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**Recommendation RecChL(2007)4  
of the Committee of Ministers  
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Slovenia**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 June 2007  
at the 999bis 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 instrument of ratification submitted by Slovenia on 4 October 2000;

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

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Slovenia in its second periodical report, supplementary information given by the Slovenian authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Slovenia and the information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its,

Having taken note of the comments made by the Slovenian authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report;

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

1. define, in co-operation with the speakers, the areas where German and Croatian have been traditionally spoken in Slovenia and apply the provisions of Part II to German and Croatian;
2. clarify, in co-operation with the speakers, the issue of the traditional presence of the Bosnian and Serbian languages in Slovenia;
3. continue efforts to implement the "Strategy for Education of Roma in the Republic of Slovenia" and harmonise the level of protection for all speakers of the Romani language;
4. take proactive measures to reduce the gap between the legislative framework and practical implementation regarding the use of Hungarian and Italian in the provision of public services, in economic and social activities, as well as in relations with local branches of State administration;
5. ensure that future changes to administrative divisions do not constitute an obstacle to the protection and promotion of the Italian language;
6. provide, in the third periodical report, the detailed information the Committee of Experts has requested regarding the formal and practical implementation of Slovenia's individual undertakings