases of removal/expulsion/extradition:
 - a. Detailed reasons for leaving the country of origin/destination country
 - b. Reasons for fearing to return to the country of origin/destination country
 - c. Information regarding the date and circumstances of arrival in the Contracting State
 - d. Country of destination
 - e. Date of expected removal/expulsion/extradition
 - f. A copy of all related documents (search warrants, arrest warrants, criminal convictions, press articles or reports concerning the applicant, country reports etc.)
- B. Information regarding domestic proceedings in the Contracting State:
1. Information regarding domestic proceedings, including date and content of the judicial decisions and appeals
 2. All other relevant information concerning proceedings before domestic authorities
 3. A copy of all related documents (copies of national authorities’ decisions, judicial decisions, petitions submitted to the national authorities and courts etc.)
 4. In case of removal/expulsion/extradition:
 - a. Information about asylum proceedings, if any
 - b. Information about removal proceedings
 - c. A copy of all related documents
- C. Convention Articles referred to
- D. A duly completed authority form if the request is made by a representative. The form can be sent shortly after the lodging of the request. Nevertheless, requests for interim measures must be submitted to the Court with the applicant’s consent
- E. A reference number from the Court if you already have one relating to the present request
- F. All other information and documents that you consider necessary

Important

Failure to submit the aforementioned information and documents may lead to the assessment that the request for interim measures is unsubstantiated or incomplete. A mere reference to arguments set out in other documents or to domestic proceedings is not sufficient. The information and documents mentioned above must be attached to any request.

Details about lodging requests via the ECHR Rule 39 Site

The ECHR Rule 39 Site is to be used **exclusively for lodging requests for interim measures** with the Court under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court. **Submissions which do not concern requests for interim measures will not be examined and such requests on this site will immediately be closed.**

The site will be used to correspond with the applicants who have lodged their requests via this site until a decision regarding the request for interim measures is taken. Correspondence, including notification of any administrative or judicial decision, notified via the site will not be sent by regular post. The Court will not use the site to contact the applicants who submitted their requests through other means, i.e. fax or post.

In order to submit requests, the applicants must (mandatory):

- Fill in the field “Title of the request (Applicants should briefly explain the object of their requests in this field)”
- Fill in the fields related to the Applicants, the Representative and the State concerned
- Submit at least one attachment. All attachments must be in PDF format. More information on document format and size requirements can be found in the [Terms and Conditions](#).

Important

After submitting your request you can only send further information or documents via the ECHR Rule 39 Site if you are requested to do so by the Court.

Following up requests

Once a request for interim measures has been submitted, the applicant or their representative is required to follow it up. In particular, it is essential that the Court is immediately informed of any change in the applicant’s administrative status or other circumstances (for example, if the applicant is granted a residence permit or returns to their country of origin). The applicant’s representative must also inform the Court promptly on their own initiative of any potential loss of contact with the applicant.

Where the request has been lodged via the ECHR Rule 39 Site and it is closed on the site after a decision was notified to the applicant, further correspondence to the Court should be sent by fax or by post.