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REVISED EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

6th report on the implementation of the Revised European Social Charter

submitted by

THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN

(for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004: **Articles 29**)

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Memorandum

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Additional information to the &th Swedisg report on the Revised European Social Charter regarding article 29

Hereby the Swedish Government submit further information due to the letter from Mr Regis Brillat dated 15 December 2006 on behalf of the European Committee of Social Rights.

The Committee would like to know if there exists a general right for a trade union to seek an interim injunction which may be used to require an employer to inform and consult his employees prior to making collective redundancies.

I Swedish law the trade union does not have the possibility to seek an interim injunction. If an employer has failed to fulfil his or her information and consultation obligations the trade union can sue the employer and claim damages, both financial and non-financial/punitive.

Yours sincerely,

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Strasbourg, 15 December 2006

Dear Ms Olsson,

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the 6th Swedish report on the Revised European Social Charter and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed questions concerning Article 29.

The ECSR would be grateful if you could reply to these questions before 28 February 2007 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions 2007.

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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX



15 December 2006

Question in respect of the 6th report of Sweden

Article 29

The Committee would like to ask the following question:

- Does there exists a general right for a trade union to seek an interim injunction which may be used to require an employer to inform and consult his employees prior to making collective redundancies?