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**Recommendation RecChL(2011)3  
of the Committee of Ministers  
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages  
by Sweden**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 October 2011  
at the 1123rd 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 declaration made by Sweden on 9 February 2000;

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

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Sweden in its national report, supplementary information provided by the Swedish authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Sweden and information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

Having taken note of the comments made by the Swedish authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report;

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

1. strengthen education for all regional or minority languages, by adopting a comprehensive and structured approach, based on the needs of the speakers and according to the situation of the languages;
2. ensure that "mother-tongue" education meets the requirements of the Charter and offers real and adequate language tuition, enabling pupils to achieve mature literacy in the languages concerned;
3. increase the amount of bilingual education available in Finnish and Sami, and establish bilingual education in Meänkieli;
4. establish a dedicated and properly resourced system of teacher training for all regional or minority languages;
5. create teaching and learning materials, for all regional or minority languages.