

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 277th session

SYNOPSIS

Date 16/03/2015 – 20/03/2015

Activity Type Monitoring

Location Strasbourg, Agora building, rooms G.06 and G.05

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 examine:

- the draft conclusions as regards Czech Republic, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom for Conclusions XX-4 (2015) and the draft conclusions as regards Estonia and Malta for Conclusions 2015,

The Conclusions relating to all States Parties will be adopted in December 2015

- the pending collective complaints,
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions,
- the draft 2014 Activity Report

- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin process;

- To proceed with an exchange of views with Professor J.F Akandji-Kombé, coordinator of the Academic Network on European Social Charter and Social Rights.

- Output**
- 1) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions XX-4 (2015) as regards Czech Republic, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom and draft conclusions 2015 as regards Estonia and Malta;
 - 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 held a first deliberation on the merits for *Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL) v. Italy*, Complaint No. 91/2013;
 - 4) The Committee adopted:
 - a decision on admissibility for *Associazione sindacale "La Voce dei Giusti" v. Italy*, Complaint No. 105/2014;
 - a decision on admissibility for *International Federation for Human Rights v. Ireland*, Complaint No. 110/2014;
 - a decision on the merits for *Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE) v. Sweden*, Complaint No. 99/2013
 - 5) The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions. It adopted a report as regards Slovenia;
 - 6) The Committee approved the draft 2014 Activity Report;
 - 7) The Committee took note of the information provided on the Turin process;
 - 8) The Committee held an exchange of views with Professor J.F. Akandji-Kombé, coordinator of the Academic Network on European Social Charter and Social Rights
 - 9) The President participated in the following meetings in the margin of the session:
 - exchange of views with the Ministers' Deputies (18 March)
 - meeting with the representative of the UNHCR, Mr Gert Westerveen (18 March)
 - colloquy at the Council of Europe Administrative Tribunal (19 March)

Follow Up

The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- To amend the draft conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Sub-Committees;
- To notify the decisions regarding the collective complaints according to the usual procedures;

- 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 Turin process;
- To make public the 2014 Activity Report as soon as possible.

Participants

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