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**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2008)2
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Switzerland**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 March 2008
at the 1021st 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 Switzerland on 23 December 1997;

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

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

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

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

1. ensure that the introduction of Rumantsch Grischun in schools is done in a way which has a positive impact on the protection and promotion of Romansh as a living language;
2. take the necessary measures to strengthen the use of Romansh in dealings with Romansh-speakers by the cantonal administration and by municipalities in which there is a German-speaking majority and a Romansh-speaking minority;
3. pursue the dialogue with the representatives of the Yenish-speakers with a view to identifying the fields of Article 7 that could be applied to Yenish with the greatest possible support by the speakers.