

Recommendation CM/RecChL(2014)7 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Cyprus

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 October 2014 at the 1210th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

In accordance with Article 16 of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;

Having regard to the declarations submitted by Cyprus on 3 August 2005 and 5 November 2008;

Having taken note of the evaluation made by the Committee of Experts on the Charter with respect to the application of the Charter by Cyprus;

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Cyprus in its fourth periodical report, supplementary information given by the Cypriot authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Cyprus and on information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-site visit;

Having taken note of the comments made by the Cypriot authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report,

Recommends that the Cypriot authorities take account of all the observations and recommendations of the Committee of Experts and, as a matter of priority:

- 1. provide teaching of Armenian at upper secondary level;
- 2. take immediate measures to strengthen and extend the teaching of Cypriot Maronite Arabic;
- 3. provide teacher training for Armenian and Cypriot Maronite Arabic;
- 4. strengthen the presence of Armenian and Cypriot Maronite Arabic in broadcasting.

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