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His Excellency Emmanuel MACRON
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Dear President,

On behalf of the **Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity**, I wish to express our deep concern over the recent Constitutional Court pronouncement on the law relative to the protection of regional languages and their promotion, approved by the National Assembly on 8 April 2021.

The Constitutional Court declared unconstitutional the use of non-French diacritic marks and the language immersive system prospected for private and public schools, by applying a restrictive and narrow interpretation of Article 2 of the French Constitution.

The goal of the language-immersion model is to ensure that the regional language is present in the schooling system, while guaranteeing the learning of the French language. This model has been praised by numerous international experts and organizations, such as the **Commission's High-Level Group on Multilingualism**, the **Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages** and the **United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues**.

As we believe that the amended law represents an important step forward towards the protection of cultural diversity, as enshrined in the European Union Treaties, we strongly call upon you, Mr. President, to ensure that the terms under which the original law was approved by the National Assembly are respected, and that the regional languages of France are preserved for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

