



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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FOURTH SECTION

Application no. 23503/19
Olena Georgiyivna CHESNOKOVA
against Russia
lodged on 3 April 2019
communicated on 3 September 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns restrictions imposed by the Russian authorities on the applicant's right to leave Crimea following the Russian Federation's assertion of jurisdiction over the peninsula (see *Ukraine v. Russia (re Crimea)* (dec.) [GC], nos. 20958/14 and 38334/18, § 335, 16 December 2020).

The applicant, a Ukrainian national, worked as an entrepreneur in Crimea. By a decision of the "Commercial Court of Sevastopol", which became enforceable on 23 August 2016, the applicant was ordered to vacate certain non-residential premises. In the ensuing enforcement proceedings, on 5 April 2018 a Russian bailiff imposed a six-month restriction prohibiting her from leaving the Russian Federation, including Crimea. A further six-month restriction was imposed on 18 October 2018. The applicant challenged the latter decision before the national courts, but to no avail. The final decision was delivered by the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation on 10 October 2019.

The applicant is represented by Mr S. Zayets, a lawyer practising in Irpin.

Referring to Article 2 of Protocol No. 4 to the Convention, the applicant complains that the restrictions imposed by the Russian authorities amounted to an unlawful and disproportionate interference with her freedom of movement within the territory of the State of her nationality. She further complains under Article 13 of Convention, taken in conjunction with

Article 2 of Protocol No. 4, that she had no effective remedy in respect of the alleged violation.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. Has the applicant complied with the admissibility requirements set forth in Article 35 § 1 of the Convention?
2. Has there been a violation of the applicant's right to liberty of movement under Article 2 § 1 of Protocol No. 4 to the Convention (see *Ukraine v. Russia (re Crimea)* [GC], nos. 20958/14 and 38334/18, §§ 1174-75, 25 June 2024)?
3. Did the applicant have an effective domestic remedy in respect of her complaint under Article 2 § 1 of Protocol No. 4 to the Convention, as required by Article 13 of the Convention?