

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 270th session

SYNOPSIS

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Activity Type Monitoring

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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 Charter with a view to rule on the conformity of national situations under the Charter.

Objective(s) - To proceed to adoption of the conclusions as regards Azerbaijan, Croatia, Iceland and Luxembourg of Conclusions 2013 and XX-2 (2013) ; this concerns States which submitted their reports very late.

- To examine draft Conclusions as regards Czech Republic, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom of Conclusions XX-3 (2014). The Conclusions for all States Parties should be adopted in December 2014.

- To examine the procedure relating to the pending collective complaints.

- To examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions.

- To examine the relationship between the European Union law and the European Social Charter.

- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin Conference.

Output/Results 1) The Committee adopted a corrigendum to Conclusions 2013 Article 14§1 regarding Estonia and instructed the Secretariat to notify it to the Government and to publish it according to the usual procedure.

2) The Committee adopted its Conclusions XX-2 (2013) in respect of the following countries: Croatia, Iceland and Luxembourg and instructed the Secretariat to notify them to the States concerned and to publish them according to the usual procedure. The adoption of the Conclusions in respect of Azerbaijan is postponed to the next Session.

3) The Committee examined the draft Conclusions XX-3 (2014) as regards Czech Republic, Greece, Latvia, Poland Spain and the United

Kingdom.

4) 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).

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

6) The Committee discussed the Draft information document on the relationship between the European Union law and the European Social Charter

7) The Committee took note of the information provided on progress in the organisation of the Turin conference.

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

- Meeting of the Bureau with the Agents of the Governments having accepted the Collective complaints procedure (17 March) ;
- Exchange of views between the President of the Committee and the Ministers' Deputies (19 March).

Conclusions/Follow Up The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- 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
- To revise the document on the relationship between the EU law and the European Social Charter in the light of the Committee's discussion;
- To proceed with the preparations for the Turin conference.

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