

I believe that there could be no better representative of Francophone Canadians at the Summit than Prime Minister Mulroney, who was able to reach agreement with Quebec and New Brunswick, as I mentioned earlier, so that the Canadian reality might have a voice in the community of French-speaking nations.

Yet the Francophones of Ontario could become full and direct participants in the accomplishments of a worldwide Francophone community. Indeed, my government continues to hope that the government of Ontario will soon recognize French as an official language. We are of course aware of the significant progress already made with regard to improving access for Francophones to services and education in their own language. The culmination of such progress might be recognition of French as an official language in Ontario. In thus recognizing the important contribution, past and present, of Franco-Ontarians to its development, the most populous and most prosperous province of Canada could benefit from the same agreement that defines the participation of Quebec and New Brunswick in the Francophone Summit. At the Paris Summit, the Ontario minister Bernard Grandmaître had been invited to represent the government of Ontario. The Canadian delegation would have much to gain from the contribution of a representative of the government of the province in