

Statement of interpretation on Article 14§1

When examining the first biennial reports submitted to it, the Committee found that it would not be able to judge whether a Contracting State which had accepted this paragraph was actually satisfying its obligations unless the state included in its two-yearly reports adequate information on:

- (1) general measures taken to give effect to the paragraph;
- (2) the number of principal social welfare services of the kind referred to in the paragraph;
- (3) the functions of those services and the categories of persons for whom they are intended;
- (4) the organisation, administration, financing, staff and working methods of the services and their relations with other institutions;
- (5) steps taken to promote such services;
- (6) whether recourse to such services is compulsory in particular cases;
- (7) whether those wishing to use the services are entitled to as of right or whether there is a discretionary power of granting or withholding them.