

La Francophonie

Canada, which has always maintained close ties with France, considers its participation in the life of La Francophonie as the natural extension of Canadian bilingualism in international affairs. The word "Francophonie" signifies the group of countries that are entirely or partially French-speaking, as well as the movement oriented to providing an organized framework for the 150 million French-speaking people who have a common cultural heritage.

One result arising from the Cultural Agreement of 1965 between France and Canada was a strengthening of the ties between Canada and the French-speaking countries of Europe and the Third World. Thus the Canadian presence has become more evident in numerous multilateral organizations, chief among them the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT). Ontario, New Brunswick and Manitoba took part in the same capacity as Quebec in the constituent conference of this agency. Subsequently, the Federal Govern-

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