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to the Commission

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Subject: Non-compliance with the European Social Charter in the overseas territories

In a Republic that claims to be united and indivisible, it is unacceptable for our overseas compatriots to be treated as second-class citizens. The exclusion of the overseas territories from the European Social Charter constitutes a profound injustice and a flagrant breach of the principle of equal rights.

This situation reflects a persistent contempt on the part of the elites towards these territories, which are already facing serious economic, social and environmental inequalities: wages are much lower than in mainland France, access to drinking water is still precarious and the issue of chlordecone poisoning has not been properly addressed.

Against this backdrop, the inaction of the European and national authorities is unacceptable. It is time to mobilise all parliamentary bodies to demand justice and compensation. The ratification of the European Social Charter for Overseas France would be a major step forward in guaranteeing these citizens the same rights and protections as those in mainland France.

1. In light of the foregoing, how can the Commission justify this discriminatory exclusion?
2. What concrete commitments will it make to guarantee the genuine equality of social rights for overseas citizens?
3. Will it finally recognise that this situation violates the fundamental principles of justice and human dignity?

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