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# EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

9<sup>th</sup> National Report on the implementation of the European Social Charter

submitted by

### THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY

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

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9th Norwegian report on the implementation of the revised European Social Charter - Questions in respect of the 9th report

Reference is made to your letter 14 June 2012 regarding questions in respect of the 9th report from Norway on the implementation of the revised European Social Charter.

We sincerely regret that our response is coming this late.

We can give you the following information:

 What is the length of, if any, compulsory minimum period of service required of those serving in the professional armed forces?

Normally, the professional soldier signs up for three years after the compulsory initial service (12 months of service as a conscript). The contract can be prolonged two times (nine years of service in total). The enlisted soldier may terminate the contract with one month's notice.

 Are there circumstances, such as specialised training or specific operational requirements, which entail a different compulsory minimum term of service in the professional armed forces and under what conditions may the persons concerned leave the service before the expiry of this term?

After military training courses like Officer Candidate School, Academy, etc., the NCOs and officers must serve a term equal to the length of the course. Air Force pilots have 12 years of compulsory service.

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Officers offered civilian education with pay from the military, have a compulsory service twice as long as the training period. If the persons concerned leave the service before the expiry of this term, they usually have to refund the costs of their education.

We hope this will clarify the issues in question.

Yours sincerely,

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Strasbourg, 14 June 2012

Dear Ms Sandvei Francke.

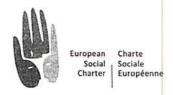
The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the States' reports on the European Social Charter with respect to the thematic group on "employment, training and equal opportunities" and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed questions.

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,

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Régis Brillat





## EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS COMITE EUROPEEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

14 June 2012

#### Questions addressed to Norway

Article 1§2 (prohibition of discrimination in employment/ forced labour/ right to earn one's living in an occupation freely entered upon):

- What is the length of, if any, compulsory minimum period of service required of those serving in the professional armed forces?
- Are there circumstances, such as specialised training or specific operational requirements, which entail a different compulsory minimum term of service in the professional armed forces and under what conditions may the persons concerned leave the service before the expiry of this term?