21 April 2016

Dear Members and Colleagues,

The next meeting of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter will take place during the week of 9-13 May in Strasbourg.

On this occasion, the Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine will be requested to respond on the decision of non-conformity with article 7 - "the right of children and young persons to protection" of the European Social Charter (1961 Charter and revised Charter).

The Governments of Azerbaijan, Slovak Republic and Turkey, will also be requested to respond on the decision of non-conformity with article 8 - "the right of employed women to protection of maternity" of the European Social Charter (1961 Charter and revised Charter).

These decisions have been made public by the European Committee of Social Rights and can be accessed via the links in the side panel.

We invite you to send all relevant information you might want to share with your Government representative at the Governmental Committee to better build his/her defense of the situation in your country. We will take care of following-up the case and conveying this information to the relevant person.

Kindly send all relevant information by 6 May 2016 to assenza@ioe-emp.org.

Should you need more information on the European Social Charter and its supervision, as well as on the Governmental Committee, please refer to our recent publication, which may be downloaded via the link in the side panel, or visit our dedicated webpage. Please also feel free to contact me with any specific questions.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Kind regards,

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