

European Social Charter (Revised)

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List of declarations¹

Belgium :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 2 March 2004 - Or.Fr.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 2, of the Charter, Belgium considers itself bound by the following articles of Part II:

- Article 1 - the right to work
- Article 2 - the right to just conditions of work
- Article 3 - the right to safe and healthy working conditions
- Article 4 - the right to a faire remuneration
- Article 5 - the right to organize
- Article 6 - the right to bargain collectively
- Article 7 - the right of children and young persons to protection
- Article 8 - the right of employed women to protection of maternity
- Article 9 - the right to vocational guidance
- Article 10 - the right to vocational training
- Article 11 - the right to protection of health
- Article 12 - the right to social security
- Article 13 - the right to social and medical assistance
- Article 14 - the right to benefit from social welfare services
- Article 15 - the right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration and participation in the life of the community
- Article 16 - The right of the family to social, legal and economic protection
- Article 17 - The right of children and young persons to social, legal and economic protection
- Article 18 - The right to engage in a gainful occupation in the territory of other Parties
- Article 19 - The right of migrant workers and their families to protection and assistance (except paragraph 12)
- Article 20 - The right to equal opportunities and equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation without discrimination on the grounds of sex
- Article 21 - The right to information and consultation
- Article 22 - The right to take part in the determination and improvement of the working conditions and working environment
- Article 25 - The right of workers to the protection of their claims in the event of the insolvency of their employer
- Article 26 - The right to dignity at work (except paragraph 2)
- Article 29 - The right to information and consultation in collective redundancy procedures
- Article 30 - The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion.

Period covered: 1/5/2004 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

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Bulgaria :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 June 2000 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part IV, Article D, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the Republic of Bulgaria accepts the supervision of its obligations under this Charter following the procedure provided in the Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter providing for a system of collective complaints of 9 November 1995.

Period covered: 1/8/2000 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : D

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 June 2000 - Or. Fr.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 1, of the Charter, the Republic of Bulgaria declares the following :

1. The Republic of Bulgaria considers Part I of this Charter as a declaration of the aims which it will pursue by all appropriate means both national and international in character, as stated in the introductory paragraph of that Part.

2. The Republic of Bulgaria considers itself bound by the following Articles of Part II of the Charter:

Article 1

Article 2, paragraphs 2, 4-7

Article 3

Article 4, paragraphs 2-5

Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 11

Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 3

Article 13, paragraphs 1-3

Articles 14,16

Article 17, paragraph 2

Article 18, paragraph 4,

Articles 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26

Article 27, paragraphs 2 and 3

Articles 28 and 29.

Period covered: 1/8/2000 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in a Note verbale from the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria, dated 16 February 2007 and registered at the Secretariat General on 20 February 2007 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 3, of the European Social Charter (revised), the Republic of Bulgaria declares that it considers itself bound by Part II, Article 2, paragraph 3, of the revised Charter.

Period covered: 1/4/2007 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Cyprus :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of Cyprus, handed to the Secretary General at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, on 27 September 2000 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, of the revised European Social Charter, the Republic of Cyprus considers itself bound by Articles 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24 and 28 as well as by the following paragraphs:

paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 7 of Article 2,

paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article 3,

paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of Article 7,

paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Article 8,

paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13,

paragraph 4 of Article 18, and

paragraph 3 of Article 27.

Period covered: 1/11/2000 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Denmark :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representative, dated 2 May 1996, handed to the Secretary General at the time of signature, on 3 May 1996 - Or. Engl.

The Danish Government makes reservations with regard to the following provisions of the Social Charter (Revised): Article 2, paragraph 7, Article 24, Article 27, Article 28, Article 29 and Part V, Article E.

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Estonia :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, handed at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification on 11 September 2000 - Or. Fr.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the Republic of Estonia notifies that it considers itself bound by the following articles of Part II of the Charter:

