



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

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### THIRD SECTION

Application no. 21757/26

G.C.

against Greece

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### SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns the respondent State's alleged failure to conduct an effective investigation into the applicant's criminal complaint of being a victim of child pornography offences at the age of thirteen, which ultimately resulted in the prosecution of one alleged offender becoming time-barred.

Relying on Article 8 of the Convention, the applicant complains of the State's failure to effectively protect her physical and moral integrity. In particular, she complains of the prolonged period of inaction of the competent authorities in investigating the alleged offence and prosecuting that alleged offender. She points to the period that elapsed between October 2023, when the public prosecutor ordered main investigation (*κύρια ανάκριση*), and April 2025, during which no investigative measures were taken. She submits that this prolonged period of inactivity resulted in her secondary victimisation.

The applicant further complains under Article 13 of the Convention of the lack of an effective remedy against the inactivity of the authorities.

### QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

Did the State authorities in the present case comply with their positive obligations under Article 8 of the Convention to conduct an effective investigation into the alleged offences of child pornography and to enact the relevant criminal law provisions effectively (see *K.U. v. Finland*, no. 2872/02, §§ 40-44, ECHR 2008, *Buturugă v. Romania*, no. 56867/15, §§ 73-78, 11 February 2020; *Volodina v. Russia (no. 2)*, no. 40419/19, §§ 47-49, 14 September 2021)? In particular, did the State authorities safeguard the physical and psychological integrity of the applicant (see *R.B. v. Estonia*, no. 22597/16, §§ 78-84, 22 June 2021, and *M.Ş.D. v. Romania*, no. 28935/21, §§ 115-121, 3 December 2024)?