

138/94 International PEN on behalf of Senn and Sangare v. Côte d'Ivoire

Facts

1. International Pen submitted the communication on behalf of two journalists - Senn and Sangare - who published an article that had appeared in Jeune Afrique about President Bédié. They were charged, imprisoned and fined while the appeal was pending. They were again detained, charged and imprisoned but subsequently released in an amnesty. In a subsequent letter to the Commission, the author insisted that the journalists were detained in violation of their rights.

Finding:

2. After reviewing the situation, the Commission held the view that if the author required any remedies, it should first resort to the Ivory Coast, the amnesty having extirpated the legal effects of detention and from which the Commission could take note of.