EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECSR), 319TH SESSION

SYNOPSIS

Date 22/03/2021 – 26/03/2021

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 state reports for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter.
- To consider a revised draft statement on social rights and COVID-19.
- Publication of Conclusions 2020/XXII-1 and Findings 2020.
- To hold an exchange of views with the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights.

Output

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

   Greek Bar Associations v. Greece
   Complaint No. 196/2020

2) 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;

3) The Committee considered the arrangements for the up-coming (2021) written reports in the framework of the procedure on non-accepted provisions;

4) The sub-committees examined draft conclusions for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter

5) The Committee adopted its statement on social rights and COVID-19;

6) The exchange of views with the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights was cancelled for unavoidable reasons.

Conclusions/ Follow Up

The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

- 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 provisional conclusion adopted by the sub-committees
- to finalise the statement on social rights and COVID-19 with a view to its publication;
- to proceed with the organisation of meetings and written reports for the 2021 exercise on non-accepted provisions;

- to fix a new date for an exchange of views with the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights.

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