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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR THE DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

COPENHAGEN, TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014

The meetings in Copenhagen form part of the Council of Europe's Programme of Activities with respect to the European Social Charter. The aims are to maintain a dialogue with the national authorities and other relevant actors on the implementation of the Charter, to raise awareness of the treaty and its procedures and to encourage ratification of the Revised Charter and the collective complaints procedure.

The European Social Charter is a Council of Europe treaty which guarantees social and economic human rights. It was adopted in 1961 and revised in 1996.

The mission of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR) is to judge that the States Parties are in conformity in law and in practice with the provisions of the European Social Charter. In respect of national reports, the Committee adopts conclusions, in respect of collective complaints, it adopts decisions. The Committee is composed of 15 independent, impartial experts, elected by the Committee of Ministers for a 6-year term of office, renewable once.

Morning

9.00-12.00 Meeting with the Ministry of Employment

Venue: Ministry of Employment, Ved Stranden 8, 1061 Copenhagen K

Topics to be discussed, e.g.:

- Prospects for ratification of the Revised European Social Charter and the collective complaints procedure by Denmark (legal and political obstacles?)
- Specific situations of non-conformity for Denmark (issues of interpretation, problems of factual understanding...)
- Any issues related to the current Danish report on labour rights
- The new adjusted/simplified reporting system
- Relations between the Charter and EU law (e.g. the implementation of the Posted Workers Directive following the CJEU judgments (Laval, etc.))
- Turin Conference scheduled for 17-18 October 2014
- Any other business

Contact person: Lis Witsø-Lund

12.00-13.00 Lunch with the Ministry

Afternoon

13.30-15.00 Meeting with members of the Danish Parliament (*Folketinget*)

Venue: Christiansborg, 1240 Copenhagen K

Topics to be discussed, e.g.:

- Briefing on Denmark and the European Social Charter
- The Parliament and international treaty obligations
- Exchange of views on the prospects for ratification of the Revised European Social Charter and the collective complaints procedure by Denmark

Contact person: Mette Vestergaard

15.15-16.30 Meeting with the Danish Institute for Human Rights

Venue: Institute for Human Rights, Wilders Plads 8K, 1403 Copenhagen K

Topics to be discussed, e.g.:

- Presentation of the Institute and its work, including in relation to the European Social Charter
- Possibilities of cooperation on promotion of the Charter and its procedures in Denmark

Contact person: Christoffer Badse

16.45-18.00 Meeting with the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)

Venue: LO Headquarters, Islands Brygge 32D, 2300 Copenhagen S

Topics to be discussed, e.g.:

- The role of the European Social Charter and its procedures as viewed by the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions
- Denmark and the European Social Charter: record of compliance, current report on labour rights, prospects for ratification of the Revised Charter and the collective complaints procedure by Denmark, etc.
- Relations between the Charter and EU law

Contact persons: Jørgen Rønnow
Signe Esmann Andersen

The Committee delegation will be composed as follows:

Monika Schlachter (German), Vice-President of the Committee
Colm O’Cinneide (Irish), General Rapporteur of the Committee
Birgitta Nyström (Swedish), member of the Committee
Henrik Kristensen, Deputy Executive Secretary to the Committee, Council of Europe

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The working language during the meetings will be English.