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## The Association franco-yukonnaise is Deeply Disappointed with new Federal Targets on Francophone Immigration

**Whitehorse, November 1, 2023** — The Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) along with its national umbrella organization, the Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne (FCFA) du Canada, is expressing its disappointment regarding the new targets on Francophone immigration announced today by minister Marc Miller. These targets – 6 percent for 2024, 7 percent for 2025, and 8 percent for 2026 – are far from being enough compared to what is needed in the Yukon.

"To ensure the future vitality of the Franco-Yukonnie, we must address the challenges created by the workforce shortage through immigration. Unfortunately, today's announcement falls far short of our needs, despite the recent commitment to modernize the *Official Languages Act* to restore the demographic significance of the Francophonie," says Lorraine Taillefer, President of the AFY.

The French-speaking community has invested significant efforts in establishing services to welcome and to facilitate the integration of Francophone immigrants. "By enhancing these services and implementing a specific Francophone immigration program, the government has an opportunity to achieve ambitious goals in Francophone immigration. However, it has chosen to maintain the status quo by relying on the current capabilities of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada," laments Lorraine Taillefer.

### Association franco-yukonnaise

Official voice and leader in the development of the Yukon French-speaking community since 1982, AFY aims to improve the quality of life of Yukon Francophones.

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