

‘Historic’ European Court of Human Rights ruling backs Swiss women in climate change case

Two similar climate cases - brought by six Portuguese youth, and a former French mayor - were thrown out by the judges.

In a landmark decision, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has today ruled that climate change violates the right to respect for one’s private and family life.

This is the main legal basis through which the court has previous rule on environmental cases, but an “historic” one regarding the climate crisis, observers say.

The case was brought by an association of older Swiss women concerned about the impact of global warming on their health, who claim the Swiss government is not taking enough action.

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