

## Quebec queried on support for French summit Canadian Press

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QUEBEC - The Quebec government is being asked why it's helping Vietnam play host to the Francophonie summit while the Communist government there has been whittling away the status of the French language.

La Francophonie, an international meeting of 49 French-speaking countries, starts Friday in the capital Hanoi.

Fatima Houda-Pepin, a Liberal member of the Quebec legislature, has written to Premier Lucien Bouchard over Vietnam's treatment of the French language.

In January, Hanoi decided that new authorizations - in Vietnamese and English only - were required for all pharmaceuticals sold there. And all trade and foreign investment laws have been translated into English. "Quebecers' tax money must serve to promote the French language in member states of the Francophonie, not its banishment like in Vietnam," wrote Houda-Pepin.

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