

which resides the largest concentration of Francophones outside Quebec. And Ontario would have everything to gain from full and complete participation in the Francophone community.

It is above all a matter of justice and logic. But I believe that any future decision by Ontario to participate directly in the work of the Francophone Summit would also be based on practical considerations.

Indeed, the meeting of the heads of state and governments sharing the use of French should not be seen as a sort of political/folk festival in which the beauties of the French language are extolled.

Canada's position is utterly clear: the work of the Francophone Summit, if it is to benefit the greatest number of participants, must focus on the planning and implementation of concrete, feasible projects. A few days before leaving Canada to attend the first Francophone Summit, Prime Minister Mulroney had said that it was of primary importance that the meeting be marked by effectiveness and concreteness. The Francophone community would either be active or it would not be at all.