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OPENING OF A UNESCO OFFICE IN QUEBEC CITY

The Minister of External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, announced today that Canada and UNESCO reached an agreement in principle regarding the opening of a UNESCO office in Quebec city in the Fall of 1989.

This agreement was confirmed by Mr. Sharma, Deputy Director General of UNESCO, to Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec during his official visit to Paris.

The announcement of the opening of a UNESCO office in Quebec city comes after sustained and continuous efforts on the part of both the federal and Quebec governments, as well as those of Ambassador Jean Drapeau. The purpose of this office will be to inform the media and the Canadian public of UNESCO's numerous programs and activities and it will also act as official representative and spokesperson of UNESCO in Canada.

A memorandum of understanding drafted by Canada is the outcome of negotiations undertaken in 1985. Under this agreement, Quebec commits itself to facilitating the establishment of a UNESCO office by providing the necessary infrastructure.

Quebec is the only city in North America which figures on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites.

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