

PRESS RELEASE

**APFF lodges complaint with UN**

**De Haan (Belgium), April 28, 2011** – The Association for the Promotion of French Culture in Flanders (APFF) confirms that its complaint for breach of cultural rights and minority status of Francophones in Flanders came to the UN in Geneva, last April 21.

The APFF who does not hesitate to speak of a « *silent cultural genocide* » details the reasons for its actions in the April 2011 issue of « *Nouvelles de Flandre* » and on its website (<http://www.francophonie.be/ndf>), where the documents can be viewed in French, Dutch and English. Some also in German (see « Press Releases »).

The complaint was filed in compliance with the terms of the 1503 Commission on Human Rights.

**For more information**

Please visit our website (<http://www.francophonie.be/ndf>) and issue 60 (April 2011) of « *Nouvelles de Flandre* ».

**About the APFF**

The Association for the Promotion of French Culture in Flanders (APFF) has no political objective and has absolutely no intention of questioning the linguistic status of Flanders. It simply wants French, one of Belgium's official languages, to have the right to be used in Flanders in the same way as any other language.

The APFF promotes French culture in particular by publishing the magazine « *Nouvelles de Flandre* » on its website (<http://www.francophonie.be/ndf>). Here you can also find a calendar of activities in French and the addresses of French-speaking resources in Flanders, as well as articles and information on French culture in general. A newsletter, a paper version of the magazine, is also published every three months.

Anyone who is interested in the APFF can become a member. The annual membership fee is 15 EUR for Belgium and 30 EUR for abroad, payment to be sent to the APFF's account number 210-0433429-85 (IBAN : BE89 2100 4334 2985 – BIC : GEBABEBB). Members and donors receive the « *Nouvelles de Flandre* » magazine every three months.