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Pensioners' Union of the Agricultural Bank of Greece (ATE)v. Greece Complaint No 80/2012

OBSERVATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ADMISSIBILITY

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HELLENIC REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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SUBJECT: Collective complaint No80/2012 of the "Pensioner's Union of the Agricultural Bank of Greece (ATE) against Greece"

The Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe in a letter dated 6th January 2012, informed the Greek Government of the Collective Complaint submitted by the "Pensioner's Union of the Agricultural Bank of Greece (ATE) against Greece" on 2 January 2012, and asked for its observations on the Admissibility of the said Complaint until 25th February 2012.

In conformity with Article 6 of the Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter providing for a system of collective complaints and with Rule 25 para1 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Committee of Social Rights, the observations of the Greek Government on the admissibility of the aforementioned Collective Complaint No80/2012, which was submitted against Greece alleging violations of articles 12§3 and 31§1 of the European Social Charter, are as follows:

- 1. In accordance with Article 4 of the Protocol, which was ratified by Greece on 18 June 1998 and entered into force on 18 August 1998, the Complaint has been submitted in writing and concerns Articles 13§3 and 31§1 of the Charter of 1961, provisions accepted by Greece when it ratified this Treaty on 6 June 1984 and to which it is bound since the entry into force of this Treaty in its respect on 8 July 1984.
- 2. The grounds for the complaint are indicated.
- 3. The Pensioner's Union of the Agricultural Bank of Greece is a trade union and, as such, is entitled to lodge complaints before the Committee.

On the basis of the above, the Greek Government does not question that Complaint No80/2012 meets the preconditions concerning admissibility, as these are defined in article 1b and in article 4 of the Protocol.

Finally, as regards the representation of the Greek Government before the European Social Rights Committee, Ms Evaggelia Zerva, official of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Directorate of International Relations, is appointed as representative.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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