

## ...and the 1987 Summit

In a recent address (to the Richelieu Clubs of the Ottawa area, 11 February 1987), Mme. Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations, described the Summit as a "new forum for international consultation." Explaining La Francophonie, she continued:

"We are told it is not a cultural get-together, that it is not a trade initiative. It discusses politics and economics but it is also very interested in development assistance. It is not exactly like the Commonwealth, nor is it an abstract idea; it is rather an instrument for concrete, modern realizations, designed to help the international Francophone community to cope with the challenges of modern-day living.

"I shall answer simply and directly: La Francophonie is what we Francophone Canadians are and will be."

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