

# FRANCOPHONE INSTITUTIONS



Senator JEAN-ROBERT GAUTHIER, president of the Canadian section of the AIPLF on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie.



## A) International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians

The International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians (AIPLF) was formed in Luxembourg in 1967, in response to the vigorous efforts of countries seeking to expand the influence of La Francophonie. Canada was one of the founding countries. Today, 54 sections drawn from legislative assemblies are represented in the AIPLF. Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario are autonomous sections with standing equivalent to Canada's.

Since its formation in 1967, the AIPLF has sought to develop and strengthen the solidarity and co-operation between its many sections and has progressively expanded its objectives, which for example now include the defence of human rights and conflict prevention. In addition, it has initiated interparliamentary co-operation programs, which have resulted in setting up a program to restructure the documentation services of legislative assemblies in Francophone countries, known as the Program to support the organization of documentation services in the parliaments of southern countries (PARDOC).