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SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF FRANCOPHONIE BY DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE DELEGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

5. BECAUSE SOME SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NIAMEY TOUCH UPON FIELDS WHICH, WITHIN CANADA, ARE OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE, SUCH AS EDUCATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED THAT PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DELEGATION MAY SPEAK AT THE CONFERENCE IN THE NAME OF THEIR PROVINCES ON THE BASIS OF PROVINCIAL EXPERIENCE IN SUCH FIELDS.

6. SIMILARLY IF THERE SHOULD BE VOTES TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT IF THE DELEGATION CANNOT/NOT AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON AN ISSUE RELATING TO A FIELD OF EXCLUSIVE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE THE DELEGATION WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTING. THIS ARRANGEMENT DOES NOT/NOT DEROGATE FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. ANY VOTE BY THE DELEGATION WHERE THE FOREIGN POLICY OF CANADA WAS INVOLVED, FOR EXAMPLE IN A VOTE ON THE STATUTES OR BUDGET OF THE AGENCY, WILL BE DECIDED UPON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT POLICY. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION LIKE ALL OTHER NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE ONLY ONE VOTE.

7. THE MATTER OF SIGNATURE OF THE CONVENTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE SEEN AS PART OF THE GENERAL PACKAGE OF ARRANGEMENTS WHICH APPLY TO ALL PROVINCES REPRESENTED ON THE CANADIAN DELEGATION.

8. SIGNATURE OF THE CONVENTION FOR CANADA BY ANY OR ALL OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE FULL POWERS WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AGENCY.