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Recommendation CM/RecChL(2019)7 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 11 December 2019 at the 1363rd 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 Spain on 9 April 2001;

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

Having taken note of the comments submitted by the Spanish authorities on the content of the report of the Committee of Experts;

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

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

1. amend the Organic Law on the Judiciary so as to ensure the use of the co-official languages in judicial proceedings at the request of one of the parties;

2. improve the use of the co-official languages in State administration in the Autonomous Communities;

3. remove the limitations of the teaching in Galician in Galicia and Valencian/Catalan in Valencia;

4. include the names of Part II languages in the Statutes of Autonomy of the Autonomous Communities where these languages are spoken in those cases where they are not yet included;

5. clarify the situation of Arabic/Darija in Ceuta, Caló as a non-territorial language of Spain, Estremeñu in Extremadura and Portuguese in Castile and León.

The Committee of Ministers invites the Spanish authorities to submit the information on the recommendations for immediate action by 1 August 2020 and on the next periodical report by 1 August 2023.