



Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The President

Strasbourg, 4 April 2017

Dear Chairman,

As you are aware, the European Social Charter is the main Council of Europe treaty guaranteeing the enjoyment of fundamental social and economic rights to all individuals without discrimination.

In the framework of the “Turin process” on the European Social Charter, launched in 2014, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) - gathering national parliamentarians from 47 European countries - decided to prepare a specific report aimed at reinforcing the normative system of the Charter within the Council of Europe and in its relationship with the European Union (EU).

Ms Sílvia Bonet (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur on “The “Turin process”: reinforcing social rights in Europe” and Vice-Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, believes that a strengthened co-operation and regular exchanges between various bodies of the Council of Europe and the EU will be crucial for the effective promotion of social rights across Europe. In this respect, she already had the opportunity to participate in the LVI COSAC in Bratislava on 13-15 November 2016 as an observer; an opportunity which she found extremely inspiring for her current reporting activity.

In order to pursue co-operation between dedicated Council of Europe and EU bodies along the same lines in 2017, I would very much appreciate if Ms Bonet could also be invited to represent the Parliamentary Assembly as an observer at the upcoming LVII COSAC meeting to be held on 28-30 May 2017 in Valletta.

Thanking you for your support to and co-operation with the Council of Europe on this matter, I wish you every success with this conference.

Yours sincerely,

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