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REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

17th report on the implementation of
the European Social Charter

submitted by

THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE

(for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004:
Articles 10§4)

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SUBJECT: 17th Greek Report on the European Social Charter – article 10 para4
Additional question

Ref.: Your document dated 20/12/2006

We hereby communicate to you the answer of Greece to the additional question posed by the European Committee on Social Rights (ECSR) during the examination of the 17th Greek Report on the European Social Charter (reference period 2001-2004, submission May 2006). The additional information concerns article 10 (par.4) of the Charter, which provides for the right to vocational training. We kindly ask for the communication of this information to the ECSR. For any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Documents attached: 1



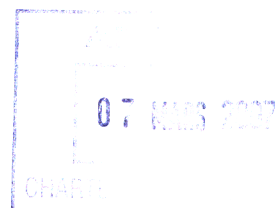
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**Additional Question of the European Committee of Social Rights regarding the
17th Greek Report on the Implementation of the European Social Charter
Article 10, para4**

▪ **Fees**

Basic tertiary education in Greece is free of charge, i.e. no fees are paid.

Postgraduate studies

For 120 out of 435 postgraduate courses fees are paid, the amount of which ranges between 150 and 27,500€ per semester.

▪ **Student allowances and benefits**

(a) Student housing benefit

In accordance with article 10 of Act 3220/2004 (O.G. 15A/2004) an annual housing benefit amounting to 1,000€ is granted to undergraduate students of Universities and Technological Educational Institutes, as long as the students are studying for their first degree, they live in a rented house in a town other than the one of their main residence and their previous year family income does not exceed 30,000€, increased by 3,000€ for each additional child.

(b) Free provision of educational books

University and Technological Educational Institutes students are provided with free educational books.

(c) Scholarships and student loans system

A system of state assistance is implemented for undergraduate students; this system includes: performance scholarships and assistance scholarships and loans.

i. Performance scholarships

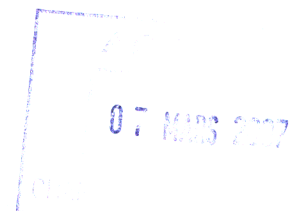
The exclusive criterion for their granting is the performance of the university student, as follows:

A scholarship is granted to the two (2) students with the highest grades in classes of up to 100 students.

In classes of more than 100 students, one scholarship is granted for each additional hundred to the immediate next student with the highest grades.

ii. Assistance scholarships and loans

The first criterion for their granting is students' financial state and the second one is their performance. The number of beneficiaries is set to six (6) students per class, if it comprises 100 or fewer students; this number increases by one (1) for each additional hundred for classes with more (than 100) students. The assistance amount is considered half scholarship and half loan without interest.



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Strasbourg, 20 December 2006

Dear Ms Mandraki,

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the 17th Greek report on the European Social Charter and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed question concerning Article 10§4.

The ECSR would be grateful if you could reply to these questions before 28 February 2007 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions XVIII-2.

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Question in respect of the 17th report of Greece

Article 10§4

The Committee requests detailed information on fees for university and non-university higher education, as well as on possible training allowances.