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FRENCH SPEAKING PARLIAMENTARIANS



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Information Note on the International Association
of French Speaking Parliamentarians

The International Association of French Speaking Parliamentarians (AIPLF) was established in 1967 on the collective initiative of Presidents Senghor, Bourghiba, Diiori at Luxembourg.

In its objectives defined in article 11 of its Constitution, it aims at "participating in every initiative leading to the defence of French culture in countries which are entirely or partly French speaking".

"It will also participate in every action aiming at developing or acquainting, through the French language, people with the culture and civilization of those who regularly make use the language without belonging to the French culture and civilization".

"The AIPLF intends to constitute among its Parliamentary members a close cooperation so as to strengthen the solidarity established among them by the use of a common language. The AIPLF has no political aim".

According to article III, all the AIPLF is composed of Parliamentarians grouped in national sections in the Parliaments of the states in which French is the official language, the medium of expression or the language frequently spoken. Each state is entitled to a single section and decides freely its own constitutions.

"Parliamentarians or representatives of Regional Legislative Assemblies originating from a state in which there is no national section, can be admitted either collegiately into an associated section or individually as associate members.

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The Republic of the Ivory Coast
Union - Discipline - Labour

National Assembly
The President
No. 18 AN/PT-SG

Abidjan, 19 February 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you, under this cover, the photocopy of the letter I wrote, as the President of the Ivory Coast Section of the Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française (International Association of French speaking parliamentarians) to the current President of the OAU, urging him to present to the Members of the Organization, the request of the Association to be accredited to the OAU as an observer.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Samuel Kouame
For the President of the
National Assembly
The Secretary-General

The Secretary General
of the Organization of African Unity

This clause applies particularly to Parliamentarians.... who regularly make use of the French language in international meetings.

The General Assemblies which, on the average, meet every 15 months took place in Versailles 1968, Algiers 1970, Montreal 1971, Dakar 1973, Brussels September 1977.

The last of the General Assembly which brought together 31 countries and 11 international institutions, numbered 21 national sections:

Belgium
Cameroon
Canada (3 sections: Federal, Quebec, New Brunswick)
Chad
France
Gabon
Haiti
Iran
Ivory Coast
Laos
Lebanon
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Mauritius
Niger
Rwanda
Senegal
Switzerland
Tunisia
Upper Volta
Zaire



and 5 associated sections

- Jersey
- Louisiane
- Monaco
- Seychelles
- Val d'Aoste

The organs of the Association are the General Assembly and the Committee assisted by a General Secretariat situated at 54, Avenue de Saxe - Paris 75015.

Chairman: Lebanon
 Vice-Chairman: Senegal
 Vice-Chairman: Belgium

Charles HELOU
 Amadou CISSE DIA
 André BAUDSON

Members: Cameroon
 Canada
 France
 Ivory Coast
 Laos
 Luxembourg
 Tunisia
 Zaire

Mr. MATIE
 Lucien LAMOUREUX
 Jean de BROGUE
 Philippe YACE
 Mr. Nonphat
 Van-Deu Pualk
 Noudeine GLEWZA
 Loa Ngle Bond, MOLEBE

Parliamentary Secretary-General:
 Administrative Secretary-General
 Deputy Secretary-General

Xavier DENIAU
 MUTTER
 Reimy MAYRAUD

At the last General Assembly, Brazil and Santa Lucia requested the status of national section. The People's Republic of the Congo, Greece, Togo and South Viet-nam were accredited as observers.

The activities of the AIPLF which are predominantly actions of cultural solidarity made it accredited to:

- 4 May 1973, the UNO ECOSOC Group 11
- 11 May 1974, UNESCO
- 25 April 1974, the Council of Europe in 1974, the
- Conference of French speaking Ministers of Education and the many French speaking international organizations.

If the AIPLF improves its relations with its counter-parts the UIP and CPA, it entertains, above all, privileged relations with the Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique (Agency of Cultural and Technical Cooperation in accordance with the wishes of its General Assembly held in Ottawa and with those of the General Conference of the Agency held in 1971 in Ottawa, reaffirmed in the Protocol of Agreement signed in 1972.

Under these various provisions, meetings of the "Special Committee of the Agency of the Cultural and Technical Cooperation" of the AIPLF examine the work or programme of the Agency, which it contributed to create by its action. so as to familiarize people, with them.

Besides, the AIPLF organizes, in relation with the Agency of the Cultural and Technical Cooperation, punctual missions in Member States with a view to examining some of its realisations in matters of education... It is on the occasion of one of these missions that it submitted to the limited nations a report on the drought problems in the Sahel. The result was a ~~commentatory~~ letter of thanks for Mr. Kurt Waldheim, United Nations Secretary-General, recalling that it was the first non governmental organization to make mention of this problem to the Universal Organization and asked it to continue in the same spirit.

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