24 April 2017

Meeting of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter

Dear Members and Colleagues,

The next meeting of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter will take place during the week of 15-19 May in Strasbourg.

This meeting deals with the supervision of the European Social Charter (thematic group “Employment, training and equal opportunities”) and the European Code of Social Security.

With reference to the Charter, the Governments of Greece, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Portugal, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Spain and Ukraine will be requested to respond on the decision of non-conformity with article 1, paragraph 1 - "the achievement and maintenance of high and stable levels of employment" of the European Social Charter (1961 Charter and revised Charter).

The Governments of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine will be requested to respond on the decision of non-conformity with article 1 paragraph 2 - "the right to earn a living in an occupation freely entered upon" of the European Social Charter (1961 Charter and revised Charter).

The Governments of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Slovak Republic and Spain will also be requested to respond on the decision of non-conformity with article 1 paragraph 3 - "the right to establish or maintain free employment services for all workers" 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.

With regards to the Code of Social Security, the conclusion and draft resolutions related to its application in Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the UK are available in the link via the side panel.

We invite you to send all relevant information on the basis of the reports mentioned above, so that the IOE will be able to counterbalance the
European Committee of Social Rights' conclusions and present alternative language on the draft resolutions on the European Code of Social Security, if needed. Kindly send all relevant information by 10 May to assenza@ioe-emp.com.

Should you need more information on the European Social Charter and its supervision, as well as on the Governmental Committee, please refer to our 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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