Quebec — Louisiana presented its case to the world over the weekend.

"You are meeting not to decide the fate of the French world next month but in 25, 50, or 100 years," James Domengeaux, chairman of the Council For the Development of French in Louisiana, told the general assembly of the Francophonie, a group of some 30 French speaking countries meeting in Ottawa and Quebec City.

In a statement presented to the general assembly, Domengeaux said, "There are over a million and a half people still speaking or understanding French in Louisiana today."

The CODOFIL chairman asked "whether the French speaking world wanted to go it alone without Louisiana?"

He implied strongly that with Louisiana the Francophonie "would have the United States."

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