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- Lada Pavlikovska, Head of the **Agency for the Coordination of International Technical Assistance to Ukraine**, came to Canada Feb. 26-28 for meetings with top officials in CIDA, to discuss closer bilateral relations between Canada and Ukraine (*see story on page 20*).

In the upcoming months:

- The question of regular air links between Canada and Ukraine will be the topic of discussion and hopefully will lead to an agreement for a delegation from Ukraine's Ministry of Transport to visit Ottawa.
- Issues dealing with the question of the program of utilization of Ukraine's rocket-launchers/carriers, mutual expansion of space technology, and the signing/implementation of Agreements.
- A delegation of ministry leaders and the leadership of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine - dealing with questions of cooperation in information technology and communication systems.
- A delegation of the leaders of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to discuss cooperation and agreements in questions of health.
- Ukraine's Minister of Justice, Mr. Serhiy Holowaty will be in Canada in April.

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- Negotiations between the G-7 and Ukraine on closing the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant took place at the Embassy in early October 1995. The G-7 side was chaired by Canadian diplomat Allan Culham; Ukraine's delegation was headed by Environment and Nuclear Safety Minister Yuriy Kostenko. The talks ultimately led to the December 20 signing in Ottawa of a Memorandum of Understanding in which Ukraine commits to close Chernobyl in return for US\$2.3 billion in grants and loans from the World Bank, Euratom, EBRD and G-7 countries.
- Representatives of the Trade and Economic sections of the Embassy joined the International Trade Club in visiting Chernivtsi November 2-3, 1995. While in Buchovyna, the Embassy officials met with local political, business and cultural leaders, and initiated a number of contacts currently being followed up by Canadian companies.
- The Embassy's Immigration Section joined forces with the Province of Manitoba November 13-16, 1995 to present five immigration promotion and recruitment seminars. Manitoba Assistant Deputy Minister for Heritage and Citizenship, Doris Mae Oulton, and Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) Chair, Charles Brimley, answered questions from 120 Ukrainian professionals considering a move to Canada as independent immigrants. CCTT also gathered data on engineering education in Ukraine, to help in assessing qualifications of future immigrants.
- In November 1995, George Saibel, Director Russia/Ukraine Programs, CIDA, attended the latest in the Embassy's series of quarterly meetings of all CIDA project managers based in Ukraine. Project managers joined Embassy staff in: reviewing the political, economic and social context for technical cooperation with Ukraine; assessing the impact of Ukrainian government policies on Canadian programs; discussing common management problems and areas where planning and implementation of our projects could be improved.
 - Canadian telecommunications giant Nortel, entering the market with Embassy support, has won contracts to install large private switching systems for the Cabinet of Ministers, Kyiv City Hall and Boryspil International Airport. Nortel is also completing a fibre optics line from Odesa to Kyiv. Total work allocated is over \$20 million. Nortel plans to bid on other projects that can showcase Canada's leading role in telecommunications.
 - Embassy technical cooperation officers met with Canadian health experts in Kyiv to select Ukrainian organizations for the Partners in Health component of the new Canada-Ukraine Partners Program (CUPP). Charles Shields, Executive Director of the Canadian Society for International Health, Paulette Schatz, Partners in Health project manager at CSIH, consultant Myroslaw Kohut and Winnipeg psychiatrist Dr. Walter Lebedyn also travelled to



A senior financial delegation from Ukraine was in Ottawa Feb. 9-25 attending seminars on Canada's experiences in budgetary policy and deficit reduction. The program is sponsored by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (part of CIDA's Technical Cooperation Program for Ukraine). The delegation included representatives from Ukraine's ministries of Finance and Economics, Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) and the President's Administration, as well as finance departments from cities across Ukraine. The city of Ottawa provided a session on municipal budgetary processes. In the photo, the delegation is hosted by the Mayor of Gatineau.