

Alliance Quebec condemns Louise Beaudoin's assertion that Quebec Civil Servants should serve immigrants and allophones in French only

Montreal, Thursday, June 3, 1999 – Alliance Quebec condemns Louise Beaudoin's statement that while the *Charter of the French Language* guarantees certain rights to the English-speaking minority in Quebec, Quebec Civil Servants **must continue to communicate in French only** with immigrants and allophones.

"I cannot fathom why Louise Beaudoin would take such a blatantly discriminatory stand and insist that Italians, Greeks and immigrants from Sri Lanka be singled out for such abominable treatment," stated Alliance Quebec President William Johnson. "She has shown her true colours."

"Will Quebec Civil Servants be expected to take a test to gauge their ability to distinguish between what they would consider a true anglophone and a newly arrived anglophone so they can offer services accordingly?"

Alliance Quebec commends Quebec Civil Servants for recognizing the need to deliver services in a language other than French and attempting to do so as provided under the law.