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## Francophone Summit closes in Hà Nội

*Boutros Boutros Ghali elected first Secretary General*



The press conference: (from left) French President Jacques Chirac, Việt Nam's Vice President Nguyễn Thị Bình, Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, and New Brunswick's Prime Minister Raymond Frenette.

**HÀ NỘI** — The Seventh Francophone Summit closed here yesterday morning with the adoption of a Francophone Charter, an Action Plan and the Hà Nội Declaration (*see full text of the latter two documents in this edition*).

Also in its final session, the summit unanimously elected its first ever secretary-general, who, according to the Action Plan, is entrusted with the mandate of developing

political initiatives conducive to a contribution to peaceful settlements of ongoing conflicts.

The Francophone secretary general also has the mission of contributing to the consolidation of the State of Law and the democratic process.

The person who holds the position is called upon to intensify co-operation with

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