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Resolution of the Québec National Assembly authorizing the amendment of section 93 of the Constitution Act, 1867, April 15, 1997.

RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS the Government intends to institute linguistic school boards as soon as possible;

WHEREAS in so doing the National Assembly of Québec reaffirms the established rights of the English-speaking community of Québec. More specifically, whereas Quebeckers whose children are admissible in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the French Language have the right to have them receive their instruction in English language educational facilities under the management and control of this community, as provided by law, and which are financed through public funds;"

WHEREAS it is desirable, for that purpose, to amend the Constitution Act, 1867, so that Québec may recover its full capacity to act in matters of education;

WHEREAS such amendment in no way constitutes recognition by the National Assembly of the Constitution Act, 1982, which was adopted without its consent;

WHEREAS undertakings were given by the Federal Government to proceed rapidly with such amendment, through bilateral action and with the agreement of the National Assembly and of the Federal Parliament;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the National Assembly authorizes the amendment to the Constitution of Canada by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada, in accordance with the following text:

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA CONSTITUTION ACT, 1867

 The Constitution Act, 1867, is amended by adding, immediately after section 93, the following:

"93A. Paragraphs (1) to (4) of section 93 do not apply to Québec.".

 This Amendment may be cited as the Constitution Amendment, year of proclamation, (Québec).

TRUE COPY OF THE MOTION MOVED ON 26 MARCH 1997 BY MR. JACQUES BRASSARD, MINISTER FOR CANADIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, WHICH WAS CARRIED, AS AMENDED, BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON 15 APRIL 1997.

Québec, this fifteenth day of April 1997.

PIERRE DUCHESNE
Secretary General of the National Assembly