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This June 2024 judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) heavily fined Hungary for failing to comply with a previous judgment of December 17, 2020 where the CJEU found that Hungary disregarded the principle of sincere cooperation in Article 4(3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and deliberately evaded the application of the European Union common asylum and return policy. The CJEU found that Hungary had seriously breached the European Union legislation on asylum and return.

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This 2023 decision of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) upheld an earlier judgment of the German authorities to suspend the organisation International Humanitarian Aid Association (Hilfsorganisation) because of “knowingly support[ing] international terrorism, directly or indirectly.” Hilfsorganisation complained before the ECtHR alleging a violation of their freedom of association (Art. 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights). The Chamber unanimously found that the interference with the applicants’ freedom of association was justified, necessary in a democratic society, and proportionate to the aim pursued by the national authorities, since States, according to the Court, should be able to take measures so that their territory is not used to facilitate terrorism and the bringing of violence into conflicts abroad.

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