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EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES

**Second Periodical Report
presented to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
in accordance with Article 15 of the Charter**

LIECHTENSTEIN



REPRÉSENTATION PERMANENTE DE LA PRINCIPAUTÉ DE LIECHTENSTEIN AUPRÈS
DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE
STÄNDIGE VERTRETUNG DES FÜRSTENTUMS LIECHTENSTEIN BEIM EUROPARAT

Strasbourg, 9 March 2002

Dear Secretary General,

The Principality of Liechtenstein attaches great importance to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages as an instrument for the protection and promotion of regional or minority languages, a threatened aspect of Europe's cultural heritage. This was one of the reasons why Liechtenstein has ratified the Charter.

As a State party to the Charter Liechtenstein is to submit periodical reports in accordance with Article 15 of the Charter. The second report on the application of the accepted provisions was due on 1 March 2002, that is three years after the submission of the first report.

The situation in Liechtenstein concerning regional and minority languages has not changed since the submission of the last report three years ago.

Therefore, Liechtenstein would like to refer the Expert Committee again to the declaration contained in the instrument of ratification, deposited on 18 November 1997, which states:

« The Principality of Liechtenstein declares in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 2, and in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1, of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of 5 November 1992, that there are no regional or minority languages in the sense of the Charter in the territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein at the time of ratification. »

Finally, we apologise for being late in submitting this second report on the application of the Charter.

Yours sincerely


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Ambassador

Mr. Walter SCHWIMMER
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Strasbourg