

OF THE FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY WOULD ALL BE LOSERS. THIS WOULD PLEASE ONLY THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN TRUE MULTILATERALISM AMONG FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES AND WHO PREFER THE FRAGMENTED COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES THAT NOW EXISTS. HAVING SOUGHT TO RETAIN FOR ITSELF THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE PLACE WITHIN THE AGENCY, THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC COULD EVENTUALLY FIND ITSELF BEARING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING MADE THE AGENCY AN IMPOSSIBILITY. I HESITATE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN ENVISAGE SUCH AN OUTCOME.

IT WAS FOR THESE REASONS, MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER, THAT WE CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE AGENCY AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND PRESIDENT DIORI. I TRUST YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL REACH THE SAME CONCLUSION.

I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE AND IN THE AGENCY WILL BENEFIT ALL CANADIANS BY ENABLING US TO FULFIL OUR APPOINTED ROLES.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU.