

- (1) Request for anonymity
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- (3) IMPORTANT: I am respectfully asking, if possible, for the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr. Robert Spano, to personally treat this request for anonymity. I might publish this request on ECtHRwatch.org and/or on Robert-Spano.com (Non-official website on Mr. Robert Spano).
- (4) Dear Mr. Spano,
- (5) I am writing to you today to request anonymity in my proceedings with the European Court of Human Rights.
- (6) To be honest, I recently feel a little bit fragile psychologically. Back in 2018, I submitted 5 cases to the ECtHR.
- (7) I received the 5 inadmissibility decisions on September 24, 2018. The Court had assigned the following numbers to my requests :
- (8) 29837/18 ([REDACTED] c. France)
- (9) 29840/18 ([REDACTED] c. France)
- (10) 29846/18 ([REDACTED] c. France)
- (11) 29848/18 ([REDACTED] c. France)
- (12) 29855/18 ([REDACTED] c. France)
- (13) I've been living in exile in China for the last 10 years.
- (14) I am considering protesting before the French Embassy in Beijing. I could be arrested if I were to protest without the proper authorizations. But sometimes, there are no other ways.
- (15) My wife is a Chinese citizen. My family in China could really get in trouble. Yet, I am being left with few options.
- (16) French law professor Yves Strickler, who is a bit like a guardian angel to me considering how he often helped me by answering for free legal questions I had, once told me that a hunger strike could work but that I had to stop on time. What better place than inside the arena? That is China. In Beijing on top of that.
- (17) I wish there were other options.
- (18) The case regarding the frauds committed by McDonald's Corporation could receive widespread media attention.
- (19) In the past, I've been pressured in various ways, including publicly mocked online for trying to raise awareness on one of the biggest fraud in history. You can read this article which was published as a matter of fact around the same time Philippe Mouricou was pressuring me to close some of my websites on which all I did was telling the truth:

- (20) <https://www.brain-magazine.fr/article/page-president/56231-C-est-l-histoire-d-un-lanceur-d-alerte-de-Cedric-Villani-du-McDo-et-du-regime-chinois>
- (21) Before that I had also been victim of defamation. When I tried to lodge a criminal complaint, documents would be falsified and as a result, no investigation would ever take place.
- (22) I feel like everything is only way, always against me. Why? What's happening? And why nothing happens to a transnational criminal enterprise? Is McDonald's too big to fail?
- (23) Mr. Spano, it's a true story. Facts are facts. I don't need the publicity. My wife is really scared of media attention and in a way, so am I.
- (24) I need to talk publicly about what happened, publish lots of facts online if I want serious journalists to ever consider writing a story about this case. It's currently very hard because some journalists might not understand if what I say is true, how come the authorities aren't investigating. To me, it makes sense. So I don't blame them. But what is the justice doing?
- (25) People have biases too. And people can also blind to their own blindness as Daniel Kahneman once said.
- (26) Also, I don't want to turn this case about McDonald's into something political. I don't want, for example, China to use this in their propaganda.
- (27) Yet, if I am to be forced, by having no other choices, to request the right to protest before the French Embassy in Beijing, so many things can happen one way or another.
- (28) China is not a predictable country.
- (29) And the truth is maybe they might grant me the authorization. But also, maybe they will want to publicly criticize the United States and I don't like that because I think the United States is a great country. So is China.
- (30) As a foreigner living in China, the trade war between the U.S. and China has strongly affected me and my wife. For example, she has been assaulted before multiple times simply because she is married to a foreigner. It's not good.
- (31) Furthermore, her health I fragile. She was diagnosed with cancer back in 2013, follicular lymphoma.
- (32) I want to list the cases I had filed with the ECtHR online on my website [ECTHRwatch.org](https://www.ecthrwatch.org) at this address: <https://www.ecthrwatch.org/cases/>
- (33) I want to list and explain everything which has happened so far. **Transparently but also anonymously. I want to protect myself and my wife also, especially my wife, from the potential downfall of a story which could someday do the front page of every major newspapers in the world.**
- (34) There are other reasons why I want to request anonymity but I am sorry to say that I am too tired right now to list them all. I simply hope that what I've said so far is enough.
- (35) Remember that I've really been pressured in the past in respect of the McDonald's story. It's a former of witness tampering in way.

- (36) Maybe I can add this email from Kevin Granville, business editor for The New York Times:
- (37) https://www.ecthrwatch.org/timeline/2020-12-10_email_from_kevin_granville/
- (38) “But if a court of law decides to accept this case and investigate this potential scandal, we would be more interested.”
- (39) **POTENTIAL SCANDAL** he says. It’s an euphemism Mr. Spano. Also, it shows there is an interest in this story.
- (40) By the way, what Mr. Granville said was before Constant Méheut, another journalist for The New York Times, who studied mathematics at an advanced level, confirmed to me that he understood the fraud and that he might be interested in the story.
- (41) Based on what I read here:
- (42) https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/PD_anonymity_ENG.pdf
- (43) This current request is both a request for in respect of my request for interim measures but also a retroactive request in regards to the 5 cases I previously submitted to the European Court of Human Rights and which I listed above.
- (44) Your website says: “The applicant should also provide an explanation as to why anonymity was not requested while the case was pending before the Court.”
- (45) If I am not mistaken, I believe I did. I am not sure why the Court might not have received my request back in 2018.
- (46) Thank you very much.
- (47) Respectfully,
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