



Canada's humanitarian assistance to Ukraine totals \$8.25 million. It includes a \$4.5 million contribution to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the delivery of essential medicine and medical supplies, a \$3.5 million donation to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support a basic immunization program for children and \$250,000 to Help Us Feed the Children, a Canadian non-governmental organization providing humanitarian assistance to orphanages in Ukraine.

Canada has taken a number of measures in support of human rights and good governance. The Institute of Public Administration and Local Government, with a Canadian director and \$4.5 million in Canadian funding, is training a new generation of people with the knowledge and skills to run a modern, democratic state. Canada's \$2.5 million package of technical assistance for Ukraine's March elections was intended to support the development of electoral institutions over the long term. The package was the largest and most comprehensive among international donations. In addition to sending election observers, Canada supplied specialized ballot paper, placed an Elections Canada advisor with the Ukrainian Central Electoral Commission and assisted with voter education and media training. Both the elections in March and the subsequent presidential elections were considered generally free and fair and have resulted in an orderly transition of power.

Canada's \$5 million project to rehabilitate the Dnipro River is providing technical assistance to environmental agencies to strengthen their ability to manage the clean-up of Ukraine's most important waterway.

Children's Hospital No. 1 in Kyiv has welcomed a number of Canadian experts who have provided training to physicians. It also benefits from \$3.4 million in assistance through the Chernobyl's Children Project and the Osvita Medical Project.

Canada is addressing nuclear and security issues through \$15 million nuclear-dismantlement package, \$2 million in support of the establishment of the Science and Technology Centre in Kyiv, and through the Canadian Nuclear Safety Initiative.

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NUCLEAR SAFETY

1. We (the Heads of State and Government of seven major industrial nations and the President of the European Commission) welcome the progress made in the nuclear safety program, agreed by the Munich and Tokyo summits, concerning the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union.
2. An effective framework for coordinated action is now in place. The World Bank, working with other lending institutions including the EBRD and EIB, and with the IEA, is helping countries develop longterm energy strategies. Some near-term safety improvements are on the way. More needs to be done and longer term actions must be carried out. The IFI's are invited according to their mandate to make full use of their lending possibilities for this purpose.
3. We remain committed to the existing international initiatives to promote an early closure of high risk reactors. The closing down of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant is an urgent priority. We are therefore putting forward to the Ukrainian Government an action plan for the closure of Chernobyl. This plan will require measures to be taken by the Ukrainian authorities as well as financial contributions from the international community. The closure of Chernobyl would be accompanied by the early completion of three new reactors to adequate safety standards, by comprehensive reforms in the energy sector, increased energy conservation and the use of other energy sources.
4. In this context we welcome the contribution by the European Union. As a further step we are ready to

provide for the Action Plan an initial amount of up to US\$200 million in grants, including a replenishment of the Nuclear Safety Account for this purpose. In addition loans should be provided by the IFI's.

We call on other donors and international financial institutions to join us in supporting this action plan and will review progress regularly.

UKRAINE

We wish to see a stable and independent Ukraine.

We welcome the Trilateral Statement, Ukraine's ratification of the START 1 Treaty, and steps to remove nuclear weapons. We look forward to Ukraine's accession to the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon State.

But we are deeply concerned about the economic situation. Genuine reform is the only way to improve the economy. We urged the Ukrainian Government to design and implement rapidly stabilization and structural reforms, including price liberalization and privatization. This would provide the basis for IMF lending and for substantial loans by the World Bank and the EBRD. We are committed to support comprehensive reform efforts through intensified technical and financial assistance and by facilitating improved access to our markets for Ukrainian products.

With a renewed commitment to comprehensive market reform, Ukraine could gain access to international financing of over \$4 billion in the course of a two year period following the commencement of genuine reform.

We endorse the proposal for a conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine to be held in Canada before our next meeting.