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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECSR), 320TH SESSION

SYNOPSIS

Date 17/05/2021 – 21/05/2021

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 national reports for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter.
- To examine developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions.
- To examine the draft proposal for targeted questions for state reports (Conclusions 2022/XXII-3).
- To consider the draft amendments to the Rules and to the Working Methods.
- To hold an exchange of views with the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights.

Output

- 1) During the exchange of views with the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights inter alia the following topics were discussed: general issues of cooperation and synergy between the Committee and the Commissioner, the right to health, including in relation to COVID-19, in the light of the recent Issue Paper published by the Commissioner and on the basis of the Committee's own work such as the statements on COVID-19
- 2) The Committee adopted a decision on the merits in the following complaint:
 - *Confédération générale du travail (CGT) and Confédération française de l'encadrement-CGC (CFE-CGC) v. France*
Complaint No. 149/2017
- 3) The Committee took stock of the situation in the following complaint:
 - European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) v. Belgium
Complaint No. 195/2020.
 - Unione Nazionale Dirigenti dello Stato (UNADIS) v. Italy (tbc)
Complaint No. 147/2017
 - European Youth Forum (YFJ) v. Belgium
Complaint No. 150/2017
- 4) The Committee considered the arrangements for the up-coming (2021) written reports in the framework of the procedure on non-accepted provisions.
- 5) The sub-committees examined draft conclusions for Conclusions XXII-2 (2021) of the 1961 Charter and Conclusions 2021 of the Revised Charter.
- 6) The Committee examined the draft proposal for targeted questions for next year's state reports.
- 7) The Committee adopted the draft amendments to the Rules and Working Methods.

**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 proceed with the organisation of meetings and written reports for the 2021 exercise on non-accepted provisions;
- to disseminate the targeted questions to States together with the requests for next year's report as soon as possible after the May session;
- to finalise the draft amendments to the Rules and the Working Methods.

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