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CASE SUMMARY

APPLICATION 013/2017

SEBASTIEN GERMAIN AJAVON

v.

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

I. The Parties

The Applicant is a citizen of the Republic of Benin.

The Application is brought against the State of Benin, the Respondent in the instant case.

II. Subject of the Application

1. The Applicant filed a suit dated 14 February 2017 before the African Court, received at the Registry on 27 February 2017 praying the latter to declare that he has been subject to violations of his rights such as:
 - a) Certain acts on the part of the State of Benin particularly the withdrawal of his customs licenses and the disruption of his radio and television stations signals;

- b) His trial in the proceedings instituted against him by the Public Prosecutor and the Benin Customs Services in the cocaine trafficking case was not fair, despite the decision to acquit him.
2. The aforesaid facts constitute violation of Article 3(2), 7, 7(b), 14 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Charter), as well as Articles 7, 9 and 12 of the 1789 Universal Declaration of Human and Citizen Rights.
 3. In reparation for the allegations of violation, the Applicant prays the Court to:
 - i. Declare the Application admissible;
 - ii. Declare that the Court has jurisdiction;
 - iii. Rule and declare the alleged violations founded;
 - iv. Rule that the Applicant, President of *the Employers' Council of Benin*, known all over the business world, saw his reputation tarnished in business circles particularly in the eyes of partners, bankers and his own customers who turned away from him;
 - v. Declare that the Applicant is a political figure, candidate in the last presidential elections of March 2016 who won 23% of the votes in the first round and ranked just after the present Head of State of Benin who had 24%.