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**Recommendation RecChL(2010)1
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Montenegro**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 January 2010
at the 1075th 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 Montenegro on 15 February 2006 and updated on 13 October 2006;

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

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Montenegro in its initial periodical report, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Montenegro and the information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

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

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

1. clarify the territories where the Albanian and Romani languages are in official use and where Part III of the Charter applies;
2. take the necessary steps to promote the codification and development of written Romani, in co-operation with the speakers;
3. introduce teaching of the Romani language at pre-school, primary and secondary levels;
4. strengthen teacher training in Albanian, especially for lower and upper secondary level education (third cycle of elementary school and secondary school).