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<p>Recommendation regarding article 64 para 5 of the Bill titled “Conscription of Greeks and Other Provisions”</p>

The paragraph in question provides that those who take active part in the union movement or go on strike during their alternative service are deprived of their right to serve unarmed military service or alternative social service. The Commission agreed with the Greek General Confederation of Labour that the provision runs contrary to articles 22 par. 2 (the right to syndicalism) and 23 par. 2 (the right to participate in a strike) of the Constitution, as well as to the provision establishing the right to conscientious objection (interpretative statement of article 6 par. 4 of the Constitution). With the exception of two members suggesting the re-examination of the aforementioned provision as to its constitutionality, the others present agreed that it should be removed from the text.

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