Recommendation CM/RecChL(2014)1 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Ukraine

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 15 January 2014 at the 1188th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

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

Bearing in mind the instrument of ratification submitted by Ukraine on 19 September 2005;

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

Having taken note of the comments submitted by the Ukrainian authorities on the content of the report of the Committee of Experts;

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

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

1. adopt, for each language, a structured approach for the implementation of the undertakings chosen under the Charter, in co-operation with the respective speakers;

2. develop and implement, for each Part III language, a comprehensive policy for teaching in/of these languages in education at all levels;

3. extend and strengthen the offer of radio and television broadcasts in the Part III languages;

4. ensure that the Part III languages can be used in the field of administration in practice;

5. promote the adoption and use of traditional and correct forms of place-names in the minority languages;

6. secure long-term financial support for cultural facilities in order to provide stability for cultural activities in minority languages;

7. take resolute action to promote the Karaim, Krimchak and Romani languages covered by Part II in order to safeguard them.