

# The European Social Charter 3 Every elderly person has the right to social protection. 24 All workers have the right to protect employment. 25 All workers have the right to protect the next ten years.

Seminar to mark the tenth anniversary of the Revised Charter

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lted within the undertaking, 22 Workers have the right to Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, tions and working environment in the undertaking 23 Ever Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, the right to protection in cases of termination of employment Meeting room 5 ight to protection of their of the insolvency of their employer. 26 All workers have the 13 May 2006.

# **Morning**

Chair Mr Bernard MARQUET, Vice President of the Social, Health

and Family Affairs Committee, Parliamentary Assembly

Moderator Mrs Jane DINSDALE, Director General ad interim,

Directorate General of Human Rights

### First part, 9 am to 12 noon

### The Social Charter's implementation in the member states

a. The role of the executive and the legislature

Introductory report Ms Cristina Zorlin, Director, Directorate for Sectoral

Operational Programme for Human Resources

Development, Ministry of Labour, Social Solidarity and

Family, Bucharest, Romania

Debate

b. The role of the judiciary

Introductory report Professor Martin Scheinin, Professor of Constitutional and

International Law, Director, Institute for Human Rights,

Åbo Akademi University, Finland

Debate

# Ceremony, 12 noon-1 pm

# Foyer of the Committee of Ministers

Addresses by the Chair of the Ministers' Deputies

the Secretary General

the representative of the Parliamentary Assembly the President of the European Committee of Social

Rights

### Afternoon

Chair Mr Vojtech TKAC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human

Rights, Parliamentary Assembly

Moderator Mr Philippe Boillat, Director, Directorate 2, Directorate

General of Human Rights

# Second part, 2.30-4.30 pm

### The Social Charter and the European Convention on Human Rights

Introductory report Professor Jean-François AKANDJI-KOMBE, Director, Master

Programme on fundamental rights, Caen University, France

Debate

### Third part, 4.30-6.30 pm

### The Social Charter and the European Union

Introductory report Professor Olivier De Schutter, Louvain Catholic

University, Belgium

Debate

### **Closing session**

General report Mr Colm O'CINNEIDE, University College London, United

Kingdom

## Purpose of the seminar

The meeting will take place on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Revised Social Charter and is intended to launch a debate on the future of the Charter. The aim is to identify the main challenges faced and find practical ways of securing respect for Charter rights that can be implemented without changing the treaties. The meeting is part of the process of closer dialogue with the parties to the Charter, particularly bearing in mind the Plan of Action agreed at the Third Summit of the Council of Europe.