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According to the latest report by the European Committee of Social Rights, Spain has infringed four of the 31 precepts of the European Social Charter.

The Committee considers that measures adopted to reduce the number of accidents at work are 'insufficient', and points out that the standardised accident rate per 100 000 workers is almost twice the European average while the rate for fatal accidents is almost one point higher.

The report highlights the inadequacy of unemployment benefits for people with no family responsibilities, and that people from other States Parties who are living in Spain are discriminated against with regard to their eligibility for non-contributory retirement pensions. Furthermore, qualifying requirements for the minimum wage are excessive with the result that, even though the need is still there, the minimum wage is no longer paid.

What is the Commission's opinion on the above, therefore, and what tools will it employ to correct this situation?