



European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 273rd session

SYNOPSIS

Date 08/09/2014 – 12/09/2014

Activity Type Monitoring

Location Strasbourg, Agora building, rooms G.06 and G.04

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 examine:

- The draft conclusions as regards the provisions postponed from the 272nd session for Armenia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro and Romania for Conclusions (2014)
- The draft conclusions as regards Denmark for Conclusions XX-3(2014) and the draft conclusions as regards Estonia, Slovenia, Hungary, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Malta, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Turkey 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 working methods of the Committee;
- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin conference;
- To proceed to an exchange of views with a representative of the ILO

Output 1) The Committee examined the draft conclusions 2014 as regards Estonia, Slovenia, Hungary, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Malta, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Turkey;

2) 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);

3) The Committee adopted:

- a decision on the merits in Finnish Society of Social Rights v. Finland, Complaint No. 88/2012;
- a decision on the merits in Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE) v. Ireland, Complaint No. 89/2013;
- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) Ltd v. France Complaint No. 92/2013;

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

5) The Committee examined the working methods and took decisions pertaining to its Rules and Working Methods;

6) The Committee took note of the information provided on progress in the organisation of the Turin conference;

7) The Committee held an exchange of views on Labour rights with Ms Karen Curtis, Chief, Freedom of Association Branch, Department of International Labour Standards;

Follow Up The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- To notify the decisions regarding the collective complaints according to the usual procedure;
- 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 proceed with the preparations for the Turin conference.

Participants Luis JIMENA QUESADA, President)
Monika SCHLACHTER, Vice-President
Petros STANGOS, Vice-President

Colm O'CONNOR, General Rapporteur (absent on 8
September and until 9 September at noon)
Lauri LEPPIK
Birgitta NYSTRÖM
Rüchan IŞIK
Alexandru ATHANASIU (absent)
Elena MACHULSKAYA
Jana PETMAN (absent on 8 and 9 September)
Giuseppe PALMISANO
Karin LUKAS
Eliane CHEMLA (absent on 9 September)
József HAJDÚ
Marcin WUJCZYK

CoE Secretariat

Régis BRILLAT, Executive Secretary
Henrik KRISTENSEN, Deputy Executive Secretary