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PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST FRANCOPHONE GAMES

The Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development of Canada, the Honourable Paul Gobeil, Minister of Internationale Relations of Quebec, and the Honourable Aldéa Landry, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs of New Brunswick, are pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between their three governments on the First Francophone Games, which will take place in Morocco between July 8 and 22, 1989.

The result of a decision made at the Quebec Francophone Summit of September 1987, the implementation of which was entrusted to the Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers of French-Speaking Countries, these Games will combine sports and cultural competitions. The first edition will focus on a limited number of disciplines.

Canada is enrolling a single delegation in these first Games. This delegation will consist of three separate components: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. The three Ministers agree that this formula combines the uniqueness of Canada's traditional participation in La Francophonie and in international games, while acknowledging the presence and the particular contribution of Quebec and New Brunswick to La Francophonie and its institutions.

The composition of Canada's delegation recognizes the principle of excellence as the basis for selection, and seeks to give all the athletes and artists an opportunity to excel on the international scene.

In the team sports, it has been decided that Canada will enter a men's basketball team in these First Games, and Canada-Quebec, a women's basketball team. In the cultural competitions, each of the three governments will select participants by way of the government department and/or institution of its choice.

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On the symbolic level, the three ministers have agreed that the participants will parade as one delegation and will wear identical uniforms. A crest would however distinguish the Quebec and New Brunswick components. In case of victory, the Canadian flag will be raised and the national anthem will be played. The component to which a participant belongs will be discernible at all times, including when a medal is being awarded, by the flags and crests of the component.

As with the Quebec Summit, a Federal-Provincial Committee has been formed to provide coordination and required concertations.

FRANCOPHONE GAMES
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT

1. Canada shall enter a single delegation in the First Francophone Games, which shall take place in Morocco in July 1989. The delegation consists of the following three separate components: Canada, Canada-Québec and Canada-New-Brunswick, in accordance with Article 2.6 of the rules for the Francophone games. The Canadian component may contain persons from any province or territory in the country.
2. The composition of this delegation is intended to reflect as closely as possible the Canadian presence in La Francophonie and its agencies and activities, while emphasizing the particular and traditional contribution of Quebec and New Brunswick. Artists and athletes shall be selected on the basis of merit, and in a way that will ensure equal treatment for the participants. The language spoken by a participant shall not constitute a criterion for selection.
3. Each component shall fall within the quotas set by the International Committee of the Francophone Games.
4. The athletes in the various disciplines on the program shall be selected by the provincial or federal sports federations concerned in accordance with the terms of the agreement, the spirit of the preceding articles, and the rules and standards set for these competitions. In order to comply with the rules of international competition, this selection must be ratified by the competent national federation.
5. For team sports, the men's soccer team shall be selected and registered by the Canada component. It is agreed that the women's basketball team shall be selected and registered by the Canada-Quebec component for the first Games. Should a national federation elect to entrust to a provincial federation the task of forming a team for a next edition of the Games, the three components agree that Canada-New-Brunswick shall have the first choice in registering a Canadian team.
6. Artist in each discipline shall be selected by government departments and/or agencies designated respectively by each of the three governments, and by a procedure that complies with the principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2.
7. Each component shall be responsible for the technical, administrative and medical infrastructure of its participants. Should difficulties arise, and in order to avoid duplication, the federal-provincial committee, described in Article 12, shall use its decision-making power.

8. The delegation shall be identified as "Canada" and shall parade behind the Maple Leaf. The flags of Quebec and New Brunswick shall follow immediately thereafter, on either side. The delegation shall march as a single group. Its components - Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New-Brunswick - shall parade in that order, preceded by placards bearing the aforementioned identifying symbols.
9. The participants shall wear identical uniforms bearing the Maple Leaf; in addition, the Canada-Quebec and Canada-New-Brunswick components shall bear a distinctive crest on their uniforms.
10. When a victory is won by the Canadian delegation, the Canadian flag shall be raised and the Canadian national anthem played. In addition, when a victory is won by the Canada-Quebec or Canada-New Brunswick components, the flag of the component concerned shall be placed behind the winner's podium on a pole 3 metres tall.
11. On the financial level, and in accordance with the provisions established by the International Committee of the Francophone Games, each government shall pay the registration fees, fees proportional to the number of its participants, and transportation costs. Canada, Quebec and New Brunswick shall also contribute to the multilateral budget for the games, on the basis of the assessed contributions used by the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation. Expenses for national or provincial incidentals relative to the selection and preparation shall be paid by the governments concerned.
12. A federal-provincial committee, consisting of representatives from the Department of External Affairs of Canada, the Department of International Affairs of Quebec and the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs of New Brunswick, shall be formed to coordinate areas of common concern to the three components of the Canadian delegation.

This committee shall be responsible for all the cooperative efforts required among the components, on a basis of consensus, prior to and during the Francophone Games, as statutorily practiced within the Francophone institutions. This committee shall appoint one or more sub-committees for the more technical aspects, in particular where sports and culture are concerned.

Each component shall have its own spokesperson. However, in any litigations concerning a component of the Canadian Delegation and bearing on sports regulations under the jurisdiction of the international federations, or any question affecting the whole of the Canadian Delegation, only the Federal-Provincial Committee shall be empowered to speak and to take the necessary legal measures, on behalf of the Canadian delegation, after consultation with the competent sub-committee.

13. With the exception of Article 5, the provisions of this agreement are subject to the approval of the International Committee for the Francophone Games, and apply only to the Francophone Games, and to the first edition thereof.