

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 276th session

SYNOPSIS

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Activity Type Monitoring

Location Strasbourg, France (Agora)

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

- Objective(s)**
- to welcome the new members of the Committee and hear their solemn declarations;
 - to proceed to the election of the President and the Bureau of the Committee;
 - to conduct a press conference on the occasion of the publication of Conclusions 2014 and XX-3;
 - to examine the pending collective complaints;
 - to plan and prepare the examination of national reports for Conclusions 2015 and XX-4 (2015);
 - to examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
 - to examine the draft report of the non-accepted provisions in Serbia;
 - to examine draft comments on the Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2044 (2014) on Ending child poverty in Europe and the draft comments on Recommendation 361(2014) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on "Promoting equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and their participation at local and regional levels".

Output 1) The Committee elected Giuseppe PALMISANO as President of the Committee, Monika SCHLACHTER and Petros STANGOS as

Vice-Presidents and Lauri LEPPIK as General Rapporteur.

2) The Committee, represented by its President and its General Rapporteur, held a press conference on Conclusions 2014 and XX-3 (2014). This conference and the media work surrounding it led to a very significant echo in the media in many countries.

3) 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).

4) As regards collective complaints, the Committee adopted:

- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) v. the Czech Republic, Complaint No. 96/2013
- a decision on the merits in Association for the Protection of All Children (APPROACH) v. Belgium, Complaint No. 98/2013.

5) The Committee decided on the distribution of work between the sub-committees and on rapporteur responsibilities for Conclusions 2015 and XX-4 (2015).

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

7) The Committee adopted the report on the non-accepted provisions in respect of Serbia.

8) The Committee adopted its comments on the Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly 2058 (2014) on “Social exclusion – a danger for Europe’s democracies” and Recommendation 361(2014) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on “Promoting equal opportunities for persons with disabilities and their participation at local and regional levels”.

9) The Committee took note of the general information provided by the Secretariat, in particular on the development of the Turin process.

Conclusions/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 transmit the report on non-accepted provisions to the Serbian authorities and 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;

- to transmit the comments on the recommendations of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to the Committee of Ministers.

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