

## **SUBSTANCE**

### **Fair trial /right to have one's cause heard – article 7**

#### **Undue delay in hearing claim for damages**

In *Zongo* the victims' next of kin submitted a claim for damages on 6 January 1999 but the claim was only heard in May 2006. 'Diligence would certainly have required that they be heard at the early stages of the investigation regardless of outcome' (*Beneficiaries of late Norbert Zongo, Abdoulaye Nikiema alias Ablasse, Ernest Zongo and Blaise Ilboudo & The Burkinabe human and peoples' rights movement v Burkina Faso*, application 013/2011, judgment, 28 March 2014, para 154).