

**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX**

SYNOPSIS OF THE 288th SESSION

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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 for Conclusions 2016 and Conclusions XXI-1 (2016);

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

- the draft conclusions in respect of situations of non-conformity for lack of information (Conclusions 2014);
- the provisional conclusions by article (preliminary review);
- the draft conclusions as regards Iceland for Conclusions XX-4 (2015);
- the pending collective complaints;
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions,.

- To consider developments pertaining to the Turin process,

- To hold a public hearing in Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE) v. Greece,

- To hold an exchange of view with President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Judge Koen Lenaerts on issues of mutual interest.

- Output**
- 1) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions 2016 and XXI-1 (2016);
 - 2) The Committee conducted a preliminary review of the provisional conclusions;
 - 3) The Committee decided to postpone the examination of the draft conclusions in respect of situations of non-conformity for lack of information (Conclusions 2014) as well as the examination of the draft conclusions for Conclusions XX-4 (2015) as regards Iceland to the December session;
 - 4) 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);
 - 5) The Committee adopted :
 - a decision on admissibility in *Fellesforbundet for Sjøfolk (FFFS) v. Norway*, Complaint No. 120/2016;
 - a decision on the merits in *Associazione sindacale "La Voce dei Giusti" v. Italy*, Complaint No. 105/2014.
 - 6) The Committee held a public hearing in Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE) v. Greece, complaint No. 11/2014;
 - 7) The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
 - 8) The Committee took note of the information provided on the Turin process;
 - 9) The Committee held an exchange of views with the President of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Judge Koen Lenaerts.

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

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