

Alliance Quebec Youth Seek Meeting With Premier

Dorval, Sunday, May 30, 1999 - The members of the Provincial Youth Commission of Alliance Quebec announced today that they plan to invite Premier Bouchard to meet with them to discuss the provincial government's plan to address the under-representation of minorities in the Quebec public sector.

For many years, Alliance Quebec and, in particular, its Provincial Youth Commission has lobbied the provincial government to increase the number of English-speaking people employed by the Quebec government and its agencies. Currently, members of the English-speaking community comprise less than 1% of Quebec's public sector employees despite the fact that they make up in excess of 10% of the province's population.

"The Provincial Youth Commission of Alliance Quebec welcome's the government's initiative in setting a target of 25% of civil service jobs to be filled by members of minority communities", stated Alliance Quebec Youth Commission President Christina Meaker, "However, we want to ensure this is not a hollow promise".

The Provincial Youth Commission intends to request that the government extends its commitment to include the entire public sector. We also urge the government to actively solicit and recruit qualified minority candidates for these job positions.