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REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

9th National Report on the implementation of
the European Social Charter

submitted by

THE GOVERNMENT OF ESTONIA

(Article 1§2
for the period 01/01/2007 – 31/12/2010)

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Responding to your letter from 14 June 2012 we would like to inform you that

- 1) There is no compulsory minimum period for those serving in the professional armed forces;
- 2) There are no conditions, such as specialised training or specific operational requirements, that would limit the persons concerned leave the service.

However, we would like to inform you that according to the information received from the Ministry of Defence, we are preparing a draft bill which would amend our legislation accordingly.

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Strasbourg, 14 June 2012

Dear Ms Malvet,

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the States' reports on the European Social Charter with respect to the thematic group on "employment, training and equal opportunities" and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed questions.

The Committee would be grateful if you could reply to these questions before 27 July 2012 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Régis Brillat



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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

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14 June 2012

Questions addressed to Estonia

Article 1§2 (prohibition of discrimination in employment/ forced labour/ right to earn one's living in an occupation freely entered upon):

- *What is the length of, if any, compulsory minimum period of service required of those serving in the professional armed forces?*
- *Are there circumstances, such as specialised training or specific operational requirements, which entail a different compulsory minimum term of service in the professional armed forces and under what conditions may the persons concerned leave the service before the expiry of this term?*