

language alive in America, Canada is now able to take its place in the forefront of the Francophone countries of the world.

If I had to find a definition of "Francophonie" this evening, I would not have very far to look. Wherever a human being uses the French language to express himself, to fulfill himself, that is where you will find "Francophonie".

And this Summit is where these dynamic forces will come together, where they will exchange ideas, where they will act. Every one of you in Ottawa, Vanier, Orleans or elsewhere, who is living in French, is richly deserving of the Francophone Summit.

It is high time that this fact was recognized, right here.