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University of Montreal before the 300 Members of the Conference  
from 35 countries and territories, as well as members of the

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your attention in the face of such formidable competition.

At one time in the theatre it was customary to have a  
prologue spoken by one of the actors. In some cases it was intended  
to help the audience to understand what was to follow; in other cases  
it was hoped to soften them up by its wit.

As far as this production is concerned this is the prologue  
and as I am hoping that you do not need any softening up it is simply  
my purpose to try and establish in your minds the general principles  
underlying this meeting and the process of thought which led to the  
programme in which you are going to take part.

outlook.

Do not get the idea that this is an easy achievement. After all, the

French and the English have been alternately good friends, good neighbours  
and good enemies since the dawn of history. So that this achievement represents