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Application no. 39090/20
M.A. and Others v. Cyprus

Dear Madam,

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 7 September 2020 requesting the European Court of Human Rights for interim measures under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court.

Decision on interim measure

On 9 September 2020, the Court (the duty judge) decided to suspend the examination of Rule 39 of the Rules of Court until receipt of information from the respondent Government.

Anonymity and confidentiality

The Court has decided, under Rule 47 § 4, not to disclose the applicants' identities to the public. In all public documents of the Court the applicants will accordingly be referred to by the letters of the alphabet used in the reference at the head of this letter.

In accordance with the above decision, any documents deposited with the Registry in which the said applicants' names appear or which could otherwise easily lead to their identification should not be made accessible to the public (Rule 33 § 1 of the Rules of Court) and shall remain confidential.

Information requested

The Court decided to request the Government, under Rule 54 § 2 (a), to submit the following information:

1. Did the vessel in which the applicants were travelling request to be allowed into Cypriot ports?
2. Have the applicants been transferred on a ship by the Cypriot coastguard for their return to Lebanon?
3. What are the applicants' current whereabouts?
4. Has the State afforded the applicants with possible means of seeking admission to the national territory for the purpose of seeking international protection?
5. If the applicants have been returned to Lebanon, is it open to the applicants to apply for international protection at the Cypriot diplomatic and consular representations in Lebanon?

The Government have been asked to submit this information by 15:00 French time, Wednesday, 9 September 2020. Their reply will be sent to you for information or comments.

Application form

In order to complete the file, you must send to the Court by **7 October 2020** the original of the enclosed application form duly completed together with copies of all relevant documents. **Please note that if you send original documents, they will not be returned to you by the Court.** If no such information is received by the above date, the application may be struck out of the list of cases without further notice.

Yours faithfully,

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K. Ryngielewicz
Head of the Filtering Section

Enc.: Application pack

Please note that the documents appended to this letter will be sent to you by post only.