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Proposal of the European Union for an Inter-institutional Proclamation of a European Social Rights Pillar

Taking into account that the European Union is preparing for adoption by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission an "Inter-institutional Proclamation of a European Social Rights Pillar"

The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, on the proposal of its Coordinating Committee for the Turin Process,

- Underlines the importance of recognizing the European Social Charter as the "Social Constitution of Europe";
- Proposes the formal introduction of the provisions of the European Social Charter into the European Social Rights Pillar as a source of common reference and the recognition of the collective complaints procedure before the European Committee of Social Rights as an instrument for the effective protection of social rights;
- Welcomes the full inclusion of the 20 principles that define the European Social Rights Pillar;
- Supports the efforts of the Parliamentary Assembly¹ and of the Secretary General² of the Council of Europe to strengthen social rights within the framework of the "Turin Process" and the dialogue with the European Union, in particular by taking really into account the European Social Charter in the European Social Rights Pillar;
- Calls on Member States to commit themselves to the full implementation of the European Social Rights Pillar

¹ Cf : *Resolution 2180 (2017)* and *Recommendation 2112 (2017)* of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe « The Turin Process : reinforcing social rights in Europe ».

² Cf : *Report 2017* of the Secretary General « the Situation of democracy, human Rights and the Rule of law ».