

**QCGN expresses sincere condolences to the family of Brian Mulroney and all Canadians**

**Montreal – February 29, 2024** – QCGN expresses deep condolences to the family of former Prime Minister of Canada the Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney, who died today at age 84. He was a man of stature whose profound belief in the sanctity of human rights never wavered, and who did much to build bridges between Quebec and the rest of Canada.

Whether it was forging agreements on acid rain or other environmental issues, building bridges between French-speaking Quebec and the rest of Canada, or standing strong against apartheid in South Africa, Brian Mulroney wasn't afraid to move boldly on the world stage, or in attempts to better cement the Canadian federation during his nine years as Prime Minister.

A fluently bilingual Quebecer whose tenure at 24 Sussex Drive was not without controversy, Mulroney carved out a reputation as a conciliator and rassembleur, born in part from his experience as one of the country's leading labour lawyers. Expert at the cut and thrust of politics, he nonetheless easily assumed the mantle of leader and statesman when the occasion required.

Mulroney served in turbulent times, impressing upon the Progressive Conservative Party of the day the importance of including Quebec in the national discussion and fighting vigorously for the rights of linguistic minorities across the country. One of his enduring legacies was the passage of a vastly updated Official Languages Act in 1988 that advanced the country's linguistic duality and enhanced the development of linguistic minority communities.

As an adoptive Montrealer from the Lower North Shore, as a Quebecer, as a Canadian, Brian Mulroney stood strong for his province and his country, and we are sorry to have lost him at this moment.

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