
1324th meeting, 18-20 September 2018 (DH)

H46-8 Nisiotis group v. Greece (Application No. 34704/08)

Supervision of the execution of the European Court's judgments

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Decisions

The Deputies

As regards individual measures

1. taking into account that, according to the authorities, the applicants in all but in the following cases have been released or transferred to detention facilities where conditions of detention are in compliance with the Convention invited the authorities to provide information about the current situation of the applicants in *Cela and Others* (Application No. 10244/14), *Zournatzidis and Others* (Application No. 23261/13), *Kordas* (Application No. 51574/14), *Singh and Others* (Application No. 60041/13) and *Igbo and Others* (Application No. 10244/14);

As regards general measures

2. noted with satisfaction the drawing up and implementation of the 'Strategic Plan for Prisons for 2018-2020' as well as the publication of statistical data concerning the capacity of all prisons in relation to their population on the website of the Ministry of Justice and requested the authorities to continue providing the Committee with updated information about the prison population (both remand and sentenced prisoners), compared with actual prison capacity, and on possible measures to remedy the issue of uneven distribution of inmates among prisons;

3. noted also with satisfaction the positive results achieved under the recently adopted emergency measures to reduce overcrowding in prisons;

4. expressed, however, concern at the fact that the Court continues to receive repetitive applications concerning conditions of detention in overcrowded Greek prisons and to issue judgments finding violations of Articles 3 and 13 of the Convention;

5. called, therefore, upon the authorities to adopt, without further delay, legislative and other necessary measures introducing an effective, preventive remedy concerning conditions of pre-trial or post-conviction detention, in conformity with the Court's case law;

6. recalling the Court's indications in *Samaras* and *Tzamalīs* that a drastic and rapid intervention by the authorities is necessary in Ioannina prison, called upon the authorities to take action without further delay to reduce the occupancy rate and improve the conditions of detention in Ioannina prison;

7. invited the authorities to provide information about the content of the 'Strategic Plan for Prisons for 2018-2020' as well as its implementation, so that conclusions can be drawn about its comprehensiveness and capacity to provide a long-term solution to prison overcrowding and inadequate conditions of detention, as well as to ensure the provision of healthcare services in line with the relevant recommendations of the Committee of Ministers, the CPT and the Greek Ombudsman.