

1350th meeting, 19 June 2019

10 Legal questions

10.2 European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

a. Fourth report of the Committee of Experts in respect of the Czech Republic

Item prepared by the GR-J at its meeting on 13 June 2019

Reference document
CM(2019)73

Action – Item proposed for adoption without debate

To adopt the draft decisions below.

The Rapporteur Group on Legal Co-operation (GR-J) agreed to recommend that the Deputies adopt the draft decisions below without further debate. The procedure may be consulted here.²

Financing assured: YES

DRAFT DECISIONS

The Deputies

1. took note of the fourth report of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in respect of the Czech Republic, as it appears in document CM(2019)73;
2. adopted Recommendation CM/RecChL(2019)... on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by the Czech Republic <see Appendix to these Notes> and agreed to forward it to the Czech authorities.

¹ This document has been classified restricted at the date of issue; it will be declassified in accordance with Resolution Res(2001)6 on access to Council of Europe documents.

² https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Notes/ECRML

Appendix

Recommendation CM/RecChL(2019)... of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by the Czech Republic

*(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on
at the 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 ratification deposited by the Czech Republic on 15 November 2006;

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

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

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

1. continue efforts to promote awareness and tolerance vis-à-vis all regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent as an integral part of the cultural heritage of the Czech Republic, both in the general curriculum at all stages of education and in the media;
2. adopt a structured policy for the protection and promotion of German including by making teaching in or of German available as a minority language in co-operation with German speakers, and create favourable conditions for its use in public life;
3. further protect and promote Romani, including by extending teaching of Romani as a minority language in co-operation with Romani speakers, and create favourable conditions for its use in public life.