



# MIDDLE TEMPLE LIBRARY QUICK GUIDE TO HUDOC



HUDOC provides access to the case law of the Council of Europe's European Court of Human Rights, European Commission of Human Rights, and Committee of Ministers. The database also links to the Court's website, which hosts electronic copies of the official *Reports of Judgments and Decisions* in PDF format and useful guides to searching HUDOC effectively.

## SEARCHING

HUDOC registers punctuation, and will not bring back results if the punctuation in a case title has been inaccurately entered. Try searching for only one party name in Case Title to produce more results.

Choose the appropriate document collections (usually judgments & decisions).

The screenshot shows the HUDOC search interface. At the top left is the HUDOC logo and the text "European Court of Human Rights". To the right is a search bar with a "SEARCH" button and links for "Useful Links", "Preferences", "Advanced Search", and "Other Languages".

On the left side, there is a "NARROW YOUR SEARCH" section with "DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS". A list of collections is shown, including "Case-Law (110969)", "Judgments (45246)", "Decisions (39855)", and "Communicated Cases (3934)". A box with an arrow points to this section with the text: "Choose the appropriate document collections (usually judgments & decisions)."

Below the collections is a "FILTERS" section with categories: "LANGUAGE", "STATE", "NON-VIOLATION", "IMPORTANCE", "ARTICLE", and "VIOLATION". A box with an arrow points to this section with the text: "Filter results based on language, state, date, articles cited, etc."

In the center is the "ADVANCED SEARCH" form. It includes fields for "Text", "Case Title", "Application Number", "Strasbourg Case-Law", "Rules of Court", "Conclusion", "Resolution Number", "Date", "Separate Opinion(s)", "Domestic Law", "International Law and Other Relevant Material", and "Keywords". A box with an arrow points to the "Strasbourg Case-Law" field with the text: "Searches for all cases citing a particular case."

Below the search form, it shows "110969 Results Found" and a "Sort by: Relevance" dropdown. There are buttons for "Print", "Export", and "RSS".

At the bottom, there is a list of search results. The first result is "CASE OF KARIMOV v. AZERBAIJAN" with details: "12535/06 | Judgment (Merits and Just Satisfaction) | Court (First Section) | 25/09/2014". Other results include "AFFAIRE KARIMOV c. AZERBAÏDJAN" and "CASE OF KARIN ANDERSSON AND OTHERS v. SWEDEN".

At the very bottom, there is a footer with social media icons, "Council of Europe", "European Court of Human Rights", "Useful Links", "Privacy", "Help", "Disclaimer", and a "Back to top" button.