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**BY POST AND EMAIL**

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**Ref no. 16285/20**  
**NGO Repubblika v. Malta and Italy**

Dear Madam,

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 15 April 2020 requesting the European Court of Human Rights under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court to order that the Maltese and Italian Governments reverse their declarations to the effect that their ports are closed/or their countries not places of safety, thus preventing the rescue and disembarkation of immigrants at sea due to COVID-19 circumstances.

**Reference for further correspondence**

The file has been given the above number which you must refer to in any further correspondence relating to this case.

**Decision on interim measure**

On 17 April 2020, the Court (the duty judge) decided, in the circumstances, not to indicate to the Governments of Malta and Italy, under Rule 39 of the Rules of Court, the interim measure you are seeking because, as it was lodged, it falls outside the scope of Rule 39.

**Application form**

Should you wish to pursue proceedings on behalf of identified applicants, in order to complete the file, you must send to the Court by **15 May 2020** an application form duly completed together with copies of all relevant documents. Please note that if you send original documents, they will not be returned to you by the Court. If no such information is received by the above date, the file will be destroyed without further notice.

Yours faithfully,

K. Ryngielewicz  
Head of the Filtering Section