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**Recommendation RecChL(2012)1
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 14 March 2012
at the 1137th 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 third periodical report, supplementary information given by the Cypriot authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Cyprus and the information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot 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. adopt a structured policy for the protection and promotion of the Armenian and Cypriot Maronite Arabic languages;
2. strengthen the teaching in and of Cypriot Maronite Arabic;
3. provide teacher training for Armenian and Cypriot Maronite Arabic.