



Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The President

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Dear Chairperson,

As you are aware, the European Social Charter is the 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" to promote the European Social Charter, launched in 2014, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - 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.

Ms Sílvia Bonet (Andorra, SOC), Rapporteur on « Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights / The Turin process for the European Social Charter » and Vice-Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, believes that a strengthened relationship and regular exchanges between various bodies of the Council of Europe and the European Union will be crucial for the effective promotion of social rights across Europe.

In this context, I would very much appreciate it if Ms Bonet could be invited to participate in the forthcoming LVI COSAC (Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union), which will be held in Bratislava on 13-15 November 2016, and to represent the Parliamentary Assembly as an observer at this important event.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation on this matter and I wish you every success with the conference.

Yours sincerely,

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