The production of French-language data bases and data banks represents approximately eleven per cent of the world total but only one per cent of the market. It is therefore important that information on activities encompassing computer science and linguistics should be disseminated in French. The Canadian government has been working for a number of years in fields such as automatic translation, terminology banks, computer-assisted translation and computer-assisted learning. Developments in these sectors can be a great boon to the developing nations, provided these countries are given easy access to this technology and that it is tailored to their economic, social and technological development requirements.

Canada feels that it is important to improve communication among all Francophone countries and to encourage exchanges of information and knowledge. Further development of satellite communications, which Canada supports fully, would be an excellent way to pursue and develop knowledge in various fields - education, medicine and culture. Canada would immediately support any initiative by the Summit countries aimed at enhancing the Francophone presence in the audio-visual field.