



European Court of Human Rights
Council of Europe
67075 Strasbourg Cedex
FRANCE

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Failure to protect human rights

Dear Sir/Madam

On 13 April 2023, the European Court [ruled](#) that it was manifestly ill-founded to question drug prohibition. Even so, the refusal to inquire whether cannabis prohibition fulfils a legitimate purpose is not objectively justified as Germany and other nations regulate the market to protect public health.

On the contrary, ascertainable facts raise doubts as to the impartiality of the Court, and the Court must recognise the public's sensitivity to the fair administration of justice.

This can only be done by allowing [Mikalsen v Norway](#) to move forward without obstruction from Justice Orland. Instead, the Grand Chamber should rule on the matter of a legitimate purpose and the oversight and disciplinary procedures should ensure the removal of Justice Orland.

Justice Orland's actions have undermined the impartiality, independence, and integrity of the ECHR, leaving 700 million citizens without effective rights protection, and the integrity of the Court depends upon procedures to safeguard the accountability and integrity of the Court.

In a letter dated 12 March 2024, the Court was notified, but we have not heard back from the Registry. Nevertheless, Justice Orland has betrayed her duties to the Convention, and the Court must correct the situation or leave the spirit of the Court behind. For nine months, we have been awaiting a response, and unless the Registry responds within a period of four weeks, we will move forward by other ways.

We hope to hear from the Court soon,

Sincerely

President of Alliance for Rights-oriented Drug Policies