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Subject: Monitoring compliance by Greece with the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights

The Preamble to the Charter of Fundamental Rights 'reaffirms ... the rights as they result, in particular, from the ... Social Charters adopted by the Union and by the Council of Europe'. The Charter has the same legal value as the Treaties (Article 6, paragraph 1, TEU) whose implementation is to be ensured by the Commission (Article 17, paragraph 1, TEU).

The European Committee of Social Rights has taken a series of decisions (65/2011, 66/2011, 76/2012, 77/2012, 78/2012, 79/2012 and 80/2012) which find that the 'austerity' measures imposed on Greece by ECOFIN through its own decisions (decision 2013/6 of 4 December 2012 amending previous decisions on this subject) and the Commission, as part of the 'Troika' –measures that worsen working conditions and cut workers' pay and pensions – are in breach of the European Social Charter.

In view of the above, will the President of the European Council, the Council and the Commission say what steps they have taken or intend to take in future to put an end to the violation of the European Social Charter in Greece?