- 1) Article 1 - The right to work (paragraphs 1-4, in full);
- 2) Article 2 - The right to just conditions of work (paragraphs 1-3, 5-7);
- 3) Article 3 - The right to safe and healthy working conditions (paragraphs 1-3);
- 4) Article 4 - The right to a fair remuneration (paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5);
- 5) Article 5 - The right to organise (in full);
- 6) Article 6 - The right to bargain collectively (paragraphs 1-4, in full);
- 7) Article 7 - The right of children and young persons to protection (paragraphs 1-4, 7-10);
- 8) Article 8 - The right of employed women to protection of maternity (paragraphs 1-5, in full);
- 9) Article 9 - The right to vocational guidance (in full);
- 10) Article 10 - The right to vocational training (paragraphs 1, 3, 4);
- 11) Article 11 - The right to protection of health (paragraphs 1-3, in full);
- 12) Article 12 - The right to social security (paragraphs 1-4, in full);
- 13) Article 13 - The right to social and medical assistance (paragraphs 1-3);
- 14) Article 14 - The right to benefit from social welfare services (paragraphs 1,2, in full);
- 15) Article 15 - The right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration and participation in the life of the community (paragraphs 1-3, in full);
- 16) Article 16 - The right of the family to social, legal and economic protection (in full);
- 17) Article 17 - the right of children and young persons to social, legal and economic protection (paragraphs 1, 2, in full);
- 18) Article 19 - The right of migrant workers and their families to protection and assistance (paragraphs 1-12, in full);
- 19) Article 20 - The right to equal opportunities and equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation without discrimination on the grounds of sex (in full);
- 20) Article 21 - the right to information and consultation (in full);
- 21) Article 22 - The right to take part in the determination and improvement of the working conditions and working environment (in full);
- 22) Article 24 - The right to protection in cases of termination of employment (in full);
- 23) Article 25 - The right of workers to the protection of their claims in the event of the insolvency of their employer (in full);
- 24) Article 27 - The right of workers with family responsibilities to equal opportunities and treatment (1-3, in full);
- 25) Article 28 - the right of workers representatives to protection in the undertaking and facilities to be accorded to them (in full);
- 26) Article 29 - The right to information and consultation in collective redundancy procedures (in full).

Period covered: 1/11/2000 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Finland :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 21 June 2002 - Or. Engl.

The Republic of Finland declares in accordance with Part III, Article A of the Charter that it considers itself bound by the following Articles of Part II of the Charter: Articles 1 and 2, paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 3, paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of Article 4, Articles 5 and 6, paragraphs 1 to 5, 7, 8 and 10 of Article 7, paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 8, Articles 9 to 18, paragraphs 1 to 9, 11 and 12 of Article 19 and Articles 20 to 31.

Period covered: 1/8/2002 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

France :

[**Note by the Secretariat** : France considers itself bound by all the articles of Part II of the Charter.]

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Ireland :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification and in a letter from the Permanent Representative of Ireland, dated 4 November 2000, deposited on 4 November 2000 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, of the Charter, Ireland considers itself bound by all the provisions of the Charter, except :

Article 8, paragraph 3;
Article 21, paragraphs a and b;
Article 27, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph c;
Article 31.

Period covered: 1/1/2001 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification and in a letter from the Permanent Representative of Ireland, dated 4 November 2000, deposited on 4 November 2000 - Or. Engl.

In view of the general wording of Article 31 of the Charter, Ireland is not in a position to accept the provisions of this article at this time. However, Ireland will follow closely the interpretation to be given to the provisions of Article 31 by the Council of Europe with a view to their acceptance by Ireland at a later date.

Period covered: 1/1/2001 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 31

Italy :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation, handed to the Secretary General at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, on 5 July 1999 - Or. Engl.

Italy does not consider itself bound by Article 25 (the right of workers to the protection of their claims in the event of the insolvency of their employer) of the Charter.

Period covered: 1/9/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Lithuania :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 29 June 2001 - Or. Engl.

The Republic of Lithuania declares that it considers itself bound by the provisions of the following Articles of the Charter: Articles 1-11 of Part II, sub-paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Article 12, sub-paragraphs 1-3 of Article 13, Articles 14-17, sub-paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 18, sub-paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-11 of Article 19, Articles 20-22, Articles 24-29 and sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 31.

Period covered: 1/8/2001 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Malta :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta, handed over at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, on 27 July 2005 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, of the Charter, the Republic of Malta considers itself bound by the following Articles and paragraphs of Part II:

Article 1 - the right to work (paragraphs 1 to 4)

Article 2 - the right to just conditions of work (paragraphs 1 to 3, 5 and 6)

Article 3 - the right to safe and healthy working conditions (paragraphs 1 to 4)

Article 4 - the right to a fair remuneration (paragraphs 1 to 5)

Article 5 - the right to organise

Article 6 - the right to bargain collectively (paragraphs 1 to 4)

Article 7 - the right of children and young persons to protection (paragraphs 1 to 10)

Article 8 - the right of employed women to protection of maternity (paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5)

