

MESSAGE

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TO/A	PREMIER EDWARD SCHREYER, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, WPEG, MANITOBA		NO PRECEDENCE
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SUB/SUJ

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED SIGNATURE, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVINCES ON THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE OF FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, OF THE CONVENTION WHICH WOULD SET UP THE PROPOSED FRANCOPHONE AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

2. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD INVITE OFFICIALS OF PROVINCES TO SIGN THIS CONVENTION ON BEHALF OF CANADA ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN THE HOPE THAT THIS INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF QUOTE FULL POWERS UNQUOTE WHICH I HAVE SIGNED NAMING THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA M GERARD PELLETIER (OR M JEAN PIERRE GOYER, MY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY) AND OFFICIALS OF THE FOUR PROVINCES REPRESENTED ON THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE NIAMEY CONFERENCE. THESE FULL POWERS (COPY OF WHICH I