

Statement of interpretation on Article 12§3

(...) the Committee felt it necessary to re-emphasise the dynamic character of this provision, which requires states which have accepted it to make a continuous effort to bring their social security systems progressively to a higher level and to inform the Council of Europe regularly of any new steps taken. The Committee also emphasised that to evaluate the progress achieved in increasing the rates of certain social security benefits and to decide whether such an increase represented an advance in real terms in relation to previous years, it would be desirable in future for Governments supplying such information to include the relevant evidence on the increase in the cost of living.