

## **Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the application of the Charter by Spain**

### **Recommendation CM/RecChL(2012)6 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Spain**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 October 2012  
at the 1153rd 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 Spain on 9 April 2001;

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

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

Having taken note of the comments made by the Spanish authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report,

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

1. amend the legal framework with a view to making it clear that the criminal, civil and administrative judicial authorities in the autonomous communities will conduct the proceedings in co-official languages at the request of one party;
2. take the necessary legal and practical measures to ensure that an adequate proportion of the judicial staff posted in the autonomous communities concerned by the application of Article 9 of the Charter have a working knowledge of the relevant languages;
3. review the recruitment, career and training schemes for the staff of the State administration offices with a view to ensuring that an adequate proportion of the staff posted in the autonomous communities have a working knowledge of the relevant languages;
4. ensure the presence of all regional or minority languages in State public services;
5. ensure the presence of all regional or minority languages in the provision of health care services.