Article 9 - the right to vocational guidance

Article 10 - the right to vocational training (paragraphs 1 to 5a and 5d)

Article 11 - the right to protection of health (paragraphs 1 to 3)

Article 12 - the right to social security (paragraphs 1, 3 and 4a)

Article 13 - the right to social and medical assistance (paragraphs 1 to 4)

Article 14 - the right to benefit from social welfare services (paragraphs 1 and 2)

Article 15 - the right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration and participation in the life of the community (paragraphs 1 to 3)

Article 16 - The right of the family to social, legal and economic protection

Article 17 - The right of children and young persons to social, legal and economic protection (paragraphs 1 and 2)

Article 18 - The right to engage in a gainful occupation in the territory of other Parties (paragraph 4)

Article 20 - The right to equal opportunities and equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation without discrimination on the grounds of sex

Article 23 - The right of elderly persons to social protection

Article 24 - The right to protection in cases of termination of employment

Article 25 - The right of workers to the protection of their claims in the event of the insolvency of their employer

Article 26 - The right to dignity at work (paragraphs 1 and 2)

Article 27 - The right of workers with family responsibilities to equal opportunities and equal treatment (paragraphs 2 and 3)

Article 28 - The right of workers' representatives to protection in the undertaking and facilities to be accorded to them

Article 29 - The right to information and consultation in collective redundancy procedures.

Period covered: 1/9/2005 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Netherlands :

Reservation contained in the instrument of acceptance deposited on 3 May 2006 - Or. Engl.

The Netherlands will consider itself bound by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the European Social Charter (revised), except with respect to military personnel in active service and civil servants employed by the Ministry of Defence.

Period covered: 1/7/2006 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 6, A

Reservation contained in the instrument of acceptance deposited on 3 May 2006 - Or. Engl.

The Netherlands will not consider itself bound by Article 19, paragraph 12, of the Charter (revised).

Period covered: 1/7/2006 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 19, A

Declaration contained in the instrument of acceptance deposited on 3 May 2006 - Or. Engl.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands accepts the European Social Charter (revised) for the Kingdom in Europe.

Period covered: 1/7/2006 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : L

Norway :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 May 2001 - Or. Engl.

The Kingdom of Norway declares that it considers itself bound by Articles 1, 4-6, 9-17, 20-25, 30 and 31, as well as, moreover, by the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 1-6, Article 3, paragraphs 2-3, Article 7, paragraphs 1-3, 5-8 and 10, Article 8, paragraphs 1 and 3, Article 19, paragraphs 1-7 and 9-12 and Article 27, paragraphs 1c and 2, of the Charter.

Period covered: 1/7/2001 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 May 2001 - Or. Engl.

In conformity with Part VI, Article L, of the revised European Social Charter, the Norwegian Government declares that the metropolitan territory of Norway to which the provisions of the revised European Social Charter shall apply, shall be the territory of the Kingdom of Norway with the exception of Svalbard (Spitzbergen) and Jan Mayen. The revised European Social Charter shall not apply to the Norwegian dependencies.

Period covered: 1/7/2001 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : L

Declaration contained in a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, transmitted by the Permanent Representative of Norway on 11 January 2005 and registered at the Secretariat General on 13 January 2005 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 3, of the revised European Social Charter, Norway considers itself bound by Article 28 of the said Social Charter.

Period covered: 1/3/2005 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Portugal :

Reservation contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 30 May 2002 - Or. Fr./Por.

The Republic of Portugal declares that it will not apply Article 2, paragraph 6 to contracts with a duration not exceeding one month or to those with an ordinary working week not exceeding eight hours, and to those of a particular or occasional nature.

Period covered: 1/7/2002 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 2

Reservation contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 30 May 2002 - Or. Fr./Por.

The Republic of Portugal declares that the obligation under Article 6 does not prejudice, with respect to

paragraph 4, the prohibition of lockouts, as specified in paragraph 4 of Article 57 of the Constitution.

Period covered: 1/7/2002 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 6

Romania :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 May 1999 - Or. Fr.

In accordance with the provisions of Article A, paragraph 1, of Part III of the Charter, Romania accepts Part I of the Charter as a declaration of the aims which it will pursue by all appropriate means and considers itself bound by the provisions of Article 1; Articles 4 - 9; Articles 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25 (*), 28 and 29, as well as, moreover, by the provisions of Article 2, paragraphs 1, 2, 4 - 7; Article 3, paragraphs 1 - 3; Article 13, paragraphs 1 - 3; Article 15, paragraphs 1 and 2; Article 18, paragraphs 3 and 4; Article 19, paragraphs 7 and 8, and Article 27, paragraph 2.

