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European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 269th session

SYNOPSIS

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Activity Type Monitoring

Location Brussels, Belgium (Council of Europe Office)

Directorate (Service) DGI Human Rights and Rule of Law (Department of the European Social Charter)

Origin/DG Remarks The European Committee of Social Rights is established by the European Social Charter. It is composed of 15 independent experts. It works on 2 specific objectives: treating collective complaints and examining national reports on the application of the ESC with a view to supervising the conformity of national situations.

Objective(s) - to conduct a press conference on the occasion of the publication of Conclusions 2013 and XX-2 (2013)

- to have contacts with EU institutions and other interlocutors
- to examine relations between the Charter and EU law
- to consider developments pertaining to the Turin conference
- to examine the pending collective complaints
- to examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions

Output/Results 1) The Committee represented by its President and its General Rapporteur held a press conference on Conclusions 2013 and XX-2 (2013). This conference and the media work surrounding it led to a significant and unprecedented echo in the media in many countries.

2) The Committee examined a draft document on relations between the Charter and EU law.

3) The Committee took note of the information provided on progress in the organisation of the Turin conference and decided that the 274th session could be held in Turin.

4) The following meetings were held in the margin of the session in Brussels:

Tuesday 28 January 9.15: Meeting with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) at Maison syndicale européenne

Tuesday 28 January 13.30: Meeting at the European Parliament with MEP Dennis DE JONG

Tuesday 28 January 14.30: Meeting on collective complaints at the European Economic and Social Committee

Wednesday 29 January 11.30: Meeting with representatives of the European Commission/DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Wednesday 29 January 14.00: Meeting on collective complaints with Social Platform, Council of Europe Office

5) The Rapporteurs for the pending collective complaints informed the Committee of the progress of the proceedings and of the procedural decisions taken by the President since the previous session (Rules 27 and 28).

6) The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions.

7) The Committee took note of the general information provided by the Secretariat.

Conclusions/Follow Up The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- to draw up a report of the session in Brussels;
- to revise the document on relations between the Charter and EU law in the light of the Committee's discussion with a view to its adoption at a forthcoming session;
- to proceed with the preparations for the Turin conference (including the organisation of the Committee's 274th session in Turin);
- to pursue contacts with the various interlocutors encountered in Brussels;
- to follow the collective complaints procedure with the Rapporteurs for the pending complaints;
- to remain in contact with the States Parties concerned with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions, and in particular to fix

dates for the forthcoming meetings.

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