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Re: Applications nos 23818/04 and 42665/06

SROO SUTYAZHNIK against Russia and SROO SUTYAZHNIK against Russia

lodged on 19 May 2004 and 7 October 2006 respectively

**REQUEST
FOR SUBMITTING A THIRD PARTY INTERVENTION (AMICUS CURIAE)**

Non-governmental organization Private Educational Institution of Continuing Professional Education of Specialists "ACADEMY OF HUMAN RIGHTS" (The Academy of Human Rights) was established by SROO SUTYAZHNIK, the applicant of the mentioned cases, to carry out educational function in order to help leaders of NGOs and labor unions to acquire human rights knowledge. Since its establishment, the Academy of Human Rights was acting as a research and educational institution on additional education in the area of human rights. It worked in cooperation with NGOs and universities to provide students-clinicians, leaders of NGOs with education in human rights.

The Academy of Human Rights is following the situation with legal status of NGOs in Russia, changes in their registration process, therefore it is interested to intervene with amicus curiae in the cases of SROO SUTYAZHNIK against Russia (No 23818/04) and SROO SUTYAZHNIK against Russia (No 42665/06) lodged on 19 May 2004 and 7 October 2006 respectively.

Presentation of amicus curiae will enable the applicant to these cases to prove the existence of a significant loss for a long period of violation of its rights, and also to demonstrate to the High Contracting Party to this case and this Court that aspect of interference with the right guaranteed by Article 11 of the Convention considered in this case does not only affect the position of a single non-governmental human rights organization, but it reflects the general trend of interaction of public authorities and the human rights community during the last decade.

This situation takes on new relevance today, taking into account, on the one hand, the increase in the activity of civil society in Russia in 2011-2012, and on the other hand, the administrative and legislative pressure in response to this activity, including in particular, the adoption of amendments to the Russian legislation on NGOs on the status of "foreign agents." The Academy of Human Rights will not be commenting on the facts of the case but addressing some legal or factual issue connected to it.

The notice of the application has been given to the applicant of this case SROO SUTYAZHNIK on 16 November 2012, when it learned about communication of these applications when the post envelope reached the office of SROO SUTYAZHNIK in Yekaterinburg, Russia. The Academy of Human Rights is asking this Court to count twelve weeks for submission of the request for intervention from 16 November 2012.

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