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## CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

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The Department of External Affairs announced that the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of French-Speaking Countries (CONFEJES), which held its fifteenth annual session in Libreville, Gabon October 29th to November 3rd, 1984, has accepted Canada's offer to host the eighteenth annual session in 1987.

The invitation came from the Honourable Andrée Champagne, Minister of State for Youth, together with Guy Chevrette, Quebec's Minister of Recreation, Fish and Game, and Jean-Pierre Ouellet, New Brunswick's Minister of Historical and Cultural Resources, and was extended to the Conference with a view to reinforcing cooperation among Francophone institutions.

"The new government that I represent supports the objectives of organizations working to promote and develop the French-Speaking community" stated Mrs. Champagne.

For his part, Mr. Chevrette indicated that Quebec was committed to a continued involvement in multilateral Francophone cooperation and therefore to help organize the eighteenth session of the CONFEJES.

The division of administrative and financial responsibilities between the federal government and the provincial governments will be discussed at a later date by the various ministers involved.

Twenty-six French-Speaking countries are members of the CONFEJES.