

**THE EUROPEAN CHARTER  
FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES<sup>1</sup>**

**– Applied to Romani Chib in Sweden –**

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**PART II**

**OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES  
PURSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 1**

*Article 7 – Objectives and principles*

- 1 In respect of Romani Chib, within the territories in which Romani Chib is used and according to the situation of Romani Chib, Sweden shall base its policies, legislation and practice on the following objectives and principles:
  - a the recognition of Romani Chib as an expression of cultural wealth;
  - b the respect of the geographical area of Romani Chib in order to ensure that existing or new administrative divisions do not constitute an obstacle to the promotion of Romani Chib;
  - c the need for resolute action to promote Romani Chib in order to safeguard it;
  - d the facilitation and/or encouragement of the use of Romani Chib, in speech and writing, in public and private life;
  - e the maintenance and development of links, in the fields covered by this Charter, between groups using Romani Chib and other groups in the State employing a language used in identical or similar form, as well as the establishment of cultural relations with other groups in the State using different languages;
  - f the provision of appropriate forms and means for the teaching and study of Romani Chib at all appropriate stages;
  - g the provision of facilities enabling non-speakers of Romani Chib living in the area where it is used to learn it if they so desire;
  - h the promotion of study and research on Romani Chib at universities or equivalent institutions;
  - i the promotion of appropriate types of transnational exchanges, in the fields covered by this Charter, for Romani Chib used in identical or similar form in two or more States.
- 2 Sweden undertakes to eliminate, if it has not yet done so, any unjustified distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference relating to the use of Romani Chib and intended to discourage or endanger the maintenance or development of it. The adoption of special measures in favour of Romani Chib aimed at promoting equality between the users of Romani Chib and the rest of the population or which take due account of their specific conditions is not considered to be an act of discrimination against the users of more widely-used languages.
- 3 Sweden undertakes to promote, by appropriate measures, mutual understanding between all the linguistic groups of the country and in particular the inclusion of respect, understanding and tolerance in relation to Romani Chib among the objectives of education and training provided within the country and encouragement of the mass media to pursue the same objective.
- 4 In determining its policy with regard to Romani Chib, Sweden shall take into consideration the needs and wishes expressed by the groups which use Romani Chib. It is encouraged to establish bodies, if necessary, for the purpose of advising the authorities on all matters pertaining to Romani Chib.
- 5 Sweden undertakes to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the principles listed in paragraphs 1 to 4 above to Romani Chib as a non-territorial language. However, as far as Romani Chib is concerned, the nature and scope of the measures to be taken to give effect to this Charter shall be determined in a flexible manner, bearing in mind the needs and wishes, and respecting the traditions and characteristics, of the groups which use Romani Chib.

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<sup>1</sup> CETS no. 148. The Charter was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 5 November 1992. Entry into force for Sweden: 1 June 2000. The provisions of the Charter adopted by Sweden for Romani Chib as a non-territorial language are applicable without territorial restrictions.