

**Statement of Mr Nenad Ivanišević, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs, Serbia
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Dear Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and myself, I would to thank the organisers for exceptionally organised Conference. Also all complements go to our Italian hosts and to the Council of Europe.

All that has been said at this Conference has presented the European Social Charter in a comprehensive way – the system of collective complaints, European trends regarding one corps of human rights that are guaranteed under the Social Charter

I have followed the interventions and discussion with great interest and would like to underline that the Republic of Serbia in its policies has always paid attention to protection of labour and social rights, but also to sustainability of social security and welfare, and in particular to the sustainability in current economic crisis in the country.

Also, the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs stand as always ready and committed to continue promotion of labour and social rights in the country, and I think that we are all on the same path as is the National Assembly of Serbia and all other relevant state authorities and NGOs.

In this context, i would like to inform the gathering that amendments to the national legislation have been announced in the forthcoming period, and I assure you that they will facilitate more consistent application of the standards set in the European Social Charter

Finally, once again I would like to greet and thank all the participants and organisers of the Conference.