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Montreal, Monday, June 7, 1999 – Alliance Quebec condemns the *Office de la langue française's* attempt to impose francization requirements on commercial Websites produced in Quebec.

"Clearly this is an issue that comes under Federal jurisdiction, if at all. It is surely not within the mandate of the *Office de la langue française* to police the World-Wide-Web," stated Alliance Quebec President William Johnson.

"This is an issue of freedom of expression and does not in any way affect the public face of Quebec. The CRTC was wise in its decision not to set regulations with respect to the World-Wide-Web."

Alliance Quebec extends full support to Michael's Photo Studio and any other organization targeted for their Website by the *Commission de la protection de la langue française*.

"The State has no place in the Websites of the nation," concluded Johnson. "Especially to impose one language over others."