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### **Liberal Statement on the International Day of La Francophonie**

OTTAWA– Liberal Official Languages and La Francophonie critic Stéphane Dion made the following statement today on the International Day of La Francophonie:

“International Day of La Francophonie is our opportunity to celebrate the French language in Canada and around the world. It is also the time to remind ourselves of the strong ties we have with Francophones globally and the responsibilities that it implies. We must not only continue our efforts to protect and promote this language, which is so precious to us, but we must also be present when our fellow Francophones, in all parts of the world, need us.”

Liberal Senator Claudette Tardif added:

“Canada’s Francophone community has forged its history from generation to generation and has evolved along the way. It is increasingly diversified and is a force within our economy, our places of work, our schools, our institutions, our communities and our digital world. Canada’s Francophones speak out with vigour and conviction on the international stage.

On behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada and our Parliamentary Caucus, I would like to extend best wish to all Francophones, both here and around the world, celebrating International Day of La Francophonie. I encourage all to continue the proud tradition of the French language and pass it on to future generations.”

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