[(*) Declaration contained in a Note Verbale from the Permanent Representation of Romania, dated 16 April 2004, registered at the Secretariat General on 21 April 2004 - Or. Engl.

The Permanent Representation of Romania informs the Secretariat that the instrument of ratification no. 490 deposited by Romania on 7 May 1999 contains an error. The said instrument of ratification states under item 1 that Romania considers itself bound by Article 26, while the Act no. 74 of 3 May 1999 by which the Parliament of Romania ratified the European Social Charter (revised) made no reference to Article 26.

The Permanent Representation of Romania to the Council of Europe also informs the Secretariat that the said Law stipulates that Romania considers itself bound by Article 25 of the European Social Charter (revised). Article 25 was not notified at the time when the instrument of ratification was deposited. Given the above, the Permanent Representation of Romania declares that under item 1 of the instrument of ratification no. 490 deposited by Romania, Article 26 should be read as Article 25.

The Permanent Representation of Romania attaches the Romanian version of the Act no. 74 of 3 May 1999 and the English translation thereof.

Note by the Secretariat : the text of this Act is available upon request to the Treaty Office.]

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 7 May 1999 - Or. Fr.

Romania declares that it accepts that the application of the legal commitments contained in the European Social Charter (revised) is subject to the control mechanism provided for in Part IV of the European Social Charter adopted in Turin, on 18 October 1961.

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : C

Slovenia :

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale handed to the Secretary General at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, on 7 May 1999 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the Republic of Slovenia notifies that it considers itself bound by the following Articles of Part II of this Charter: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (paragraphs 2 and 3), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (paragraphs 1, 3 and 4), 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in a Note Verbale handed to the Secretary General at the time of deposit of the instrument of ratification, on 7 May 1999 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part IV, Article D, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the Republic of Slovenia declares that it accepts the supervision of its obligations under this Charter following the procedure provided for in the

Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter providing for a system of collective complaints, done at Strasbourg, on 9 November 1995.

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : D

Sweden :

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 29 May 1998 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Part III, Article A, paragraph 2, of the Charter, Sweden considers itself bound by the following Articles in Part II.

Article 1 The right to work (paragraphs 1-4, all)

Article 2 The right to just conditions of work (paragraphs 3, 5-6)

Article 3 The right to safe and healthy working conditions (paragraphs 1-3)

Article 4 The right to a fair remuneration (paragraphs 1, 3-4)

Article 5 The right to organise

Article 6 The right to bargain collectively (paragraphs 1-4, all)

Article 7 The right of children and young persons to protection (paragraphs 1-4, 7-10)

Article 8 The right of employed women to protection of maternity (paragraphs 1 and 3)

Article 9 The right to vocational guidance

Article 10 The right to vocational training (paragraphs 1-5, all)

Article 11 The right to protection of health (paragraphs 1-3, all)

Article 12 The right to social security (paragraphs 1-3)

Article 13 The right to social and medical assistance (paragraphs 1-4, all)

Article 14 The right to benefit from social welfare services (paragraphs 1-2, all)

Article 15 The right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration and participation in the life of the community (paragraphs 1-3, all)

Article 16 The right of the family to social, legal and economic protection

Article 17 The right of children and young persons to social, legal and economic protection (paragraphs 1-2, all)

Article 18 The right to engage in a gainful occupation in the territory of other Parties (paragraphs 1-4, all)

Article 19 The right of migrant workers and their families to protection and assistance (paragraphs 1-12, all)

Article 20 The right to equal opportunities and equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation without discrimination on the grounds of sex

Article 21 The right to information and consultation

Article 22 The right to take part in the determination and improvement of the working conditions and working environment

Article 23 The right of elderly persons to social protection

Article 25 The right of workers to the protection of their claims in the event of the insolvency of their employer

Article 26 The right to dignity at work (paragraphs 1-2, all)

Article 27 The right of workers with family responsibilities to equal opportunities and equal treatment (paragraphs 1-3, all)

Article 29 The right to information and consultation in collective redundancy procedures

Article 30 The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion

Article 31 The right to housing (paragraphs 1-3, all).

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : A

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification deposited on 29 May 1998 - Or. Engl.

Sweden considers that Preferential treatment shall not be considered as incompatible with Article E of the Charter.

Period covered: 1/7/1999 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : E