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QUESTION: IS IT CONVENIENT THAT WHEN OUR RELATIONS ARE SUSPENDED WITH GABON THAT QUEBEC HAVE SUCH EXCHANGES?

MR SHARP: WELL, OUR RELATIONS WITH GABON ARE RATHER SUSPENDED; WE HAVENT BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH GABON, WE SIMPLY HAVE NOT/NOT ACCREDITED OUR AMBASSADOR WHO WAS GOING TO GO THERE. I SAID WHEN I WAS ASKED THIS QUESTION BEFORE THAT I BELIEVE THERE IS LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CDNS, INCLUDING PROVINCES TO HELP IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE OF THIS KIND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND I BELIEVE WE WILL FIND THE MEANS BY WHICH PROVINCES CAN COOPERATE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN COOPERATING WITHIN THE CDN CONSTITUTION.

QUESTION: SIR, YOU SPOKE A FEW MINUTES AGO ABOUT HOPING TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FRUITFULL DISCUSSIONS IN THE MATTER OF FRANCOPHONIE AND RELATED MATTERS. WOULD THIS BE IN THE PARTICULAR CONTEXT OF THE MTG WHICH TOOK PLACE IN PARIS OR IN A BROADER CONTEXT?

MR SHARP: I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE IN A BROADER CONTEXT.

QUESTION: IS THIS MATTER CLOSED WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE NOTE?

MR SHARP: I WOULD HOPE SO. IT MUST BE BORN IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT MY PREDECESSOR ISSUED A PAPER TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF INTERNATL AFFAIRS AND THE CDN CONSTITUTION. I EXPECT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE ON THIS MATTER, INDEED I FEEL SURE THAT WE SHALL HAVE TO ELABORATE OUR POSITION IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THAT WILL BE A MATTER THAT

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