



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

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*Le Greffier adjoint / The Deputy Registrar*

*Circular letter to Government Agents  
and NGOs*

30 January 2012

**Subject: Rules of Court**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Plenary Court adopted a series of amendments, mostly technical, to the Rules of Court at its session on 16 January 2012. The new Rules of Court as amended will enter into force on 1 February 2012. They can be consulted on the Court's Internet site:  
<http://www.echr.coe.int/ECHR/EN/Header/Basic+Texts/Other+texts/Rules+of+Court/>

The only substantive amendment concerns Rule 39 § 2, which now reads as follows:

“2. Where it is considered appropriate, immediate notice of the measure adopted in a particular case may be given to the Committee of Ministers.”

Considering the minor nature of the changes and the likelihood that further amendments will be adopted within the next few months, hard copies of the Rules of Court are not being distributed at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

Michael O'Boyle