Substantive Issues
- Rights to life,
- Right to equality before the courts and tribunals

Relevant Articles
- Art. 6 (1)
- Art 14 (1)

Facts
The author is a Ukrainian national who is submitting the communication on behalf of her deceased sister. The author claims that there was a violation by the authorities of the State party of articles 6 (1) and 14 (1) of the Covenant. She claims that her sister’s death resulted from inadequate medical treatment and that Ukraine subsequently refused to initiate a criminal investigation on the matter.

Committee’s View

Consideration of admissibility
The Human Rights Committee observed that the author had not substantiated, for the purposes of admissibility, how the facts as presented by her would contravene article 14. Accordingly, the Committee found that the claim was inadmissible under article 2 of the Optional Protocol.

On the matter of exhaustion of domestic remedies, the Committee recalled that mere doubts about the effectiveness of domestic remedies do not absolve an author of the requirement to exhaust them. Thus the Committee considered that the author has failed to exhaust domestic remedies and decided that the claim was inadmissible.