



**F**OR CANADA, MEMBERSHIP IN LA FRANCOPHONIE MEANS BEING PART OF THE GREAT NETWORK OF 47 COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IN COMMON, IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, AFRICA, ASIA, THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE CARIBBEAN, AND ALSO ON OUR OWN CONTINENT.

FOR CANADA, MEMBERSHIP IN LA FRANCOPHONIE ALSO MEANS DEMONSTRATING TO THE REST OF THE WORLD THE SPECIAL NATURE OF OUR CANADIAN EXISTENCE, OPENING UP FOR FRANCOPHONE CANADIANS AND FRANCOPHILES A WINDOW ON THE WORLD AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE IN THIS BROAD GROUPING OF COUNTRIES, DISTRIBUTED IN EVERY MAJOR REGION IN THE WORLD.

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