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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITE EUROPEEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX

European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), 302nd session

SYNOPSIS

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Activity Type Monitoring

Location Strasbourg, France (Agora)

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 draft conclusions as regards Croatia and Spain for Conclusions XXI-3 (2018) and the draft conclusions as regards Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Romania for Conclusions 2018 and draft findings on follow-up to decisions in collective complaints as regards Belgium and France ;
- the pending collective complaints;
- developments relating to the procedure on non-accepted provisions including the draft first report on the provisions not accepted by Hungary;
- to hold an exchange of views with Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).

- Output**
- 1) The Sub-Committees examined the draft conclusions as regards Croatia and Spain for Conclusions XXI-3 (2018) and the draft conclusions as regards Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Romania for Conclusions 2018 as well as draft findings in respect of Belgium and France ;
 - 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 adopted a decision on the admissibility in:
- International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA) v. France
Complaint No. 162/2018
- European Organisation of Military Associations (EUROMIL) v. Ireland
Complaint No. 164/2018
- European Disability Forum and Inclusion Europe v. France
Complaint No. 168/2018

and a decision on the merits in:

Equal Rights Trust v. Bulgaria
Complaint No. 121/2016

Confédération générale du travail (CGT) v. France
Complaint No. 154/2017

- 4) The Committee adopted the first report on the non-accepted provisions in respect of Hungary. The Committee was informed of the latest developments with respect to the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
- 5) The Committee held an exchange of views with Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Conclusions/Follow Up The Committee instructed the Secretariat:

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- to amend the draft conclusions in accordance with the instructions of the Committee and transform them into provisional conclusions;
- to amend the draft findings in accordance with the instructions of the Committee;
- 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 report on non-accepted provisions in respect of Hungary with a view to notifying it to the relevant authorities as soon as possible;
- to remain in contact with the other States Parties concerned on the procedure on non-accepted provisions;
- to pursue the further strengthening and development of cooperation with FRA.

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