

task which Canada has undertaken in the developing French-speaking countries.

As you can see, our bilateral relations with the French-speaking countries are already varied and close. I should now like to tell you how the Canadian Government envisages the development within "La Francophonie" of the multilateral relations which all seem to want. Our views reflect the major themes which emerge from the statements made on this subject almost everywhere in the French-speaking world. It goes without saying that "La Francophonie", although it may have an economic aspect, will be essentially a great cultural undertaking. No one dreams of having it extend into the political field. To endure, it must be a joint effort; it will have to be developed through constant consultation between equal partners, with due regard for the domestic institutions of each country. It follows that "La Francophonie" will have to have a very flexible form. It will require the freely-given assistance of all those who wish it well, including participation by private organizations. It will also call for systematic international co-ordination, which presupposes the support of French-speaking governments.

This is the way in which "La Francophonie" seems to be developing, for it has already begun to exist, with Canada as a participant. May I mention the following organizations as examples:

L'Association des Universités partiellement ou entièrement de langue française - AUPELF - (The Association of Universities Partly or Entirely French-speaking), established in 1961 on the initiative of the University of Montreal;

L'Association internationale des Journalistes de langue française (The International Association of French-speaking Journalists);

L'Association internationale des Juristes de langue française (The International Association of French-speaking Jurists);

L'Association internationale des Médecins de langue française (The International Association of French-speaking Physicians);

L'Association interparlementaire des Pays de langue française (The Interparliamentary Association of French-speaking Countries), which is in process of being formed;

Le Comité de l'ONU pour la Défense de la langue française dans les Organisations internationales (The UNO Committee for the Defence of the French Language in International Organizations);

La Communauté radiophonique de langue française (The French-language Broadcasting Community);