

In Québec, therefore, Canada will be responsible for continuing the considerable effort it put forth during the first Summit and for sustaining the determination to cooperate previously expressed by its partners. Our contribution to the meeting to the Francophone countries is already viewed by all participants as extremely important since we bring to it a fresh outlook, free from all prejudice and turned toward the future. We believe, for example, that our belonging to the North American continent and our own cultural personality naturally incline us towards the development of practical and achievable projects.

With the choice of Québec, the cradle of French in North America, as the site of the meeting, we have an opportunity to show our heroic beginnings, our French heritage, to Francophone from every part of the world.

In this warm-hearted Québec where three-hundred-year-old walls stand next to modern skyscrapers, we want to give proof of our own special identity.

Together, on the basis of the language we share, we shall build the French-speaking community of tomorrow.