



**QUEBEC DELEGATION IN UKRAINE**

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democratic institutions and development of a market economy.

Ottawa's response to these challenges was twofold. Export Development Corporation established a \$50 million line of credit for Ukraine, while External Affairs and International Trade Canada, through its Former Soviet Union Division, Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe launched a series of technical assistance programs to provide help and expertise to the fledgling Ukrainian government and its institutions.

One of the first Technical Assistance Programs for Ukraine was a \$772,000 grant provided to the **Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation**. The goals of this grant are to provide consultants and advisors to Ukrainian ministries and government institutions; in addition, it provides for short-term, in-Canada training for up to 30 middle and senior level Ukrainian civil servants. The in-Canada training phase of this Program is intended to provide the Ukrainians with an overview of how the

Canadian government functions generally and, specifically to provide some insight into policy formulation and its implementation, in particular ministries and government agencies. Another key objective is to offer Ukrainians an opportunity of establishing a network of personal acquaintances which may be useful on a professional basis.

Since launching this program in spring 1992, the Federation placed 10 Canadians in Ukraine who are currently working as advisors and consultants at the National Bank of Ukraine, the Export-Import Bank of Ukraine, the Council of Advisors to the Parliament of Ukraine and the Ministry of Finance. In addition, this Program also funds the salaries of the Director and Administrative Assistant of the Institute of Public Administration and Local Government.

This Program is to be wrapped up substantially by the end of 1993. In the meantime, the Bureau for Central and Eastern Europe has established additional technical assistance programs which

focus on other specific areas such as agriculture, education, public administration and health in Ukraine. With the assistance of the Bureau, Canadians have an opportunity to provide financial and technical know-how to Ukraine and assist Ukraine in helping itself on the long and difficult path to democratic, social and economic reforms. **(See photo page 29.)**

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## IDRC PLANS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM IN UKRAINE

The Canadian Government has agreed in principle to provide funds to the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to develop an environmental rehabilitation program in Ukraine. The proposed program would be implemented by the Ukrainian research institutes with the cooperation of Canadian research institutions (including IDRC).

IDRC will be discussing with Ukrainian institutions an "Environmental Management Development Ukraine" project, focusing on water management in the Dniro (Dnieper) River Basin, covering seven oblasts (regions). It could support the creation of several environmental management centres (perhaps in Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Kherson), a pilot project in GIS technology utilization and data collection through remote sensing. A second component of the program could support research on environmental management policy and water pollution control.

IDRC will be consulting and developing a detailed program with interested Ukrainian institutions. Selection of the mission participants and Ukrainian institutions is to be made at an upcoming Kyiv visit. An agreement in principle is expected to be reached on the appropriate institutions on the objectives, components of the program and proposed budget. Approval from the Canadian Government and IDRC