

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 285th session

SYNOPSIS

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

Objective(s) - To examine:

- the draft conclusions as regards Denmark, Germany, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom for Conclusions XXI-1 (2016) and the draft conclusions as regards Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Finland, Georgia, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal and Slovak Republic, for Conclusions 2016,

Conclusions 2016 and XXI-1 (2016) relating to all States Parties will be adopted in December 2016

- the draft findings on follow-up to collective complaints as regards Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Slovenia (simplified reporting procedure);
- the pending collective complaints;
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions, including the draft third report on the provisions not accepted by Lithuania;
- proposals relating to the Committee's Rules and Working Methods.

- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin process.

Output 1) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions XXI-1 (2016) as regards Denmark, Germany, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom and draft conclusions 2016 as regards Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Finland, Georgia, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal and Slovak Republic ;

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 adopted :

- a decision on the merits in *Bedriftsforbundet v. Norway*, Complaint No. 103/2013;
- a decision on the merits in *European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) v. Czech Republic*, Complaint No. 104/2014

4) The Committee adopted the third report on the non-accepted provisions in respect of Lithuania and was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions.

5) The Committee took note of the information provided on the Turin process.

Conclusions/Follow Up The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- to amend the draft conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Committee and transform them into provisional conclusions;

- 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 finalise the report on non-accepted provisions in respect of Lithuania with a view to notifying them to the Lithuanian authorities as soon as possible;

- to remain in contact with the other States Parties concerned on the procedure on non-accepted provisions;

- to include the proposals on the Rules and Working Methods on the agenda of the next session with a view to their adoption.

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