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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECSR), 318TH SESSION

SYNOPSIS

Date 25/01/2021 – 29/01/2021

Activity Type Monitoring

Location Videoconference

Directorate (Service) DGI Human Rights and Rule of Law (Department of the European Social Charter)

Origin/DG Remarks The European Committee of Social Rights is established by the European Social Charter. It is composed of 15 independent experts. It works on 2 specific objectives: treating collective complaints and examining national reports on the application of the European Social Charter with a view to rule on the conformity of national situations under the Charter.

- Objective(s)**
- To examine the pending collective complaints;
 - To examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
 - To examine and adopt Conclusions XXII-1 (2020) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2020 of the Revised Charter;
 - To examine and adopt Findings 2020 on follow-up to decisions in collective complaints;
 - To consider a revised draft statement on social rights and COVID-19;
 - To decide on the composition of sub-committees and Rapporteur responsibilities for Conclusions 2021 and XXII-2 (2021);
 - To elect a new Bureau

Output

- 1) The Committee adopted a decision on admissibility and immediate measures in:

Union Syndicale Solidaires SDIS v. France
Complaint No. 193/2020

- 2) The Committee adopted a decision on the merits in:

International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) v. Greece
Complaint No. 173/2018

- 3) The Rapporteurs for the pending collective complaints informed the Committee of the progress of the proceedings and the President informed about the procedural decisions taken since the previous session (Rules 27 and 28) as well as about new complaints registered;
- 4) The Committee adopted Conclusions XXII-1 (2020) of the 1961 Charter and for Conclusions 2020 of the Revised Charter;
- 5) The Committee adopted Findings 2020;
- 6) The Committee considered the arrangements for the up-coming (2021) written reports in the framework of the procedure on non-accepted provisions.
- 7) The Committee held a second discussion on the revised draft statement on social rights and COVID-19.
- 8) The Committee decided on the composition of sub-committees and Rapporteur responsibilities for Conclusions 2021 and XXII-2 (2021);
- 9) The Committee elected its new Bureau as follows: President Karin LUKAS, Vice-Presidents Eliane CHEMLA and Aoife NOLAN, General Rapporteur Giuseppe PALMISANO.

Conclusions/ The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

Follow Up

- to notify the decisions regarding collective complaints according to the usual procedure;
- to follow the collective complaints procedure with the Rapporteurs for the pending complaints;

- to finalise the conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Committee with a view to their subsequent transmission to the States Parties and to their publication;
- to finalise Findings 2020 with a view to their transmission to the States Parties and to their publication;
- to revise the draft statement on social rights and COVID-19 with a view to further deliberation at the next session;
- to proceed with the organisations of meetings and the written reports for the 2021 exercise.

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