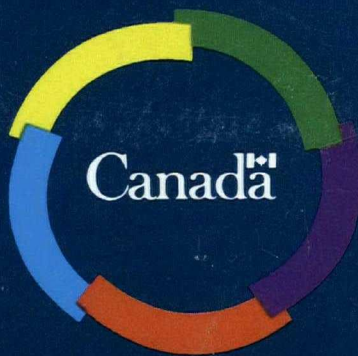


*A beautiful African proverb says that "No path leads to a barren tree."
A wide path is opening up for us; the path of La Francophonie, which has
brought us from Paris and Quebec City to Dakar. There is, too, a tree –
one whose roots are firmly planted in a thousand-year-old culture which
sustains our aspirations and gives us the means to attain them. As for the
fruits they will be the products of our strength, steadfastness and solidarity.**

*Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada*



* Excerpt from the Opening Speech of the Third Summit of La Francophonie (Dakar).