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The Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice were instrumental in implementing the ECHR's orphanage decision.

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The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) rejected Türkiye's compensation claim approximately six months ago and ordered the return of the orphanage's ownership to the Greek Patriarchate. Türkiye was given six months to implement the decision.

In response to the evaluation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice wrote to the Princes' Islands Republic Chief Public Prosecutor's Office, emphasizing that "there is no alternative other than re-registering the orphanage in the land registry under the name of the Fener Greek Patriarchate."

It is emphasized that if the Court were to enforce the ECHR decision, the issue would be brought before the Committee of Delegates, and this situation would be used as a tool of political pressure by other states, potentially leading to negative consequences for the country. The letter emphasized that the issue should be resolved before the committee is brought before the Ministry, and requested that the court's decision be conveyed to the Ministry immediately.

The Patriarchate's lawyer, Cem Murat Sofuoğlu, said that Türkiye is the first country to be subject to the European Court of Human Rights.

He stated that he implemented a decision regarding the return of his sons through domestic legal channels and broke

new ground. Sofuoğlu said, "It is undeniable that the opinions of two important ministries and the decision of the General Assembly of Foundations had an impact on this decision. This is a good example of Türkiye remaining committed to the international agreements and commitments it has signed and implementing the principle of 'pacta sunt servanda,'

which is the foundation of international law." he says. The European Human Resources Association in Strasbourg



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Following the Court of Human Rights' decision against Turkey, the General Assembly of Foundations convened and insisted that the transfer be made to the foundation of the Büyükada Greek Male Orphanage rather than the Patriarchate. However, the Assembly unanimously voted to implement the final decision and transfer the title to the Fener Greek Patriarchate, sending a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This marked the first time in cases won by the ECHR that a decision was made to transfer title deeds to a religious community rather than a foundation. The title deeds will be transferred to the legal entity of the Fener Greek Patriarchate in Balat on Monday next week.