



Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of Alliance Quebec on April 9, 1997

The following resolution was adopted (yesterday) Wednesday evening by the Executive Committee of Alliance Quebec. Alliance Quebec's position on this crucial matter has been consistent and firm. We reiterate our support for an immediate move towards linguistic school boards but without recourse to unnecessary constitutional change. Please call us at the number below should you wish further information or comment on the resolution.

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WHEREAS Alliance Quebec has consistently advocated the replacement of confessional boards by linguistic boards; and

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec proposes to amend the Constitution of Canada by the removal of the confessional guarantees in section 93 of the Constitution Act, 1982, formerly known as the British North America Act, without public hearings and without providing explicit guarantees for linguistic boards; and

WHEREAS the rights of the English-speaking community would be adversely affected by the said amendment; and

WHEREAS the motion presented to the National Assembly by the Government of Quebec declares explicitly that Quebec does not recognize the legitimacy of the the Constitution Act, 1982, which includes the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and, more particularly, section 23 of that Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALLIANCE QUEBEC REAFFIRM its support for linguistic school boards;

OPPOSE in the strongest terms the motion put forward by the Government in the National Assembly and clearly supported by the opposition Liberals which would render s. 93 non-applicable in Quebec;

STRONGLY URGE all Members of the National Assembly to vote against the resolution, especially those whose electors include significant numbers of English-speaking Quebecers, whose interests these Members have been elected to represent in the National Assembly.