

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE

## COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

### **Recommendation RecChL(2006)3 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 27 September 2006  
at the 974th 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 4 August 2005;

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 national report, supplementary information provided by the Cypriot authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Cyprus and information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its “on-the-spot” visit;

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

1. apply Part II protection to Cypriot Maronite Arabic as a regional or minority language in Cyprus within the meaning of the Charter and strengthen in particular the teaching of Cypriot Maronite Arabic at primary school level;
2. take measures to ensure that teaching in and of Armenian at secondary level remains available;
3. adopt a structured policy for the protection and promotion of the Armenian and Cypriot Maronite Arabic languages.