

At Least Six Russian Universities Joined In the Russian Government's Effort To Leave the Decision in the Case Catan and Others Unenforced

Recently, the Russian authorities presented to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe a statement on the case Catan and others v. Moldova and Russia.

The document contains the conclusions of a roundtable held in January in Moscow, attended by representatives of well known Russian universities, including: the State Institute of International Relations in Moscow under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Moscow State University "Lomonosov", Russian State University of "Druzhba narodov", Moscow State Law Academy "O.E. Kutafin", Kazan Federal University, and State University in Novosibirsk.

According to the conclusions, the Grand Chamber of the ECHR exceeded its authority when it pronounced its decision in the case of Latin script schools in the Transnistrian region.

The roundtable participants believe that the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the Catan and others case is unjustified and unfair. According to their conclusions, the judgment of the High Court in Strasbourg ignores the fundamental principles of international law, and the statement notes, among other things, that the judgment will remain unenforced. The authors question the professional skills of the judges, and the process of their selection and appointment. The text of the statement is available [here](#).

Recall that on 19 October 2012, the Grand Chamber of the ECHR pronounced in open session a decision in case Catan and 27 others v. Moldova and Russia, Caldare and 42 others v. Moldova and Russia, and Cercavschi and 98 others v. Moldova and Russia, which establish the violation of the right to education of the 170 applicants, students and parents of the Latin-script schools in the region.

In this context, the Promo-LEX Association plans to organize a public debate with the academia in early April.

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