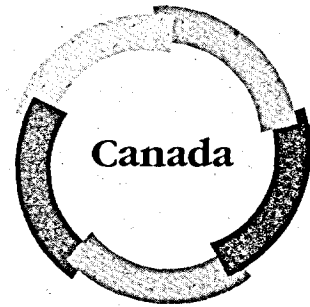

Our Partners in La Francophonie



Belgium

Capital: Brussels

Population: 9.8 million

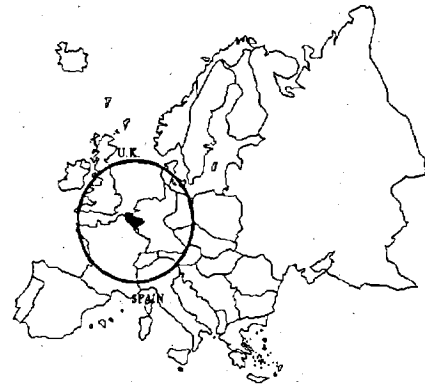
Head of State:
His Majesty King Albert II

Head of Government:
Jean-Luc Dehaene

Foreign Minister: Willy Claes

**President of the French
Community:** Bernard Anselme

Economy: Iron and steel, textiles,
chemicals, glass, shipbuilding,
agriculture.



Canada-Belgium Relations: Belgium is an important European partner of Canada. With respect to trade, Belgium ranks fourth among Canada's export markets in Western Europe. Exports to Belgium totalled approximately \$1.1 billion in 1992.

Domestic situation: Belgium is divided into four regions: Flanders (unilingual Flemish), Wallonia (unilingual French), Brussels (bilingual), and the German-speaking region. The French Community is responsible for cultural and social questions relating to the Francophone population of Wallonia and Brussels.

Political Authorities: Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister: Born in 1940. Graduated in law and economics. President of the Young-CVP (Flemish Christian Social Party) from 1967 to 1971, he was co-opted as a Senator from 1982 to 1987. Mr. Dehaene has been an elected member of the legislature for the riding of Brussels-Hal-Vilvorde since 1987. He was Minister of Social Affairs and Institutional Reform from 1981 to 1988 and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Communications and Institutional Reform from 1988 to 1992.

Bernard Anselme, Minister President of the Executive of the French Community responsible for Culture and Communications, Sport and Tourism: Born in 1945. Graduated in political, diplomatic and administrative science. Assistant and later representative in the offices of Ministers Terwange and Dehousse (1969-1972). Secretary-Adviser to the presidency of the Wallonia Regional Economic Council (1972-1977). Secretary of State for the Walloon region (1979-1980). Minister President of the Wallonia regional executive (1988-1991).