

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 283rd 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 conduct a press conference on the occasion of the publication of Conclusions 2015 and XX-4;

- to examine:

- the pending collective complaints,
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions,
- the draft 2015 Activity report,
- the follow-up to the Turin 2 Conference,

- to plan and prepare the examination of national reports for Conclusions 2016 and XXI-1 (2016);

- to hold a discussion with a view to adopting a contribution to the Council of Europe's new Strategy for the Rights of the Child;

Output 1) The Committee, represented by its President and its General Rapporteur, held a press conference on Conclusions 2015 and XX-4 (2015). This conference and the media work surrounding it led to a very significant echo in the media in many countries.

2) 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).

3) As regards collective complaints, the Committee adopted:

- a decision on the admissibility in European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) v. France, Complaint No. 119/2015
- a decision on the merits in European Council of Police Trade Unions (CESP) v. France, Complaint No. 101/2013.

4) The Committee took note of the distribution of work and staff between the sub-committees and rapporteurs for Conclusions 2016 and XXI-1 (2016).

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

6) The Committee approved the draft 2015 Activity report.

7) The Committee adopted the contribution to the Council of Europe's new Strategy for the Rights of the Child.

8) The Committee took note of the general information provided by the Secretariat, in particular on the development of the Turin 2 Conference.

9) The Committee discussed and made proposals concerning the up-dated Charter information tools (website, HUDOC, XMLESC) on the basis of presentations by the Secretariat.

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.

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