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Charte Sociale Européenne



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EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

REPLIES TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

2nd National Report on the implementation of
the European Social Charter

submitted by

THE GOVERNMENT OF SLOVAKIA

(Article 1§2
for the period 01/01/2007 – 31/12/2010)

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Response to the questions addressed to the Slovak Republic regarding

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Regarding both questions of the ECSR concerning Article 1§2 of the European Social Charter (revised), there is no compulsory minimum period of service required when serving in the professional armed forces of the Slovak Republic. Serving contracts are usually signed for an agreed period of time (3-5 years) and during this time professional soldiers may leave the armed forces when they wish. As an additional information, we would like to inform the ECSR, that compulsory military service has been abolished in the Slovak Republic in 2005.

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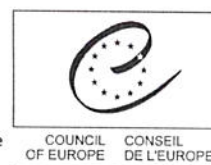
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Strasbourg, 14 June 2012

Dear Mr Berinec,

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the States' reports on the European Social Charter with respect to the thematic group on "employment, training and equal opportunities" and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed questions.

The Committee would be grateful if you could reply to these questions before 27 July 2012 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Régis Brillat



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