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In a letter dated 26 April 2010, the Ministry of Culture informed the Directorate of Education and Languages of the Council of Europe of the following:

Pursuant to the monitoring mechanism established by the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages, which Luxembourg ratified in June 2005, we have been invited to submit a second periodical report on the implementation of the Charter in Luxembourg.

With this in mind, and with reference to the explanations provided in the initial periodical report submitted on 19 March 2007, the rather unusual linguistic situation in Luxembourg is first of all recalled, where, under the Languages Law of 24 February 1984, Luxembourgish is the national language and Luxembourgish, German and French are used in administrative and judicial matters.

The definition of a regional or minority language given under Article 1 of the Charter does not apply to French, German or Luxembourgish. Nevertheless, Luxembourg has decided and wishes to continue to support the principles and objectives of the Charter insofar as it is designed to protect regional or minority languages and to promote linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe.

In view of the de facto situation described above, the Secretariat General is therefore informed that the findings made in the initial periodical report in respect of Part I are still valid and that the questions referring to Parts 2 and 3 therefore do not apply in the context of Luxembourg.