

PROCEDURE

Jurisdiction

Personal jurisdiction – legal interest

In a separate opinion in *Mtikila* Judge Ouguerouz held that the ‘legal interest to act’ of a party should be considered before a matter could be admissible before the Court. Judge Ouguerouz noted that an individual or NGO before the Court must have a legitimate, legally recognised or protected interest which the party must justify in initiating it and must be independently determined by the Court in each case (*Tanganyika Law Society, The Legal and Human Rights Centre v The United Republic of Tanzania*, application 009/2011; *Reverend Christopher R. Mtikila v The United Republic of Tanzania*, application 011/2011, judgment, 14 June 2013, Separate Opinion of Judge Ouguerouz, paras 24 - 26).