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Report Highlights Sluggishness in Authorities' Response to Court Rulings

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The Justice Ministry has accused Russian authorities of sluggishness in their response to rulings of the European Court for Human Rights and the Constitutional Court, a news report said Monday.

A report released by the ministry Monday that sums up the results of monitoring court rulings in 2011 shows that of the 10 rulings issued by the European Court for Human Rights requiring legal amendments since 2003, Russia has not complied with any of them, because "there is no legal act [in Russian law] that makes the European Court's rulings binding," Lenta.ru reported.

As for the Constitutional Court, authorities failed to fulfill 56 of 130 rulings of the court requiring legal amendments between 1992 and 2012, with the earliest of them dating back to 1996.

The report concluded that although amendments have been drafted in response to almost all of the court's rulings, they are being considered too slowly due to disagreements between government agencies and a lack of financing for fulfilling the court's rulings.

The report recommends increasing the deadline for submitting legal amendments from three to six months and setting the term for passing them at 10 days.

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