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#### Paper

The general commission on the French language, a service attached to the Ministry of Culture since 1996, is responsible for assuring the coordination of action of government for the promotion of the French language and multilingualism. It is an alert and highly active organization. The general commission on the French language is also responsible for coordinating the mechanism for the enrichment of the French language, the objective of which is to endow our language with the necessary technical terminology to define modern reality, an area which is closely tied to the themes of this colloquium. As such, we participate in projects on the readability of administrative documents. Finally, I would like to note that we have recently organized a seminar on communication in the company setting.

In the context of this colloquium, the Délégation Générale à la Langue Française wishes to gather together thoughts and suggestions about:

1. The mastery of written and oral language in access to employment and in professional life.
2. The mastery of technical terminology as appropriation of concepts, and of technique.
3. The readability of documents (directions, forms for clients and citizens, response dossiers for international invitations to tender, etc.) as an essential element in company and administrative communication.
4. The appropriation of new communication technologies (correctors, vocal dictation, automatic translator, hypertext, e-mail, etc.) which offer a wide array of thinking in the area of training.