



**Joint Statement between**  
**the Ministry of Francophone Affairs of the Province of Ontario and**  
**the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of**  
**France**

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the ties that bind them, their history and their shared values,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that Ontario has the largest Francophone minority community in Canada, and recognizing the vitality and potential of Ontario's Francophone communities;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** their shared commitment to the development of the Francophonie and their adherence to the values and principles of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the Francophonie is a significant social, cultural and economic asset, and an important lever for national and international development;

The Ministry of Francophone Affairs of the Province of Ontario and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of France ("the partners") **declare their intention to build cooperation**, and specifically:

- i. encourage and promote cultural, educational, academic, scientific and economic exchanges within the framework of their shared Francophonie;
- ii. share information and best practices to this end; and,
- iii. enhance cooperation in the fields of higher education, culture, digital technology, youth and the promotion of the French language.

**INSPIRED BY** the spirit of innovation and cooperation, as well as the prospects of building stronger ties and potential social and economic benefits, this statement:

**CONFIRMS** the partners' commitment to strengthen their relationship and work together to deepen concrete avenues of collaboration that can meet common objectives and possibly lead to an official agreement.

**COMMITTS** the partners to following up on this declaration in the context of the XIXth summit of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie to be held in France on October 4 and 5, 2024.

This Joint Statement between the partners is signed in Toronto, on April 16, 2024, in French and English.

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