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LPA-AFT denounces the duplicity of *Centre for Inquiry Canada* which opposes secularism before the Supreme Court of Canada

Montreal, 5th January 2026 – *Libres penseurs athées-Atheist Freethinkers* (LPA-AFT), an association which defends the rights of atheists, promotes secularism and is affiliated with *Atheist Alliance International* (AAI), will ask AAI to condemn the anti-secular activity of another Canadian affiliate.

In fact, the *Centre for Inquiry Canada* (CFIC) will intervene before the Supreme Court of Canada, joining several anti-secular individuals and organizations in an attempt to repeal the *Act respecting the laicity of the State* ("Bill 21"). By adopting this law in 2019, Quebec positioned itself in the vanguard of secularism, including the principle of separation between religion and State.

However, CFIC is also an AAI affiliate. Its intervention before the Court constitutes a shameful betrayal of the very secularism that CFIC claims to uphold. The hearings for the court challenge are scheduled for March 2026.

AAI will hold its next general meeting on 18th January 2026. Given that one of the main goals of that international organization is the promotion of secularism throughout the world, and given that its affiliate CFIC is currently opposing that goal before the courts, LPA-AFT will ask the general meeting to condemn formally CFIC's anti-secular action.

Specifically, LPA-AFT will propose **"that AAI require that CFIC revise its anti-secular position, under penalty of possible expulsion from AAI."**

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