

The Federal Government, in its policies, is continuing to give its fullest support to the economy of Quebec, as it does to that of other areas of Canada. It is also determined that the national institutions of Canada -- particularly the Government in Ottawa -- shall be institutions in which French-speaking Canadians as well as English-speaking Canadians can work and speak and write in their own language. It is also our desire that French-speaking Canadians should be able to live and educate their children using their own language wherever there are significant French-language communities across our country.

The people of Quebec -- like the people elsewhere in Canada -- favour political stability and economic development. I believe that investors can properly share our optimism, because it is based on the underlying realities rather than on the words and the moods of the moment.

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