

Recommendation RecChL(2011)1 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Denmark

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 2 March 2011 at the 1107th 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 instrument of ratification submitted by Denmark on 8 September 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 Denmark;

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

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

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

1. increase the level of radio broadcasting in German and provide TV broadcasts in German in South Jutland, in close cooperation with the German-speakers;

2. ensure that the reduction of subsidies for private schools and cuts of the transport allowances will not jeopardize the continued functioning of the German-language schools at the current level;

3. clarify the issue of the traditional presence of the Romani language spoken by Sinti and possibly other indigenous groups in Denmark.