
SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRIES USING FRENCH AS A COMMON LANGUAGE

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The success of the Quebec City Summit will be gauged according to the way in which it affirms and refines the political cooperation that began in Paris, and the plans for concerted action made on the basis of that cooperation.

To achieve this, the same mechanisms of organization and preparation used at the Paris Summit have been put in place. Modifications have been made to accommodate Canada's tripartite involvement in *La Francophonie*. Thus a national organizing committee is in charge of the logistics of the event. This Committee is chaired by Canadian Ambassador to France Lucien Bouchard, the Personal Representative of Prime Minister Mulroney. The Deputy Chairman is Quebec General Delegate to France Jean-Louis Roy, the Personal Representative of Premier Robert Bourassa. Mr. Normand Martin, the New Brunswick Deputy Minister of Education, represents that province's government.

The structures required for the Summit are to be put in place and supervised by a joint Executive Secretariat.

On the international level, a committee of personal representatives ("sherpas"), also known as the International Preparatory Committee, is responsible for setting up the agenda and determining what subjects will be brought before the Heads of State and Government for discussion. The committee will be chaired by Canada, with France and Quebec providing the deputy chairmen. To date, the intense participation by the countries invited has given outstanding proof of the degree of interest in the Summit. Discussion will follow the two-pronged approach used in Paris: first the agenda will deal with current issues of international politics and world economy, and then with questions relating to cooperation and the Francophone institutions.

The basic objectives that Canada intends to pursue are geared to gaining recognition for the Summit as a major forum for political and economic dialogue and cooperation among Francophone leaders. Steps will also be taken to

enhance cooperation among countries using French to achieve goals of common interest, coupled with effective, concrete and achievable actions in a truly multilateral vein, in other words, to develop an effective partnership among all Summit countries in dealing with the matters at issue.