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## **COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONCLUDES THAT FRANCE VIOLATED EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER RIGHTS**

### **OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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The Committee also concludes there has been a violation of the Charter because of the failure of the authorities to adopt effective measures to remedy the problems related to the inclusion of children and adolescents with disabilities in mainstream schools (Article 15§1) and to access to health care services for persons with disabilities (Article 11§1). In addition, there is a violation of Article 16 on the ground that the shortage of support services and the lack of accessibility of buildings and facilities, as well as public transport, causes many families to live in precarious circumstances, and thus amounts to a lack of protection of the family.

This decision follows a complaint (n° 168/2018) introduced by the European Disability Forum and Inclusion Europe against France. » Source: Council of Europe

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