

**Recommendation RecChL(2010)6
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 7 July 2010
at the 1090th 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 acceptance submitted by Ukraine on 19 December 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 first 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 of the Committee of Experts and, as a matter of priority:

1. develop in close consultation and co-operation with the representatives of minority language speakers a structured education policy for regional or minority languages and secure the right of minority language speakers to receive education in their languages, while preserving the achievements already attained and the existing best practices in this field;
2. review the present regulation on the use of minority languages with a view to ensure their use for access to higher education;
3. modify the existing threshold for official use of regional or minority languages in local and regional administration, so that the Charter can be applied in situations where the number of speakers justifies it;
4. ensure that quotas imposed for broadcast programmes (TV and radio), as well as the requirement to dub, subtitle and postsynchronise all foreign films into Ukrainian are not detrimental to broadcasting radio and television programmes in regional and minority languages and do not hamper the distribution of media products and films in regional or minority languages;
5. strengthen efforts to support the establishment and/or continued existence of cultural centres for the speakers of regional or minority languages;
6. take effective measures to protect and promote the Karaim and Krimchak languages which are in danger of extinction;
7. while revising the instrument of ratification, take into account all findings, conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee of Experts, in particular those related to Article 4 paragraph 2 of the Charter as formulated in the findings in Chapter 3 (paragraph 3.1.C) of their report.