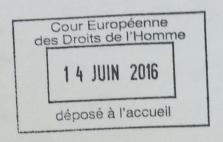
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Sablina and Others v. Russia (4460/16)

Dear Sir or Madam,

The present letter provides further updated information pertaining to a pending application lodged with the European Court of Human Rights on 28 December 2015 in the case of Sablina and Others v. Russian (hereinafter the «Application»).

On 27 July 2015, the Applicants filed a proceeding with the Russian Constitutional Court challenging Article 8 of the Russian *Federal Law on Transplantation*, which essentially allows for secret removal of human organs for transplantation without consent. The proceeding was dismissed on 10 February 2016, after the applicants lodged the Application with the ECHR.

The present correspondence includes a copy of the proceeding filed with the Russian Constitutional Court, as well as the decision of the Russian Constitutional Court itself which demonstrates a total disregard for relevant ECHR case-law by the Russian Constitutional Court.

This judicial disregard for applicable European Convention standards will be addressed in greater detail at the communication stage, and we ask that the Court be seize of the annexes provided below in this regards.

Submitted most respectfully,

## Annexes:

- 1. application to the Russian Constitutional Court;
- 2. Decision by the Russian Constitutional Court.

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