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## European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 271th session

### SYNOPSIS

**Date** 12/05/2014 - 16/05/2014

**Activity Type** Monitoring

**Location** Strasbourg, Agora building, room G.06

**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 rule on the conformity of national situations under the Charter.

**Objective(s)** - To proceed to adoption of the Conclusions 2013 as regards Azerbaijan and Portugal. These are the States that submitted their report very late;

- To examine:

- The draft conclusions as regards the provisions postponed from the 270<sup>th</sup> session for Greece, Spain and the United Kingdom for Conclusions XX-3(2014)
- The draft conclusions as regards Germany for Conclusions XX-3(2014) and the draft conclusions as regards Andorra, Austria, Belgium, France, Georgia, the Netherlands, Slovak Republic and Sweden for Conclusions 2014

The Conclusions relating to all States Parties will be adopted in December 2014;

- To examine the pending collective complaints;

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

- To review the Rules and Working methods of the Committee;

- To examine the document on the relationship between the EU law and the Charter;

- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin conference.

**Output** 1) The Committee adopted its Conclusions XX-2(2013) as regards Azerbaijan and Portugal;  
2) The Committee examined the draft conclusions XX-3(2014) as

regards Greece, Spain and the United Kingdom as well as the draft conclusions 2014 as regards Andorra, Austria, Belgium, France, Georgia, the Netherlands, the Slovak Republic and Sweden;

3) The Rapporteurs in charge of 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);

4) The President informed the Committee of new collective complaints registered since the previous session;

5) The Committee adopted:

- a decision to strike out Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) Ltd v. Cyprus, complaint No. 97/2013
- a decision on admissibility for *Bedriftsforbundet v. Norway*, Complaint No. 103/2013

6) The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions. It adopted a report as regards Sweden;

7/ The Committee reviewed the Rules and Working methods of the Committee;

7) The Committee adopted the information document on the relationship between the EU law and the European Social Charter;

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

**Follow Up** The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- To notify:

- The Conclusions 2013 as regards Azerbaijan and Portugal
- The decisions regarding the collective complaints,
- The report as regards the non-accepted provisions of Sweden according to the usual practice and to make them public ;

- 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 finalise, under the authority of Petros Stangos, the document on the relationship between the EU law and the European Social Charter before 9 June, and to forward it to the European

Commission;

- To proceed with the preparations for the Turin conference.

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