



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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 11663/25
Samantha Jacoba VOS
against the Netherlands
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 3 September 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Anne Louise Bormann, *President*,

András Jakab,

Corinna Wissels, *judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*.

Having regard to the above application against the Kingdom of the Netherlands lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (“the Convention”) on 11 April 2025,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the case,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The applicant’s details are set out in the appended table.

The applicant was represented by Mr N. van Steijn, a lawyer practising in Leiden.

The applicant’s complaints under Article 8 of the Convention concerning the alleged deficiencies in the decision-making process regarding the removal of the applicant’s two young children from her care, were communicated to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (“the Government”). Complaints based on the same facts were also communicated under other provisions of the Convention.

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicant agreed to waive any further claims against the Netherlands in respect of the facts giving rise to this application, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay her the amount detailed in the

appended table. This amount will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay this amount within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on it, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the case.

THE LAW

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the application.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the case out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to strike the application out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 24 September 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina
Acting Deputy Registrar

Anne Louise Bormann
President

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APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 8 of the Convention (removal of young children from parent's care)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for non-pecuniary damage (in euros) ¹	Amount awarded for costs (in euros) ²
11663/25 11/04/2025	Samantha Jacoba VOS 1999	van Steijn Niels LEIDEN	05/06/2026	04/06/2026	7,500	Up to 1,368.82 euros, constituting the amount compensated for 10 points based on the flat-rate compensation system utilised by the council for legal aid, whereby 1 point amounts to 134.47 euros, plus 24.12 euros paid by the council for legal aid as administrative costs. This amount will be payable by the council for legal aid, and any difference between the amount mentioned above and the amount paid by the council for legal aid, will be paid by the Government.

¹ Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.

² Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicant.