



SUPPLEMENT: 1993 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR UKRAINE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Canada's program of technical assistance for Ukraine, announced at the London G-7 Summit in July of 1991, is coordinated and administered by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe. Prime Minister Mulroney announced an expansion of the program in June 1992. The 3-year \$30 million program is now into its second year of operation. It is designed to promote democracy, support the transition to a market-based economy and increase Canadian trade and investment links with the region.

The 1993 program for Ukraine in 1993 focuses on the priority sectors of government administration, agriculture, health, environment, financial systems, and law and justice. Emphasis is also placed on promoting the special bond between Canada and Ukraine and the establishment of people-to-people mechanisms to assist with the further development of both government administration and the Ukrainian private sector.

Goal

to deepen the existing special political and economic links between Canada and Ukraine by supporting democratic development and the transition to a market-based economy.

Sectoral Focus

- development of a more efficient and market-based agriculture system
- support for the development of the government administration
- support for reform of the health sector
- democratic development and support for establishment of a modern legal and judicial system
- development of the financial system

with particular emphasis on central banking and credit unions

- strengthening of environmental management capacity
- support for the international Science and Technology Centre in Kyiv
- promotion of trade and investment through the Renaissance Eastern Europe Program

The Bureau of Assistance is maximizing its impact by pursuing a number of directions in 1993.

- I. Development of new activities in the **agriculture** sector in 1993 builds on and complements the large scale projects mounted in 1992. Assistance will be channelled toward grain storage and distribution, upgrading of agri-food processing technologies, establishment of marketing infrastructure and curriculum development.
- II. **Government administration**, the Bureau will focus efforts on increasing the level of Canadian activity in the provision of policy advice and strengthening the training of Ukrainian public servants.
- III. The **health** sector is once again a priority for the Bureau. Activities in 1993 will focus on assisting in the reform of the health sector, supporting the development of health administration programs, supporting the establishment of a regulatory control authority for vaccines and other biological products and health promotion.
- IV. **Democratic development** also continues to be important for the Bureau in its 1993 program. The priority for the 1993 program is developing initiatives to support the establishment of a modern legal and judicial system. Projects will focus on areas of

legal reform, drafting of civil code and legal and judicial education.

- V. Development of the **financial system**, currently in the nascent stage, will also be a priority for the Bureau in 1993. Priority projects will include a large development project in banking and cooperatives, and specific training in the financial sector.
- VI. Strengthening of **environmental management** capacity building with particular focus on the establishment of regional environmental management centres.

The Bureau will also provide significant funding to the **International Science and Technology Centre**, to assist Canadian projects which deal with defence conversion.

The Renaissance Eastern Europe program will this year continue to capitalize on the opportunities in **trade and investment**, particularly in increasing the number of Canadian joint ventures in Ukraine, in a variety of sectors, particularly technology transfer licensing, and sales of machinery in non-agricultural fields.

I. AGRICULTURE

1. **Agriculture Curriculum Development, Grant MacEwan Community College**
22 November 1991 to 31 January 1993

This project provided funding for the development of an agricultural curriculum for educational institutions in Ukraine. The main objectives were: to train the instructors in curriculum and course development and assist them in developing a model for training technicians and managers. The project developed the