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Dear Mr Czarnecki,

Your letter dated 16 January 2017 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe concerning the Polish Act on retirement benefits for functionaries of uniformed services adopted on 16 December 2016 has been passed on to me.

Poland has ratified the Council of Europe's 1961 European Social Charter which guarantees in particular the right for all workers and their dependents to social security.

However, Poland has not ratified the 1995 Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter, providing for a system of collective complaints. Therefore, the European Committee of Social Rights, which monitors implementation of the Charter, is not able to examine complaints against Poland. Application of the Charter by Poland is monitored solely through a reporting procedure.

The Committee may therefore consider the issues you raise in your letter when examining the next periodic report of Poland on the relevant provisions, belong to group 2 on health, social security and social protection in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Régis Brillat