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Order-in-Council No. 3214-81 regarding Québec's opposition to the project for patriating and amending the Canadian Constitution, November 25, 1981.

## [Translation]

## ORDER-IN-COUNCIL

## **GOVERNEMENT OF QUÉBEC**

NUMBER 3214-81 REGARDING Québec's opposition to the project for patriating and amending

the Canadian Constitution

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WHEREAS the federal government has tabled before the House of Commons on November 18, 1981 a motion seeking to patriate and amend the Canadian Constitution;

WHEREAS this motion, if accepted, would substantially diminish the powers and rights of Québec and its National Assembly without its consent;

WHEREAS it has always been recognized that no amendment of such nature could be made without the consent of Québec.

IT IS DECIDED, upon a motion by the Prime Minister:

THAT Québec formally exercise its veto against the resolution tabled before the House of Commons on November 18, 1981 by the federal Minister of Justice.

THAT this opposition be officially transmitted to the federal government and the provincial governments.

René Lévesque (Signature)

Approved on this 25th day of November 1981

ADMINISTRATOR (Signature)