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SIGNATURE BY CANADA WILL HOWEVER BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, WHICH WOULD PROPOSE TO CONSULT ALL ^{INTERESTED} PROVINCES. ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGNATURE FOR CANADA BY A PROVINCIAL OFFICIAL WOULD IN NO SENSE, MORAL, LEGAL, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, COMMIT HIS GOVERNMENT TO ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION OF ANY KIND; NOR WOULD IT CREATE ANY NEW STATUS OR POWER FOR THAT GOVERNMENT. LIKE THE PRESENCE OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS ON THE DELEGATION, SUCH SIGNATURE IS BUT A FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE GENERAL INTEREST PROVINCIAL GOVTS AND ALL CANADIANS HAVE IN CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN FRANCOPHONIE AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

9. IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY VIEWS OR COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THEM.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MITCHELL SHARP
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS