



Under the Summary of Understanding, the Ukrainian delegation highlighted a number of issues:

- ◆ progress of political and economic reforms in Ukraine;
- ◆ provision of technical assistance to Ukraine by other international organizations and countries;
- ◆ progress to date regarding the implementation of the Canadian Cooperation Program;
- ◆ priorities of Ukraine for international technical assistance approved by Ukraine;
- ◆ the efforts to date to develop new proposals.

The Canadian representatives noted discussions on the following:

- ◆ Canada's foreign policy review;
- ◆ CIDA's organizational structure, development cooperation mechanisms and programs;
- ◆ Central and Eastern Europe Branch policies and programs as they apply to countries in transition;
- ◆ CIDA priorities and budget allocations;
- ◆ CIDA policy in areas of sustainable development, environment, and women in development and gender equity.

Both parties reviewed the progress made to date in implementing the Canadian Cooperation Program and noted that:



*Luncheon for ACITA at the Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. L-r: Borys Polyachenko (Scientific Counsellor, Ukr. Emb.); Roman Hruby (Trade Commissioner, DFAIT); Mykhaylo Tytarenko (Economic Counsellor, Ukr. Emb.); Sergiy Bezv (Dep. Dir., ACITA); Elena Kucherenko (Head, Dept. For Coop. with USA and Canada, ACITA); Minister Lada Pavlikovska (ACITA); Jean-Pierre Juneau (ADM, Europe Branch, DFAIT); Senator Raynell Andreychuk; Vasil Kosenko (translator); George Saibel (Dir. FSU Div., Centr. & East. Europe Branch, CIDA); Dennis Stevens (DFAIT); Andriy Vesselovsky (Min-Counsellor, Ukr. Emb.).*

- ◆ the Program will continue to aim to support the transition of Ukraine to a democratic society and market-based economy;
- ◆ the Government of Canada will continue to contribute funds to current projects presented by Canadian companies and organizations through this program.
- ◆ there will be a concerted effort to ensure the coordination and exchange of accurate information between ACITA and CIDA on a timely and regular basis at important points in the lifecycle of projects, to allow for the proper monitoring of the progress and achievements of the Canadian Cooperation Program;
- ◆ there will continue to be developed new proposals encompassing a range of sectors under the rubric of the technical cooperation program, emphasizing speed of response and flexibility given the evolution of reforms in Ukraine.

CIDA will endeavour to ensure that the new proposals presented by the Ukrainian delegation will be reviewed promptly. Both parties agreed to support the coordination of activities and the solution of urgent issues which will be ensured by regular consultations between ACITA and the Technical Cooperation Section of the Canadian Embassy in Kyiv.



*Signing of CIDA - ACITA agreement bringing 3 days of discussion to a conclusion. Seated, l-r: George Saibel (Dir., CIDA) and Minister Lada Pavlikovska. Standing, l-r: Monika Vadeboncour (CIDA); Réal Lalande (Dep. Dir., CIDA); Elena Kucherenko (ACITA); Andriy Vesselovsky (Ukr. Emb.); Mykhaylo Tytarenko (Ukr. Emb.); Sergiy Bezv (ACITA); danielle Rondeau (CIDA).*