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The European Social Charter *the next ten years*

Seminar to mark the tenth anniversary of the Revised Charter

Programme

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe,
Meeting room 5
3 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

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| 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

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| Introductory report | Professor Jean-François AKANDJI-KOMBE, Director, Master Programme on fundamental rights, Caen University, France |
| | <i>Debate</i> |

Third part, 4.30-6.30 pm

The Social Charter and the European Union

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| Introductory report | Professor Olivier DE SCHUTTER, Louvain Catholic University, Belgium |
| | <i>Debate</i> |

Closing session

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

