



issues of common interest. He will also sign a number of bilateral agreements.

While in Toronto, Edmonton and Winnipeg, President Kuchma will participate in business symposiums on Ukraine and will meet with representatives of the Ukrainian Canadian community.

G-7 UKRAINE CONFERENCE IN WINNIPEG

Ottawa (October 11, 1994)... Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Human Resources Development and Western Diversification Minister Lloyd Axworthy today announced that Canada will host a one-day Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine. The meeting, which will be attended by

G-7 and Ukrainian officials and representatives of the international financial institutions, will take place October 27, 1994, in Winnipeg. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Ukraine's plans for economic reform and international support for Ukraine's economic transformation.

"Ukraine is a key player in Europe. It is important that we and the other G-7 countries encourage Ukraine to implement an economic reform programme in co-operation with the international financial institutions. Creating a market economy in 'Ukraine will speed up Ukraine's integration into the world economy", said Mr. Ouellet.

"Canada, and Winnipeg in particular, are pleased to host the Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine. With its large Ukrainian community, Canada is

well placed to contribute to the transformation of Ukraine. We intend to develop further the special relationship our two countries enjoy in the social, cultural, political and economic development fields", said Mr. Axworthy, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre.

The Conference will be officially opened by Ministers Ouellet, Axworthy and David Walker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, by President Kuchma of Ukraine, and by the International Monetary Fund Managing Director, Michel Camdessus. Working sessions at the Conference will be chaired by Mr. Scott Clark, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister at Canada's Department of Finance.

CANADA CONGRATULATES NEW PRESIDENT

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien:

... Canada is proud of its special relationship with Ukraine. Our partnership is founded on the historical links between our countries, and on the large Ukrainian-Canadian community which is so actively committed to Ukraine's future.

I have been working hard within the G-7 to secure a firm commitment to Ukraine and its needs. At Naples, my colleagues enthusiastically accepted Canada's proposal to host a conference on "Partnership for Economic Transformation" in the lead-up to the Halifax Summit. We will want to ensure that it reinforces your efforts to reform Ukraine's economy...

Canada will stand by Ukraine as you face the difficult task of consolidating nationhood and realizing the promise of democracy and market-based prosperity. I look forward to working with you to the benefit of both our peoples.

Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn:

... Canada has long supported Ukraine's objectives and considers our relationship most vital. Our official contacts are but a beginning to the expansion of our future ties. We are associated by strong bonds of friendship and family, and I am certain that Canada's large Ukrainian community is a key element in our technical cooperation projects and business contacts...

We know that Ukraine has a central role to play in the stability, security and prosperity of Europe. Please be assured of Canada's continued support in your efforts to build a prosperous future for the people of your country.

Foreign Minister André Ouellet:

... Canada has been a strong supporter of Ukraine in meeting the challenges of independence and I want to assure him that we will continue that support...

Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Oleh Romaniw:

The entire world, including all Ukrainians in the diaspora, is closely watching events in Ukraine in the aftermath of your election as President. The UCC wishes you and your government every success in implementing reform measures which are so vital to revitalizing Ukraine's struggling economy.

Three short years ago, Ukraine finally assumed her rightful place among the independent states of the world. It was an historic moment, overwhelmingly endorsed by the people of Ukraine and greeted with tears of joy by Ukrainians worldwide. Ukrainians everywhere look to you as Ukraine's second democratically-elected President to defend her sovereignty. The UCC has done everything in its power to assist Ukraine and pledges to assist you and your government in the maintenance of a fully independent, democratic and economically strong Ukraine...

The concern of the UCC and the majority of Ukrainian Canadians is that Ukraine remain an independent state in every sense of the word... Ukraine's election results very clearly point to the divisions within the country... Ukraine requires strong leadership to get the country on sound economic feet.