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PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST FRANCOPHONE GAMES

The Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development of Canada, the Honourable Paul Gobeil, Minister of Internationale Relations of Quebec, and the Honourable Aldéa Landry, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs of New Brunswick, are pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between their three governments on the First Francophone Games, which will take place in Morocco between July 8 and 22, 1989.

The result of a decision made at the Quebec Francophone Summit of September 1987, the implementation of which was entrusted to the Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers of French-Speaking Countries, these Games will combine sports and cultural competitions. The first edition will focus on a limited number of disciplines.

Canada is enrolling a single delegation in these first Games. This delegation will consist of three separate components: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. The three Ministers agree that this formula combines the uniqueness of Canada's traditional participation in La Francophonie and in international games, while acknowledging the presence and the particular contribution of Quebec and New Brunswick to La Francophonie and its institutions.

The composition of Canada's delegation recognizes the principle of excellence as the basis for selection, and seeks to give all the athletes and artists an opportunity to excel on the international scene.

In the team sports, it has been decided that Canada will enter a men's basketball team in these First Games, and Canada-Quebec, a women's basketball team. In the cultural competitions, each of the three governments will select participants by way of the government department and/or institution of its choice.

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