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Ms. Lenore Rodgers
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Dear Lenore,

You will find enclosed the minutes of our January meeting as well as a brochure we are presently using. I am also sending you the January newsletter and will be sending you our next one.

We would like to thank you and CLOW for all the information you have sent us so far.

However, Carmen and I were somewhat concerned when we read the minutes of your board and executive meetings. It seems that we might have been misunderstood.

We would like your organization to understand that the priority on which Action-Education des Femmes has decided to concentrate is the needs of francophone women. We are presently working on a "document de travail" on learning opportunities for francophone women.

Since one of the needs expressed in our previous survey was the desire for a network, we are also putting a lot of energy into building provincial networks. In order to do this, we are sending newsletters, having provincial meetings, answering requests for workshop facilitators... an informal skills bank which we plan to improve this spring...

As far as our committee is concerned, the exact nature of our relationship with CLOW is secondary. This may seem cold and uncooperative but we feel that we must be honest with you.

CLOW gave us a chance to come together in Halifax and to begin building our network. Since then, you have always been willing to share with us. We would like to continue in this manner, specially since we share most objectives. We would not hesitate to support CLOW on common objectives and continue the kind of close cooperation we have enjoyed so far.

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If we had to state how we perceive our relationship with CLOW, we feel that your own expression "peer relationship" would express it best.

The combined experience and judgement of our board members has led us to conclude that we cannot function as a sub-committee of CLOW - sub-committees just do not build their own networks, organize their own skills bank...

We hope that in the future we will continue to work together to improve learning opportunities for women in Canada and that we will all profit from each others' experiences.

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Dear Mr. Morrison:

The Council at its January meeting in Regina decided to sponsor and organize a national conference on future directions for postsecondary education in the Spring of this year. The conference, arising in fact out of the Council's recent participation in an OECD Conference, will focus on the changing needs and the role of postsecondary education in the 1980s, and will involve a wide range of participants.

A regionally representative Steering Committee of provincial officials, reporting to the Executive Committee of the Council, will be responsible for the planning and organization of the conference.

Plans also call for the setting up of a Conference Planning Advisory Committee which will include representation from the major national organizations with interest in postsecondary education as well as members at large. The purpose of the Advisory Committee will be to formulate proposals for the consideration of the Steering Committee pertaining to the operation of the conference.

The purpose, therefore, of my letter is first of all to alert you to this particular Council activity as it will be of immediate interest to you and secondly to advise that Council Chairman, the Hon. D. McArthur, will, in the very near future, be communicating with your president to invite representation on the Conference Planning Advisory Committee.

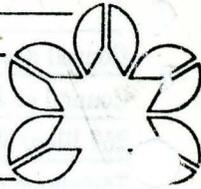
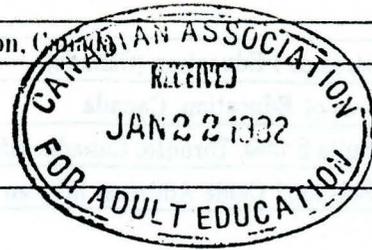
The objectives of the Council's plan are broad (see attached) and the timeframe for the activity is short, nevertheless we are optimistic that with a concerted and cooperative effort on the part of all concerned a meaningful and productive exchange of ideas will result.

Yours sincerely,


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Executive Director

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Communiqué



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For Immediate release

Council of Ministers of Education Conference on Postsecondary Education Issues In Canada for the 1980's

Provincial and territorial ministers responsible for education announced today at their meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, that a national conference on postsecondary education issues in the 1980's will be sponsored and organized by the Council of Ministers of Education in late spring 1982.

Council Chairman, the Hon. Doug McArthur of Saskatchewan, outlined a number of broad objectives for the conference which would include:

- to review recent trends in the development of systems of postsecondary education in the provinces;
- to discuss major issues confronting the development of postsecondary education over the next decade;
- to consider ways and approaches by which such issues could be effectively addressed having regard to the broader social and economic contexts which are likely to prevail during the 1980's.

A Steering Committee of provincial officials will be charged with the responsibility of managing this Council activity. Mr. McArthur indicated that the themes to be addressed by the conference would be:

- i) Access to higher education
- ii) Changing relationships between higher education and working life
- iii) Patterns of Governance
- iv) Financing and redeployment of resources.

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*Postponed to the Fall
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