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Brainstorming on the ratification of the Collective Complaints procedure

Why?

When?

Tuesday 18 October 2011

Room: G 03 AGORA

10.00-11.55*

In the framework of the ceremonies for the 50th anniversary of the European Social Charter, the brainstorming will focus on the importance of opening channels for civil society complaints against violation of social rights on the basis of the view point of the Commissioner for Human Rights of 25 May 2009 and updated on 12 September 2011 (see Appendix), in the presence of members of the European Committee of Social Rights and of the Governmental Committee.

Moderator: Christos GIAKOUMOPOULOS
Director of Human Rights, Directorate General I, Human Rights and Rule of law,
Council of Europe

Keynote speaker: Thomas HAMMARBERG,
Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

First Part: **COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTORS**

Luis JIMENA QUESADA	President of the European Committee of Social Rights
Alexandra PIMENTA	Chair of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter
Ambassador Andrey TEHOV	Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the Council of Europe, President of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H)
Carina OHLSSON	Member of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly

Second Part: **OTHER ACTORS**

Stefan CLAUWAERT	European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
Marie-José SCHMITT	Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations / European Action of the Disabled
Jean-François AKANDJI-KOMBE	Professor at the Sorbonne Law School, University of Paris 1 (France) and coordinator of the European Social Charter Network

* The brainstorming will be preceded by a presentation of new communication tools on the European Social Charter: the new visual identity, a comic book for children and the card game "ENTER! Game on social rights for young people". This presentation will be held in the same room, room G 03, from 9.00 to 9.55. The brainstorming will immediately be followed by the official ceremony of the 50th anniversary of the European Social Charter which will take place in the hall of the Agora building.