

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Waksman v. Uruguay

Communication No. 31/1978

28 March 1980

DISCONTINUED

Submitted by: Guillermo Waksman on 25 May 1978

Alleged victim: The author

State party: Uruguay

Date of decision: 28 March 1980 (ninth session)

Effective remedy provided by State party

The author of the communication (dated 25 May 1978), Guillermo Waksman, is a Uruguayan citizen, journalist and translator, who for a number of years has lived outside Uruguay.

On 27 September 1977, upon expiry of his Uruguayan passport, he submitted an application for renewal of his passport at the Uruguayan Consulate in the city where he lived. He was subsequently informed that, after consultation with the Uruguayan Government, the Consulate was not authorized to renew his passport.

He maintained that this constituted a violation of articles 12 (2) and 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

By a decision of 24 April 1979 the Human Rights Committee declared the communication to be admissible under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, in accordance with article 4 (2) of the Protocol, requested the State party to submit to the Committee, within six months of the transmittal to it of the decision, written explanations or statements clarifying the matter and the remedy, if any, that may have been taken by it.

In response to this decision, the State party informed the Committee that it had, on 16 August 1979, instructed its Consulate in the district where the author was at that time living, to renew his passport. This information was later confirmed by the author, who advised the

Committee that he had received a new Uruguayan passport on 4 October 1979.

The Committee notes with satisfaction that the State party has taken appropriate steps to remedy the matter complained of.

The Human Rights Committee therefore decides:

1. To discontinue consideration of the communication;
2. That this decision be communicated to the State party and the author of the communication.