

## European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 275<sup>th</sup> session

### SYNOPSIS

**Date** 1/12/2014 – 5/12/2014

**Activity Type** Monitoring

**Location** Strasbourg, France

**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 adopt Conclusions 2014 of the Charter and Conclusions XX-3 (2014) of the 1961 Charter relating to all States;

- To examine the draft conclusions as regards Luxembourg, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Malta, Slovak Republic and Belgium;

- To examine the pending collective complaints;

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

- To consider the follow-up to the Turin Conference;

- To participate in a workshop in honour of the four outgoing members of the Committee, Mr Jimena Quesada, Mr Isik, Mr Athanasia and Ms Petman;

- To hold an exchange of views between the Bureau and the Court of Justice of the European Union (in Luxembourg on 1 December 2014).

### Output

1) The Committee examined the draft conclusions 2014 as regards Luxembourg, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Malta, Slovak Republic and Belgium;



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2) The Committee adopted Conclusions 2014 of the Charter and Conclusions XX-3(2014) of the 1961 Charter;

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) As regards collective complaints, the Committee adopted:

- a decision on admissibility in Associazione Nazionale Giudici di Pace v. Italy, Complaint No. 102/2013 ;
- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) Ltd v. Ireland, Complaint No. 93/2013;
- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) Ltd v. Italy, Complaint No. 94/2013 ;
- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) Ltd v. Slovenia, Complaint No. 95/2013.

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

6) The Committee took note of the information provided on progress with the Turin process and decided on the organisation of the exercise in 2015;

7) The Committee took part in the workshop in honour of the four outgoing members of the Committee;

8) The Bureau held an exchange of view with the Court of Justice of the European Union.

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

- To amend the draft conclusions as decided and transform them into provisional conclusions;
- To make the amendments to the provisional conclusions as decided;
- To finalise the adopted conclusions for transmission to the States Parties and publication in January 2015;
- 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;

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