



**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
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Case Document No. 4

University Women of Europe (UWE) v. Croatia
Complaint No. 126/2016

**FURTHER RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO UWE'S
OBSERVATIONS ON ADMISSIBILITY**

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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PENSION SYSTEM

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE
SECRETARIAT GENERAL
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SUBJECT: Complaint No. 126/2016- University Women of Europe (UWE) vs Croatia

Dear Mr Kristensen,

The Government of the Republic of Croatia would like to reiterate its observations made in letter of 14th December 2016, specifically those regarding competence in according to Article 3 of the Additional Protocol.

The Republic of Croatia considers that UWE in its response did not submit any facts that would prove that the UWE specifically deals with labour legislation, status of women in the labour market or remuneration. As quoted in the UWE'S response and defined in its Constitution the purpose of UWE/GEFUDU is:

"- to promote action consistent with the purpose of IFUW by encouraging cooperation between its European members at various levels and to enable them to collaborate with European International Organisations as well as to promote in Europe the programme of IFUW,

-to participate in the progressive development of European Civil Society, by working to achieve the programmes of the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby and other European governmental and non-governmental organisations as is deemed appropriate by the aims and programmes of UWE,

-To promote lifelong education, especially for women and girls.

UWE/GEFUDU is a regional group of IFUW, has participative NGO status with the Council of Europe and is a member of the European Women's Lobby."

It is Government's opinion that from text quoted above does not arise that UWE has particular competence i.e. specifically deals with labour legislation, status of women in the labour market or remuneration, and that are subject matters of this complaint.

Also we would like to emphasize one more time that in UWE's collective complaint or in its response it is not specified in what respect Croatia failed to ensure satisfactory implementation of the provisions of European Social Charter, or what provisions of Croatian legislation are in conflict with ESC. In the lack of proofs of unsatisfactory implementation of the provision of ESC and existence of provisions that are in conflict with ESC, UWE in its response is referring to the facts that should be subject of discussion on the merits but not on the admissibility of the complaint. Therefore the Government of the Republic of Croatia in this stage of procedure will abstain from comments regarding these facts.

For all reasons mentioned above, the Government of the Republic of Croatia one more time stresses its belief that the collective complaint does not meet the admissibility criteria laid down in the Additional Protocol and the Rules of Procedure, and therefore requests the European Committee of Social Rights to declare the complaint inadmissible.

Sincerely yours,

MINISTER



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