computers and computer markets were a part of this cooperative initiative among francophone countries.

A final aspect of note is the manner in which this plan builds upon computer training efforts of the previous decade. Teachers trained under the year-long program sponsored by the Ministry of Education have become the trainers for a new wave of the uninitiated. A requirement of the year's training was for each person to develop a computer program to be made available to other teachers at other schools. The present catalog of software builds upon the work by teachers over the past decade.

The scope of the present plan is clearly of major proportions. In Monsieur Fabius' words: "Education is the most important investment of this nation, the keystone in our modernization. Informatics will increasingly become a true second language. Our objective is to make this generation the best educated in the history of our nation." The bottom line of the plan is that, at the end of 1986, every graduate of a lycée, technical school, or university will have worked with the computer for a minimum of thirty hours. The plan and its proponents appear to have caught public attention and generated nationwide support.

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