

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

YURIY LUTSENKO,

Plaintiff,

v.

VICTOR PSHNKA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-02244 (CKK)

ORDER

(February 23, 2012)

Plaintiff Yuriy Lutsenko (“Lutsenko”) commenced this action on December 15, 2011, naming as Defendants a series of individuals who appear to reside in Ukraine. *See* Compl., ECF No. [1], ¶¶ 6-9. While a plaintiff ordinarily has 120 days after the filing of the complaint to effect service upon a defendant, that time limit “does not apply to service in a foreign country under Rule 4(f) or 4(j)(1).” FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m). Nonetheless, in order to ensure that service in this action was made in a prompt, fair, and efficacious manner, this Court ordered Lutsenko to “file a Status Report with the Court (1) describing his efforts to date to effect service of process upon Defendants and (2) outlining his plan for effecting service upon any Defendant that has not been served.” Order (Jan. 31, 2012), ECF No. [3], at 1. Lutsenko’s Status Report was due by no later than February 8, 2012. *Id.*

When this deadline came and passed without Lutsenko filing the required Status Report or seeking an extension of his time to do so, the Court warned Lutsenko that “[d]istrict courts have the authority to dismiss a case or impose other appropriate sanctions for a plaintiff’s failure to prosecute or otherwise comply with a court order.” Order (Feb. 15, 2012), ECF No. [4], at 1. Despite the availability of these measures, the Court generously “exercise[d] its discretion to

