



EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS  
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

## **European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 291st session**

### **SYNOPSIS**

**Date** 21/03/2017 - 24/03/2017

**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 examine:

- the draft conclusions XXI-1 (2016) as regards Luxembourg, the Netherlands in respect of Aruba, the Netherlands in respect of Curaçao and the Netherlands in respect of the special Caribbean municipalities in view of their adoption;
- the draft conclusions as regards Poland and Spain for Conclusions XXI-2 (2017) and the draft conclusions as regards Belgium, Finland and Austria for Conclusions 2017;
- the pending collective complaints;
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions, including the draft third report on the provisions not accepted by Norway;
- developments relating to the Turin process,

**Output** 1) The Committee adopted the Conclusions XXI-1 (2016) as regards Luxembourg, the Netherlands in respect of Aruba, the

Netherlands in respect of Curaçao and the Netherlands in respect of the special Caribbean municipalities;

2) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions as regards Poland and Spain (1961 Charter) and as regards Belgium, Finland and Austria (Revised Charter);

2) The Rapporteurs for the pending collective complaints informed the Committee of the progress of the proceedings and the President informed about the procedural decisions taken since the previous session (Rules 27 and 28) as well as about new complaints registered.

4) The Committee adopted :

- a decision on the merits in Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE) v. Greece, Complaint No. 111/2014;
- a decision on admissibility in *Movimento per la libertà della pscicanalisi – Associazione culturale* v. Italy, Complaint No. 122/2016;
- a decision on admissibility in Irish Congress of Trade Unions v. Ireland, Complaint No. 123/2016;

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

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

**Conclusions/Follow Up** The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

**Up**

- to finalise the adopted conclusions for transmission to the State Parties and for publication as soon as possible;
- to amend the draft conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Committee and transform them into provisional conclusions;
- to notify the decisions regarding 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 Norway with a view to notifying it to the relevant authorities as soon as possible;

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

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